



NHANRS

New Hampshire Association of Natural Resource Scientists

Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting – July 15, 2024

Via Zoom

Call to Order 4:06 PM:

Present: President: Collis Adams (CA); Vice President: Deidra Benjamin (DB); Membership Chair: Sarah Large (SL); Communications Chair: Elizabeth Olliver (EO); Legislative Chair: Kimberly Peace (KP); Administrative Assistant: Brian Matott (BM)

Absent: Treasurer: Spencer Tate (ST); Secretary: Noah Buckner (NB); Interim Education Chair: Randall Shuey (RS)

Approval of Minutes:

SL made the motion to approve the minutes from the June 17 BOD Meeting. KP seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report – Treasurer:

ST provided the Treasurer's report to the Board via email, and there were no items that required discussion.

Committee Reports:

Membership:

SL stated that there was no membership activity for the month of June.

Communications:

EO stated that registration for the Summer Meeting was live. EO reported that there was an issue the first day registration opened with the PayPal button resulting in a broken link. The issue was intermittent, and seemed to revolve around individual's browser security settings regarding redirecting links. With the efforts of EO, BM, and Rich Collins, the link appears to be operating correctly for all. EO will send additional reminder emails to solicit more registrations.

Legislative:

KP stated activity has ended for the summer and would resume in the fall. KP was apprised of a draft for changes to the Chapter 300 Wetlands Rules. Once this draft becomes available for comment, the Legislative Committee will review the document and submit comments. KP also noted that there were changes to AOT, for which a public hearing was held. KP stated that

NHDES is moving forward with online applications and noted dock registrations and shoreline applications as examples.

Education:

BM stated that there were currently 17 registrants, of the 20 open slots, for the Summer Botany Workshop.

There was considerable discussion among the Board on how to attract a nominee for the Education Chair. The Board wants to emphasize the importance of the position and the support of both the Committee and the Administrative Assistant. Suggestions were offered to create incentives for Board involvement, DB offered complimentary attendance for the Annual Conference and possibly the other quarterly meetings.

DB inquired about an agenda for the business meeting that will take place at the Summer Meeting. BM will provide a previous version to DB and CA to build from.

EO stated that a nominee is needed for the Wetlands Council as Lee Carbonneau has retired.

Administrative Assistant Report:

Old Business:

New Business:

2025 Annual Conference

EO suggested polling the attendees at the Summer Meeting for topics for the Annual Conference.

For the Good of the Association:

Adjournment:

CA made the motion to adjourn. EO seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 PM

The next BOD Meeting will take place at 4:00 PM, Monday, August 19th via Zoom

Minutes submitted by: Brian Matott