

**NHRSTA Annual Meeting
May 29, 2013
Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH**

Chairman Dave Kelley opened the meeting at approximately 1830 hours by welcoming more than 50 NHRSTA members and guests to the semi-annual dinner meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ernie Loomis.

Secretary's Report was given by Kathy Kimball:

- Invitation letter and applications sent to 4 new retirees since September 2012
- One application for membership was received directly from the website
- New members since September 2012: 2
- Three active troopers will retire by the end of May. Invitation letters and application forms to join the NHRSTA will be sent to them after HQ forwards their contact information.
- Several former troopers have passed away since the beginning of 2013:
 - Corporal Richard Cavanaugh (22 years of service)-January 5th
 - Lt. Louis Rougeau (25 years of service)-February 5th
 - Trooper William Earl Gilson (served in the 1950's)-March 30th
 - Investigator Don Palmer-April 13th
 - Trooper Kent Williams-May 25th
- Several NHRSTA members have lost family members as well.
- Health update on Beth Allard, wife of retired Sgt. Roger Allard: she recently suffered an aneurism and is in a Boston Hospital. It is anticipated that she will be moved to a rehab center in the near future. Any correspondence can be sent to the Allard residence. If anyone needs that information, they can contact Kathy.
- Anyone still interested in obtaining an updated small retiree ID from Headquarters, contact Kathy for the form.

A motion was made by Ernie Loomis to accept the Secretary's report. The motion was seconded by Nino Leccacorvi. All present were in favor of acceptance.

Treasurer's Report was given by Peter Hilchey. The TD Bank checking account balance as of May 28, 2013 was \$22,803.82. Peter itemized the various expenditures since the September 2012 membership meeting, including several charitable donations made on behalf of the NHRSTA. A copy of the complete report was provided to the secretary for inclusion in the Association's records. A motion was made by Walt Morse to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Beth Keyes. All present were in favor of acceptance.

Legislative Report was given by Ernie Loomis. No legislation that the NHRSTA has been opposed to during this session has passed.

- Ernie advised that the judge's decision on a suit filed by the Professional Firefighters Association was received earlier in the afternoon. The court decided

that people are vested in the retirement system after one (1) year on the job, not ten (10) years. The decision was dated May 23rd but was just being distributed.

- Two committees have been established to look at health care. One will be looking specifically at cost containment. More information about the committee's work will be shared with the membership as it becomes available. The membership may also be asked to contact their legislators in the future to share their experiences through letters/telephone calls/personal contact prior to the committees making their decisions.
- Kudos were given to Karel Crawford, wife of Dave Crawford, who is currently a state rep, and who has helped Ernie with education efforts among the legislators regarding the retirement system and our healthcare concerns.
- Two weeks ago, the NH State Police was once more honored for its continued outstanding support for the men and women of the force who have been called to service with the National Guard, or Reserves of the Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard, to serve in combat zones around the world. The State Police currently has about 100 combat veterans serving in the State Police, nearly 1/3 of the total complement.

Accordingly, over the years, the NH State Police have received every award known to the Department of Defense, several times each, except the greatest one, which they earned in 2007, the Secretary of Defense National Freedom Award, which may only be presented once.

This year, Troopers Ryan Short and Christopher Storm, each not knowing that the other had nominated The State Police for the Secretary's National Freedom Award, had independently made the nomination. 1st Lt. Short of the 47th Military Police Garrison in Afghanistan, and Airman 1st Class Storm of the 133rd Air Refueling Squadron, just returned from a year-long deployment, both agreed that we change the nomination to a newly authorized "EXTRAORDINARY EMPLOYER SUPPORT AWARD" meant for Agency's that continue a very high level of support over a prolonged period. Colonel Quinn has assigned a Trooper (Seth Gahr, who himself is a combat veteran of several deployments) to provide direct support and supervision of returning combat vets, who must transition from a combat environment, to a civilian Police status quickly, while also adjusting to family life and providing for his own mental and physical health at the same time. When Lt. Short found that he needed Blue emergency lights to use on the Afghan Police Trucks that they were working with, Colonel Quinn and his staff found a way to send some used ones via military aircraft to the combat zone to assist the unit.

