

NHRSTA Executive Committee Meeting  
October 10, 2012  
Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH

**Present:** Dave Kelley, Jim White, Kathy Kimball, Walt Morse, Roland Lamy, Herb Frink and Dave Cargill

The meeting came to order at 1800 hours.

The discussion began regarding the Association making a significant contribution to the fund established to assist Sgt. (Ret.) Tim Pickel's grandson during the family's difficult time dealing with his illness, and travel to obtain treatment. Treasurer Peter Hilchey had provided a financial report to the EC prior to this meeting in order to aid the discussion. Everyone present agreed that a donation should be made on behalf of the entire Association in addition to any individual donations that had been made by members. The donation amount of \$1,000 was agreed to by all. Dave Kelley will also send a note to the NH Troopers Association to thank them for their assistance to one of our members. Kathy will let Peter know of the EC's decision to send the donation.

Discussion then moved to identifying how to handle future requests for financial assistance. Using the existing Association By-Laws as a guide, **Section 9: Dues** states-

*D. The primary use of all dues collected will be to defray the expenses of the operation and administration of the association, and for such other purposes as the Executive Board may deem proper and necessary.*

Is the current language sufficient or should it be amended in some way? The result of the conversation is that everyone felt the current language is sufficient and the Executive Committee will handle future requests as appropriate.

Discussion continued on the issue of the Association By-Laws. An amendment is necessary to **Article Four: Officers of the Organization** in order to divide the responsibilities of the Secretary/Treasurer as this position is now being handled by two individuals. Dave K. will draft the language to be put forward to the membership for a vote.

Another area of the By-Laws that was discussed is **Section I: Membership, A.** There is no current mention or requirement that an applicant for membership to have "honorably retired" from the division. In addition, there was conversation about adding a third category to deal with candidates who retired prematurely due to a work-related disability. Recommendations for language will be submitted by members of the Executive Committee for further discussion prior to putting these issues before the membership.

The Executive Committee discussed reaching out to retirees who have not joined the NHRSTA in an effort to grow our membership. A letter will be drafted in effort to encourage membership.

The next topic of discussion was association committee membership. It has been difficult to recruit additional members to assist with the Legislative Committee. There are numerous meetings and hearings to attend on behalf of the NHRSTA membership and sometimes, it is difficult to keep up with all of them to ensure that our interests are protected. Bob Bruno has been attending some of the hearings recently and we are very grateful for his assistance. We will be reaching out to Ernie Loomis to inquire if he needs anything in particular as the beginning of a new legislative session nears.

The NHRSTA's tax exempt status was talked about next. Authority was given to Peter to research our ability to move forward on this in order to be able to move current association funds around to our best advantage during these challenging economic times. Currently, we cannot make any changes to our existing accounts without jeopardizing our status. Kathy will let Peter know of this decision.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim and seconded by Herb. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2000 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Kathy Kimball*  
NHRSTA Secretary