



# **NHANRS**

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

Board of Directors

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Regular Meeting – May 20, 2024

Via Zoom

#### **Call to Order 4:03 PM:**

**Present:** Vice President: Deidra Benjamin (DB); Membership Chair: Sarah Large (SL); Communications Chair: Elizabeth Olliver (EO); Interim Education Chair: Randall Shuey (RS); Administrative Assistant: Brian Matott (BM)  
**Absent:** President: Collis Adams (CA); Treasurer: Spencer Tate (ST); Secretary: Noah Buckner (NB); Legislative Chair: Kimberly Peace (KP)

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

The March BOD Meeting minutes were deferred again to the June BOD Meeting. SL made the motion to approve the April BOD Meeting minutes as presented. EO seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Financial Report – Treasurer:**

DB stated that she sent out Budget Reports for March and April. DB noted the facility fee deposits made for the Quarterly Meetings. BM also noted the large payment made for lobbying services over the first quarter of the year.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Membership:**

SL stated that we have matched the total member count from last year at 126. The breakdown of this total is slightly different, with a shift to more Active Regular members and fewer Affiliate – Regular.

##### **Communications:**

EO stated that she sent out a Spring Update email and has updated the Member Directory. EO will be posting a NHDOT solicitation on the website.

##### **Legislative:**

##### **Education:**

RS stated that Sarah Barnum has secured Tom Groves from BSC Group to deliver a Summer Botany Workshop on either July 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> at the Audubon Society of NH.

The Summer Meeting on Functional Assessment Values will take place August 9<sup>th</sup> at Bear Brook State Park. The plan is for a morning session to discuss the functions and values. RS is looking for 2-4 people to assist with short presentations. DB had RS clarify that the volunteers would have to create and provide presentations. After lunch and the Business Meeting, groups will assemble to visit the related wetland areas in the vicinity of the pavilion. Volunteers are needed to lead these groups, whether they are the same as those presenting or not. EO suggested a mock desktop analysis be provided.

A Disturbed Soils Workshop is in the planning stage, currently waiting on securing a venue. The location options are either in Plymouth or Lee. RS added that a Stormwater Workshop is being considered for October. Bill Kuriger has agreed once again to provide the Winter Botany Workshop in December. DB inquired about an additional hour of Ethics which might be fit into the Fall Quarterly Meeting. SL suggested a presentation on the Ordinary Highwater Mark.

### **Administrative Assistant Report:**

### **Old Business:**

### **New Business:**

#### **2025 Annual Conference**

RS suggested acquiring questions for NHDES from the Membership beforehand to have those addressed, as opposed to a more generic update. DB offered that EO could create a survey in Constant Contact to request those topics. RS stated that discussion with the Education Committee yielded the suggestion of bringing in a presenter from outside of NH.

RS made the motion to approve the \$1,000 deposit to Grappone Conference Center for the Annual Conference. EO seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **For the Good of the Association:**

### **Adjournment:**

SL made the motion to adjourn. RS seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:51 PM

The next BOD Meeting will take place at 4:00 PM, Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom

Minutes submitted by: Brian Matott