The award was presented to Colonel Quinn on behalf of the entire State Police, for their outstanding effort of support, by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) of the Dept. of Defense, by Mr. James Rebholz, National Chairman, David Quinn, NH State Chairman, and Ted Kehr and Ernest Loomis, Chairmen Emeritus.

A motion to accept the report was made by Walt Morse. The motion was seconded by Dave Cargill. All those present were in favor of acceptance.

Dave Kelley followed these reports by thanking those members who have assisted Ernie at the statehouse and encouraging any others who are willing to help to contact Ernie directly or the Executive Committee.

Dave also challenged everyone present to encourage even more of our membership to attend our dinner meeting in the Fall and become more involved in the NHRSTA activities.

Dinner break

Association By-Law Amendments- We need the By-Laws to accurately reflect our organization and guide how we operate. There are two issues that the Executive Board is considering. Over the years since our organization first began, the position of Secretary/Treasurer has evolved from one individual being responsible for both responsibilities to two individuals splitting them. The second issue relates to expansion of our membership status. This item has been tabled for the time being in order to allow for additional research to be done before bringing it to the membership.

To address the separation of the Secretary/Treasurer position, Dave Kelley proposed amending the current makeup of the Executive Committee to: the Chair, 1st Vice-Chair, 2nd Vice-Chair, 4 Directors, a voting Secretary and a non-voting Treasurer. Beth Keyes made a motion to accept and Sheldon Sullivan gave a second. All those present were in favor of acceptance. The By-Laws will be amended to reflect this change.

Nominations – The Executive Board had recently sent out a notice to the membership inquiring if any members were interested in volunteering to serve a 2 year term on the Committee as Roland Lamy has advised that he would like to step down from his service on the Committee.

Ernie Loomis nominated Skip Korbet to serve as a director on the Executive Committee for a 2 year term. Skip agreed to serve as a director. No other nominations were put forth. Ernie made a motion to close the nominations. The motion was seconded by Nino. All present were in favor of closing the nominations. Skip will now serve as a director until June 1st, 2015.

Three other current members of the Executive Committee agreed to continue serving as directors for an additional 2 year term. Those members are: Dave Kelley, Jim White and Herb Frink.

Our sincere thanks go to Roland for his many years of service to the NHRSTA and its membership. We really appreciate all you have done for the Association.

New Business:

- Dave Cargill mentioned that if anyone has a State Police ring from Josten's, the rings are warrantied for life for any damages.
- Dave C. also reminded everyone that Don Palmer had been donating to the Sgt. Jim Noyes Scholarship each year for many years and had essentially kept it going. Due to his recent death, everyone is encouraged to donate at any level they can to continue the scholarship fund.
- 50/50 Drawing winner: Joyce Lamy
- Dave Kelley advised those present that Colonel Quinn has approached the NHRSTA about providing some sort of recognition to the first NHSP Motorcycle Unit members. This is still a work in progress.
- With the resurrection of the NHSP Newsletter, if any retirees would like to contribute information, articles or photos, please pass the information along to Secretary Kathy Kimball or any member of the Executive Board.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Cargill. The motion was seconded by Walt Morse. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

At the conclusion of the annual business meeting, a short Executive Board meeting was held for the purposes of electing Executive Board officers. A motion was made by Walt Morse nominating the following:

Chair- Dave Kelley
1st Vice Chair-Dave Cargill
2nd Vice Chair-Herb Frink

The motion was seconded by Skip Korbet. All three men agreed to serve in these positions on behalf of the NHRSTA and the remaining members of the Executive Board were in favor of the nominations.

Have a safe summer and we hope to see you all at our September meeting!

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Kimball
NHRSTA Secretary