

NEW HAMPSHIRE CHAPTER

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES 29 April 2020

Call to Order: President Bob Jaffin called the meeting to order at 1906 hours. The Pledge of Allegiance was not recited nor an invocation delivered.

Attending: Balcom, Boyle, Breuder, Burdett, Coulter, D'Amante, DiChiaro, Jaffin, LeFebvre, Lull, McLean, Spotts, Terhune, Way.

Opening Remarks: Bob Jaffin welcomed everyone to this special online Zoom Board meeting. He said that he wanted to get right to the Old Business items. He stated that we do have a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS:

June Luncheon: Bob Jaffin gave the floor to Jim LeFebvre. Jim reviewed where we stand concerning the June Luncheon. A motion was made to cancel the June Luncheon. The motion was seconded and passed. The June Luncheon is cancelled.

Clambake: Bob Jaffin asked Ken Lull if he thought he could put on the Clambake, considering the logistics, etc. involved. Ken said he has 30 to 45 days before he has to make a decision. He questioned whether we would get a good turnout or not. He recommended that we wait until next month to make a decision. There was discussion on whether people would come to the Clambake. Joe DiChiaro asked what Maine was doing about opening things up. Bob thought it should be okay being in August. A motion was made and seconded to defer a decision on the Clambake until June 17th when we may have another online meeting. Michael McLean pointed out that the Clambake flyer needs to go to the printer on June 5th. The day on the motion was amended to May 27th. Motion carried to defer a decision on the Clambake until May 27th. Ken Lull brought up a question as to what protocols the Shipyard may have on the size of gatherings. Bob said he will call the Shipyard PAO to find out about access, etc. to the Shipyard.

Scholarship Program: Bob Jaffin asked Joe DiChiaro what we want to do with Scholarships this year. Joe replied that he has two concerns. The first is the deadline for applications is approaching. Joe said we have six returning students. He recommends that we only consider those applicants. The other concern is what kind of transcripts we are going to get with schools having different methods of grading today. Joe said we accept only returning students and defer a decision on whether the program will be a Scholarship or Loan Program. Joe favors a scholarship grant program. A motion was made to continue with only the returning students for this year. The motion was seconded. Peter Burdett brought up a point that if we get a plea for an additional applicant, we ought to consider that person. A short discussion pursued on the definition of the Scholarship Loan Program. Bob Jaffin said that we really need to make a decision on the future of the Scholarship Program once we have a face to face Board meeting. A vote was taken and the motion to consider only the returning students for this year was passed.

May and/or June online meetings: Joe DiChiaro brought up the question of scheduling online meetings for May and June. Bob Jaffin was hesitant to commit to an online meeting in June. Joe said we could always cancel an online meeting at a later date. Bob decided to have online meetings on May 27 and June 17.

Vacancies: Bob Jaffin said he hopes someone knows someone who will step up to become Treasurer. Bob said he will not do it and if there is no Treasurer, he will not run for President. Bob wondered whether we can hire a firm to do it, legally. Bob said there are other positions that need filling as well. Bob asked Michael McLean how many Director positions do we need to fill this November. Michael said that Sharon Day is looking at several people to fill the vacancies. Michael went on to list all four Directors whose terms expire this November saying they are first term people. Coming back to the Treasurer position, Michael suggested that perhaps one of the Chapter members who was a financial advisor in the past might make a good Treasurer, realizing that they can not be currently in the financial business. Michael said ideally a CPA would make a good Treasurer. Peter Burdett suggested the person who did a financial review of the Chapter years ago. Michael confirmed that it was Bill Biser. Michael asked about the Recording Secretary's position? Michael went on a short rant about people asking for relief after a relatively short time. Bob asked how we can split the Recording Secretary and the Secretary's positions. Michael replied they used to be separate. Peter Burdett added that the Recording Secretary can be anyone.

Other Items: Bob Jaffin asked whether we should put out an extra newsletter or blast emails covering the Covid 19 virus. Michael McLean added that most of our older members, the ones at risk for the virus, don't have computers or email. Michael said that he thought most people are already inundated with information. There was discussion about the cost of an additional newsletter and what would go in it. Michael pointed out that we have a six page newsletter coming out at the beginning of June. Everyone agreed that is the way to go. Finally, Bob brought up the over \$800 we have in the veterans donations account. He said we should vote to spend some of it. A motion was made and seconded to donate \$500 to the NH Veterans Home. Motion carried. Michael asked whether we should approve the minutes from the March Board meeting. It was pointed out that there was not a quorum so officially the meeting never happened. It was also pointed out that a meeting did take place. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the March meeting (at which no business was conducted). Motion seconded and approved. Bob added that MOAA will be conducting a webinar on "Storming the Hill". Bob said participation will be limited to Bob Jaffin, Jim LeFebvre and Peter Burdett. Finally, there was discussion of the Chapter's 5-Star Award. Michael pointed out that we received the 5-Star Award for our web site. The deadline for the Level of Excellence (LOE) Award is May 1st.

Secretary's Note: *People's regular reports were submitted via email to all Board members.*

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1954 hours.

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