

NHAC Officers Meeting 5.29.2020 Minutes

In Attendance: Paul Bergeron, Sue Collins, Toni Pappas, Wendy Piper, Cathy Stacey, Tom Tombarello, Tom Velardi, Chuck Weed of the NHAC Officers; Danielle Duchesne, Kate Horgan, and Jim Monahan of the Dupont Group.

I. Call to order

- a. Weed calls the meeting to order at 9:02 AM finding a quorum fit to conduct business.
- b. Roll call of those Officers present: Paul Bergeron, Sue Collins, Toni Pappas, Wendy Piper, Cathy Stacey, Tom Tombarello, Tom Velardi, Chuck Weed.

II. Financial Update

- a. Collins presents financials and explains that Coos and Belknap dues have been received.
- b. Only outstanding item is the large April TelSpan invoice.
- c. Stacey offers questions regarding a few expense items in the report which were all resolved.

III. Review of 2019 Conference refund

- a. Horgan presents the request for refund by Chuck Nickerson on March 10, 2020 for Robin Bernier.
- b. Collins makes a **MOTION** to refund Robin Bernier's registration on the basis that her absence was due to a death. Weed **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Discussion regarding precedent for a refund. Roll call vote: Bergeron, absent; Collins, aye; Pappas, aye; Piper, aye; Stacey, aye; Tombarello, aye; Velardi, aye; Weed, aye. **MOTION is APPROVED.**
- c. **Chuck Weed suggests that we need to develop a policy for legitimate refund requests.**

IV. Rockingham County letter response

- a. Horgan presents the draft letter in response to Rockingham county's reduced dues letter.
- b. Discussion: Weed discusses **three decades of relative** progressivism **(based on populations, assessed valuation, growth of revenue base)**. Pappas, representing a large county, notes that the dues structure is not ideal for larger counties, however, they ultimately pay and participate. Weed discusses a weighted vote where larger counties **could** **might** have more representation. Bergeron voices support for dues as they cover valuable NHAC work and support of counties. Stacey discusses that "revoked" is an incorrect term as it does not exist in the bylaws. Also notes that the letter, or similar, should be sent to all counties that have not paid dues. Group discussion of potential for dues benefits special committee. **Weed suggests that we need to clarify the meaning of membership in good standing. Need to revisit the concept of relative progressivism formula.**
- c. Tombarello requests that the Rockingham County commissioners get time to speak with the Officers. NHAC staff to schedule another Officer meeting with all of the Rockingham Commissioners. Piper makes a **MOTION** to direct NHAC staff to obtain meeting availability from Rockingham county commissioners. Stacey **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Roll

call vote: Bergeron, aye; Collins, aye; Pappas, aye; Piper, aye; Stacey, aye; Tombarello, aye; Velardi, aye; Weed, aye. **MOTION** is **APPROVED**.

V. Review of COVID-19 activities

- a. Horgan presents a memo circulated on 5.27, an update from a previous memo.
- b. Weed notes value of association and association staff to monitor COVID-19 emergency directives, etc.
- c. Monahan notes that related activities are outside of the Dupont Group contract.

VI. Approval of past meeting minutes

- a. Weed presents the minutes from the March 6, 2020 meeting of the Officers.
- b. Collins makes a **MOTION** to approve the minutes. Tombarello **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Roll call vote: Bergeron, aye; Collins, aye; Pappas, aye; Piper, aye; Stacey, abstain; Tombarello, aye; Velardi, aye; Weed, aye. The **MOTION** is **APPROVED**.

VII. Discussion: NHAC Conference

- a. Group discussion regarding other future events that are no longer live, the availability for sponsors to participate in a live event, and the future of government rules (i.e. Stay at Home 2.0). **Noted concern for budget without conference revenue and the need to recognize increased scope of work by Dupont Group/White Birch.**
- b. Pappas makes a **MOTION** to recommend to the Executive Committee to restructure the currently schedule live NHAC 2020 Conference to a virtual platform. Piper **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Monahan suggests that the White Birch scope of work be updated. Roll call vote: Bergeron, aye; Collins, aye; Pappas, aye; Piper, aye; Stacey, aye; Tombarello, absent; Velardi, aye; Weed, aye. The **MOTION** is **APPROVED**.

VIII. Officer elections

- a. Horgan and Duchesne present a few options to run elections electronically. A decision to made at a future date.

IX. Other business

- a. Weed brings up re-opening counties.

X. Next meeting

- a. Next meeting of the Officers will be determined by the availability of the Rockingham County Commissioners.

XI. Adjournment

- a. Tombarello makes a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Stacey **SECONDS** the **MOTION**. Roll call vote: Bergeron, aye; Collins, aye; Pappas, aye; Piper, aye; Stacey, aye; Tombarello, aye; Velardi, aye; Weed, aye. The **MOTION PASSES**.

Minutes approved on June 8, 2020.