

NHLWAA

Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom

3/16/2023

Board Members in Attendance: Amber Marcoux, Todd Marsh, Ellen Tully, Pat Murphy, Natalie Darcy, Charleen Michaud, Bob Mack and David Balian

Minutes submitted by Natalie Darcy

1. **Board of Directors** meeting called to order 9:34am. Reported that Lynne, Trish and BJ were unable to attend. Welcomed Amber Marcoux to the Board of Directors.
2. **Minutes** of 2/16/23 edited to add Bob and Ellen to the Financial Oversight Committee, and to change Steven Tower to Steven Buckley. Motion to approve with edits made by Bob and seconded by Ellen. Motion approved.
3. **Treasurer's Report** reviewed. Charlene stated that the increased membership registration fees discussed at last meeting went over without complaint. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Ellen and seconded by Pat. Motion approved.
4. **Executive Board of Directors**
 - a. Todd stated that he has been in communication with other municipalities answering questions and providing guidance. He also had communication with Legal Aid, who had reviewed a town's website. Legal Aid liked that they had a webpage, but thought the content created a deterrent for individuals needing assistance from that town. Websites have been covered at previous NHMA meeting, and can cover again.
 - b. Todd stated that communications with Dee at NHMA have been limited, and is not getting great response. Todd will try to increase communications with Dee for changes to website and tax information to DOJ.
 - c. **Welfare Assessment & Workgroup.** The Housing Stability Council Workgroup to assess local welfare. It is better to have a workgroup than a task force. Question being, does there need to be General Assistance reform? Bob feels that system works. Discussion also included "How does General Assistance/Municipal Welfare fit into homelessness? Bob wants to be involved in the discussion, and Todd welcomes the conversation, as General Assistance has a role in this.
 - d. **NHMA** – Art of Welfare presentation for the June workshop. Need to review and recommend changes. Pat motioned to create an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Art of Welfare and recommend changes. Committee will include Pat, Bob, Trish and Todd. Dave seconded motion, motion passed.
5. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Recommended Standing Committee Assignments**
 1. **Legislative Committee:** Dave, Karen, Pat & Todd
 2. **Training Committee:** Natalie, Charleen, Sarah & Todd

3. **Nomination Committee:** Pat, Ellen, Lynne, & Charleen
 4. **Financial Oversight Committee:** Bob, Ellen, Charleen & Pat
 - b. All committees have 4 members. Perhaps add members to certain committees such as the Training Committee. See what member's interests are and talk to those who are not on a standing committee.
 - c. Ad Hoc Committees help to get more members involved.
 - d. **Legislative Affairs Committee:**
 - a. **SB 110:** Approved through the Senate and is going to the House. Todd will be speaking to Natch. Bill will likely pass the House. House members may need education.
 - b. **Expanded Medicaid:** Headed to the House.
 - e. **Training Committee:** Discussed today's meeting, then discussed the June conference. Recommends an in person training with video to post on the website. Need to find out time and cost and whether to subsidize the event.
 - f. **Survey Ad Hoc Committee:** Todd sent email to Dee inquiring if the survey tool through constant contact can be used. Making good progress with the survey. Are going to move forward with Survey Monkey.
 - g. **Nominations Committee:** Nothing to report
 - h. **Financial Oversight Committee:** Nothing to add. Charleen is doing a great job. Pat received new credit card that has zoom and constant contact on it.
6. **Next Meeting:** April 20, 2023 in person
 7. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Natalie and seconded by Dave.