



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

## April 5, 2022



**Call to Order** - Dave opened the meeting at 6:09 pm.

**Present:** Dave DeJohn (P), Andrew Pelkey (VP), John Crooks (PP), Maria Rainey (S/T), Scot Flewelling, Cori Cahow

**Absent:** Ben Huntington

**Professionals:** Pam Moreau (BM), Mike Barwell (Ed), Abby Zuidema (Cert), Annette Zamarchi, Carolyn Isaak

### Review and Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2022

*Motion to Approve – Cori*

*Seconded by - Andrew*

*Unanimously Approved*

### Review and Approval of Treasurer's Report – March, 2022

- Checking Account Balance – \$17,970.18
- Savings Account Balance – \$3,101.80

*Motion to Approve - Scot*

*Seconded by – Andrew*

*Unanimously Approved*

### NEW Member Applications

- Four new members signed up during Safety Day.
  - Capital Mowing & Property Services – Jeff Tobine
  - Loveren's Landscaping – Rick Loveren
  - Backwoods Landscaping – Sean Frazier
  - Groundhog Landscaping – Scott Koellmer

*Motion to Approve - John*

*Seconded by – Cori*

*Unanimously Approved*

### Education Coordinator Report – Mike Barwell

- Dinner Meeting on Exploring Insurance Opportunities. Not particularly well attended, but those in attendance were very interested in the topic.
- Over 150 people showed up to the DOS Safety Day.
  - NHLA will send a \$250 donation to the troopers, as an appreciation gift.

*Motion to Approve - John*

*Seconded by – Cori*

*Unanimously Approved*

- Education committee will meet to start planning summer projects, including Field Day (September 14<sup>th</sup> at Shaker Village).
- TWILIGHT Meetings –

- Read Custom Soils – June 15<sup>th</sup> at Gale Park. Reburnishing a park by Jeff Toomey and Greg Bisson.
- Ben is willing to open up Pleasant View for a Twilight meeting.
- Other ideas – Mike Garrity from Garden Works
- The board talked about potentially re-instituting the Winter Meeting – education committee to discuss further.

#### **Certification Coordinator Report – Abby Zuidema**

- Committee meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.
- Potentially spreading out the manual review classes over 6 weeks, instead of 3 weeks.
- Plant I.D. course will run from June 14<sup>th</sup> through September 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Cert. Committee and Ed. Committee to schedule joint meeting to discuss educational opportunities.
- Committee analyzing whether or not to change credit requirements back to 5 credits. Potentially will raise to 4 credits this year, and then to 5 the following year.

#### **Business Manager Report – Pam Moreau**

- Website updates are needed, costing a total of \$418.

*Motion to Approve - John*

*Seconded by – Cori*

*Unanimously Approved*

- BOD Ballot confirmed.

#### **Newsletter and Website Editor Report – Carolyn Isaak**

- Newsletter deadline – Due the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. (April 10<sup>th</sup> for May issue)
- Board to send photo of them and paragraph about how NHLA has helped them, or why they volunteer time, to add to the newsletter.

#### **Other Business**

- Marketing and By-Laws meeting review –
  - Add Fine Gardening to language.
  - Membership categories would be adjusted to include all employees of a company. Student members would include high school and NHTI students. Honorary members would be kept and merged with Courtesy members, but needs to be approved by board prior to acceptance. Courtesy and Associate memberships would be eliminated all-together. Affiliate membership for vendors may be an option for inclusion.
  - Proposed NEW membership fees:
    - 1-10 employees – \$150
    - 11-25 Employees - \$250
    - 26+ employees – \$500
- Voting - ONLY the principal/owner of a company having a right to vote.
- Vote on endorsing NARFA as the NHLA health benefits partner, and get them on to the website

*Motion to Approve - Andrew*

*Seconded by – Cori*

*Unanimously Approved*

- Vote on endorsing Greenius to provide training opportunities through the NHLA

*Motion to Approve - John*

*Seconded by – Cori*

*Unanimously Approved*

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**Submitted by: Maria Rainey - *Secretary/Treasurer***  
**Pam Moreau - *Business Manager***

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**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm  
Zoom/Dirt Doctors, 709 Keith Ave, Pembroke, NH 03275