



NHANRS **New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists**

Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – March 18, 2024

Via Zoom

Call to Order 4:02 PM:

Present: Vice President: Deidra Benjamin (DB); Secretary: Noah Buckner (NB); Treasurer: Spencer Tate (ST); Communications Chair: Elizabeth Olliver (EO); Legislative Chair: Kimberly Peace (KP); Administrative Assistant: Brian Matott (BM)

Guest: Luke Powell (LP)

Absent: President: Collis Adams (CA); Membership Chair: Sarah Large (SL); Interim Education Chair: Randall Shuey (RS)

Approval of Minutes:

ST made the motion to accept the minutes as presented. NB seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – Treasurer:

ST stated that the Tracking Workshop netted a loss of \$478. BM explained that the majority of the loss was due to having one registrant that did not pay or attend in such a limited group size. BM added that the situation was augmented by registration fees being limited close to cost, and the majority of attendees being NHANRS members registered at the lower rate. ST and DB still need to meet at Citizens Bank to complete the signatory update.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

BM stated that the current membership count is 120, which is edging toward the total for 2023 of 126.

Communications:

LP noted that the Army Corps of Engineers has posted a new plant list and requested that the link be published on the website.

EO will be working on updates to the website, including the Member Directory. DB suggested sending out some sort of update communication from Constant Contact. BM suggested that a communication should include a request for a nominee for the Education Committee Chair position. There was extended discussion among the Board about finding a candidate to fill the Education Committee Chair position.

Legislative:

KP stated that the Definition of Wetlands bill that was closely being monitored was put to study. KP attended the most recent quarterly meeting of the Board of Natural Scientists. There were changes to the Section 300 rules which the Legislative Committee should be submitting any necessary comments prior to the due date.

Education:

BM stated that the Spring Quarterly Meeting will be on May 17th. Sarah Barnum is attempting to get Catie Callahan to be the speaker at this Wildlife Discipline related meeting. The Fall Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for October 18th, but there is no information other than it should be Soils related. The Summer Meeting will take place at Bear Brook State Park on August 2nd. This will be Wetlands themed with a proposed topic of Functions and Values. DB inquired if a Vernal Pool workshop was scheduled for 2024. BM stated that it wasn't on the current proposed schedule. BM added that there was concern over the cost of the venue for an event limited to 24 attendees.

Administrative Assistant Report:

BM stated that Intuit no longer supports the QuickBooks 2020 edition that we currently use. BM will be requesting CA to approve the purchase of a license to QuickBooks 2024. The Board discussed in length the possibility of sending BM to the Nonprofit Conference. BM had only sent out the notice for informational purposes, but had only seen one topic that would be of benefit to NHANRS. DB agreed that there was only one topic of benefit. The consensus was that there was not enough benefit to justify sending BM.

Old Business:**New Business:****For the Good of the Association:****Adjournment:**

ST made the motion to adjourn. EO seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:39 PM

Minutes submitted by: Brian Matott