



NHANRS

New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists

Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – April 15, 2024

Via Zoom

Call to Order 4:07 PM:

Present: Vice President: Deidra Benjamin (DB); Membership Chair: Sarah Large (SL); Communications Chair: Elizabeth Olliver (EO); Legislative Chair: Kimberly Peace (KP); Interim Education Chair: Randall Shuey (RS); Administrative Assistant: Brian Matott (BM)

Guest: Luke Powell (LP)

Absent: President: Collis Adams (CA); Treasurer: Spencer Tate (ST); Secretary: Noah Buckner (NB)

Approval of Minutes:

A quorum was not present to approve the minutes as SL and RS were not present at the March meeting and were abstaining. This will defer to May 20.

Financial Report – Treasurer:

DB stated that this would be deferred to the May 20 meeting as ST was not present nor was a Treasurer's Report received prior to the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

SL stated that the current membership count is 123. SL inquired about using old support documentation to accompany a new membership application from a previous member who had lapsed for more than 2 years. The Board was amenable to using this documentation as it had been presented to, and approved by, the Board previously.

Communications:

EO asked if there were any changes to the proposed list of workshops and if the list could be published. BM and RS stated that the list of workshops is just a worksheet and events scheduled with hard dates are the only items for which dates can be published. The Spring Quarterly meeting is a live event and the next communication is the request for help for the Summer Meeting. DB noted that SL had provided information on some external webinars that we could advertise.

EO stated that she is preparing new guidance on the creation of communications using the new platform within Constant Contact. SL suggested an application that records video tutorials in real time. RS noted that workshops are listed in the Workshops area, but are not in the calendar. DB and EO stated that the calendar is auto-populated from Constant Contact, but with the new platform, this feature does not appear functional. DB suggested that EO contact Rich Collins for assistance in correcting this issue.

Legislative:

KP stated that the Wetlands Definition Bill has gone to study and should not be an issue this session. NHANRS provided comments on the Soils 300 Rules Revisions. The first quarter billing from Bernstein-Shur has been received and represents a majority of the \$6,000 budget. KP stated that this will be monitored, but expects that we should stay within the budget for at least the majority of the year.

KP stated that NHDES is rewriting the environmental chapter 300 rules. The draft currently represents a reduction of 16 pages.

Education:

RS inquired that BM look into changing the date of the Spring Quarterly Meeting from May 17 to May 16. Past quarterly meetings were typically done on Thursdays and this may be a better option than Friday. RS stated that we are hoping to get some help from Wetlands scientists for the Summer Meeting in August. The Fall Quarterly Meeting will feature a Soils discussion. RS is working with Cindy Balcius on a proposed Disturbed Soils workshop.

DB suggested an in-season plant id workshop. DB and RS discussed the Winter Botany Workshop and confirmed with BM that this was the planned year of the alternating schedule. DB and RS also discussed a possible erosion control workshop. SL will contact Luke Powell about moving forward with a workshop with NHGS.

Administrative Assistant Report:

BM has completed the upgrade of QuickBooks to the 2024 edition.

Old Business:

New Business:

For the Good of the Association:

Adjournment:

EO made the motion to adjourn. KP seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM

The next BOD Meeting will take place at 4:00 PM, Monday, May 20th via Zoom

Minutes submitted by: Brian Matott