

NHRPA Annual Meeting
January 10, 2024 at 5pm at the NNERPC, Dodge Room
Meeting Minutes

Executive Board Members Present: Matt Casparius, President; Arene Berry, Treasurer; Tara Tower, Secretary.

At Large Members Present: John Kohlmorgen.

Members Present: Donna Kuethe, Dan MacLean, Becky Franics, Jenn Gusler, Noriko Yoshida Traveis, Celeste Chasse, Erica Rodgers, Lauren Kranz, Emily Collins, Christine Collins, Lexy Austin, Erik Bukowski, Janet Horvath, Matt Frye, Jesse Moore, Caroline Thuma Neel, Melissa Shaw, Greg Bisson, Aimee Gigandet, Alyssa Proto, Sam Kerrigan, Rene Boudreau, Andy Gray, Steve Bourque, Alexis Faircloth, Dan Bemis, Samantha Bontempo, Ashlee Crosby, and Brooke Wakefield.

- 1) **Meeting called to order:** Matt called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.
- 2) **Introduce Yourself:** All those in attendance introduced themselves, what community they represent, and how long they've been with that community. Executive board members also included what position they hold within NHRPA.
- 3) **President's Report:**
 - a. **Newsletter:** Matt reported that the newsletter deadline is Wednesday, January 17th.
 - b. **Leadership Summit:** Matt reported that registration is open for the Leadership In Changing Times training with Ian Hill on March 28th from 9 am-3 pm in Concord. Registration costs \$45 and includes lunch. This event is being sponsored by Ben Schafer Recreation, Primex, and RecDesk.
 - c. **Summer camp summit & Awards:** Matt reported that he is working with a group to update this training to be more focused on best practices and less on risk management; he added that registration is opening soon. This event will take place on April 11th from 9 am-2 pm at HealthTrust, and the cost will be \$35.00. Matt added that this will be a 4-part day, with the final piece being the Awards banquet. Donna added that all award nominations will be electronic and that the deadline is March 15th.
 - d. **2024 NHRPA Elections:** Matt reminded us that the elections will be opening soon, with the nomination form in an upcoming newsletter, and elections will be held this spring.
 - e. **Virtual Executive Board Meeting & Ski Social event:** Matt reported that Eric F. is working on planning this event, which will be held on March 14th at Cannon Mtn., and details will be out soon.
 - f. **Annual Programs:**
 - i. **Wink Tapply:** Needs a new chairperson. No other report.
 - ii. **GSTF:** Donna reported that they will hold just one meet again in 2024, tentatively on June 15th at Winnisquam. Dan MacLean highly recommends getting your community involved in this event!
 - g. **State Conference:** Janet reported that this will be Thursday, October 17th, in Concord.
 - h. **NHRPA Facebook Page:** Andy Bohannon currently takes care of this for NHRPA, and would like someone else to take this over. Please reach out to Matt if you are interested.
 - i. **FISH:** Aimee gave an overview of the FISH program and mentioned that the "prize" is a \$500 scholarship towards training opportunities.
- 4) **Old Business:** None reported.
- 5) **New Business:** None reported.
- 6) **Adjournment:** John *motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 pm. Noriko seconded. All approved.*

Respectfully submitted,
Tara Tower