

NH HEALTH OFFICER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING – June 14, 2012

Local Government Center

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am

Present: Cec Curran/Vice Pres., Chuck Stata, Don Bent, Judy Jervis/Pres., Dennise Horrocks, Brian Lockard/Treasurer, Wayne Whitford

Absent: Bill Oleksak

MINUTES of April 24, 2012: Brian made a motion to accept as written, Dennise seconded; all were in favor.

May 24 Conference evaluations were reviewed. See attached summary. Next evaluation we should ask for future topics desired. We probably do not need the question regarding the facility as we use the LGC exclusively. Not sure what we could do about a professional trainer-for what? There are no standards for HO. As for CEUs—someone would need them for a certain organization and our program would need to apply. HO have no criteria. Maybe send out a draft agenda for the fall conference and ask for suggested topics.

Dennise has updated the website with the requested items from the conference. She will update the email list with the information from the evaluations.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brian reported the association has as of May a balance of \$10,128.20. This does not appear to have the expense of the conference. He will check with Regina.

GUEST: Mike Dumond – Bureau Public Health Prevention, DPHS, Chief. Reviewed recent events – hepatitis C outbreak at the Exeter Hospital, unusual event at the Seabrook plant which was a chemical spill in the admin. Building, and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard submarine fire. DPHS will be planning a drill with the shipyard and has requested a copy of the shipyard's emergency (RAD) plans.

HB 1349 giving a HO the ability to work in another town if so asked by that town – he was asking if the HO or the town would notify DHHS incase the bureau needed to get hold of the HO, this would be for communication purposes. The board felt that maybe the best way would be for the HO who is assisting could notify Janice Southwick and or the Health Officer Liaison.

DHHS has asked legal about HB 1402 dealing with home food manufacturers if the bill would also apply to self-inspecting towns. He is awaiting an answer.

Bev Drouin will start July 1 as the HOL. Mike will be sending out a letter of notice to all HO. We will invite her to our next board meeting. Mike did not know if she will be designated as a HO in the unincorporated areas.

Chuck asked about the raw milk issue. Mike responded that the department had to compromise on the issue.

Question on training for new HO—It was suggested to do webinars through Tom Flynn. HOA would be willing to sponsor new HO trainings.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cec reported that the Environmental Tracking Comm was no longer, according to Denise Lamie of the Insurance Assoc. of NH

No one else had any new or updated information for their committee.

BY-LAWS: No changes were noted. Judy reviewed the terms of the officers. Officers are 3 year terms. Judy/Pres 2010- 2013, Brian/Treasurer 2012-2015, Cec/Vice-? Judy will try to figure out his term – when did Bill step down from Pres? The assoc. board can have as many members as desired, but no less than 5. We have 9 with one opening for the sec. officer. There is no stipulation on subcommittees.

NEW BUSINESS:

The LGC Annual Conference is Nov 14-15. Do we want to sponsor a session or set-up a display table? No decision was made.

Nancy Johnson-lobbyist contacted the Board. She is still interested in working for the HOA. Dennise thought we should consider this option as we did not get any interest from other assoc. members.

Don voiced concern with the lack of notice from DES in regards to their rule changes. Brian mentioned there is training from DES. One has to check the subsurface bureau website. The trainings include upcoming changes.

Fall Annual Meeting and Conference – Oct. 25

Ideas?

DES update—Rob Tardif or Doug Smith. Judy will contact to see who might be available

Phil—topic?

Healthy Schools—pesticides

Website training

Tick borne diseases

UNH Dairy Division/UNH Cooperative Ext/raw milk/healthy foods

Next meeting—July 17, 19, 26 ?

August 27,28 ?

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am

Submitted by :

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