

**Board of Directors Meeting
February 19, 2009
BCOP, Hampton, NH**

The meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00 PM

In Attendance: Steve Hall, Glenn Colburn, David Dickson, Bill Makarwicz, Phil McCarthy, Richard Driscoll, Paul Page, Mike Murphy, Ernie Clark, John Reardon, Tod Trask.

Absent: Tim Begley

- 1) Minutes of the 1/15/09 Meeting – The minutes were accepted as written.
- 2) Correspondence/Commissioners Report – Bill Makarwicz reported that he had heard from five members who had received disciplinary letters in writing. He will follow-up with a call to all of them to determine if they would like an audience with the BOD to discuss/appeal their situation and report on this at the March BOD meeting. The BOD did accept Greg Sarette's letter as an appearance and his case is closed. Bill also reported that he has ordered the rule books for the 2009 season (200 of each) and that we will need to create our own Mechanics Exam this season.
- 3) Old Business – Ernie Clark proposed a motion that would restore Tom Gilpatrick to full membership/active status for the 2009 season. Richard Driscoll seconded this motion and it passed.
- 4) New Business – **Committee Assignments** – President Mike Murphy reported that all Committee Chairs were in place as reported in January. **Mechanics Plan and Clinic** – Mechanics Supervisor Tod Trask reported that the committee was firming up their membership for 2009 and would be meeting soon. The committee will be creating the Mechanics Test for the membership and will be planning on having a draft for review at the June BOD meeting. The Mechanics Clinic will have the same format as the 2008 Clinic but the State Meeting for Mechanics will be a little different. Tod and other members of the BOD spoke about the importance of continuity with mechanics in regards to transitioning to another supervisor in the future. Tod will name an assistant to work with soon who could be considered for the position when he steps down. Tod also requested that he be put on the BOD agenda every other month to provide an update. **Awards Committee Update** – Chair David Dickson reported that all the remaining years of service certificates had been mailed out and that the omission of a five year member at the President's Reception had been rectified. David also reported that the turnout was excellent for the John Clark Award ceremony that

honored Chet Swiesz and that Bob Krupicka and Jim Moylan would be the 2009 nominees as was initially decided at the October 2008 BOD meeting. **2008 Game Assignments Review** – Commissioner Bill Makarwicz verbally went through the e-mail he sent out summarizing the 2008 game assignments. He added that he thought the Prep School game experience had improved with the addition of NHFOA chain crews and timers at St.Paul’s in 2008. He also shared that he would be looking for a NHFOA staffed chain crew for the 2009 Shrine Game. Bill finished by further discussing the mechanics of scheduling the 2008 season and plans for 2009. The first run (with a max of 14 games/official) will be out sometime prior to June. **Donation to Harris Jones Fund** – The BOD discussed making a donation to the fund for Coach Jones’ son who was injured this winter. After some discussion of the best way to support this worthy cause a motion by Bill Makarawicz was passed unanimously that would contribute \$200.00 to the fund with the understanding that this would be an advance on the first 50/50 of the 2009 season, which would be advertised for this cause. If that 50/50 exceeds \$200.00 then the additional money above \$200.00 would be sent to the fund as well. **Other New Business** – John Reardon reported that there have been some problems with NHFOA.org but that he was working on them and close to a solution. Phil McCarthy reported that the Ratings Committee was looking for another member. Richard Driscoll advised the BOD that we would need to respond to the survey results requesting that changes be made to the dress code to and from games and that the Uniform Committee would have a recommendation when they report at the April BOD meeting.

- 5) Next Meeting – The next meeting of the BOD will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at PSNH in Manchester.
- 6) Adjourn - The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM.