

NEW HAMPSHIRE HEALTH OFFICER'S ASSOCIATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am at the LGC, Concord, NH

ATTENDANCE: Brian Lockard/treasurer, Cec Curran/vice president, Chuck Stata, Wayne Whitford, Jess Morton/HOL, Arthur Capello/secretary, Kim McNamara, Judy Jarvis/president

Absent: Dennise Horrocks, Bill Oleksak, Heidi Peek

MINUTES: January 14, 2014 minutes were approved as written; motion made by Chuck, seconded by Brian; all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Brian. Balance \$11,610.00. Membership dues are coming in.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Arboviral—Brian reported that at this time no declaration has been declared; there is no grant monies. Noted that we may be looking at some different mosquito species. An aerial spraying program is being considered. Kim expressed concerns with aerial spraying for sensitive areas and species. Jess mentioned there may be a new workgroup being developed for lyme disease.

Emergency Preparedness Conference—Judy forwarded Rodney's report of the conference planning to date. The conference is June 11, 2014.

Nuisance Work Group—Next meeting is March 10. Jess reported that the meeting will be changed so look for an email from Bev. Jess reminded everyone if they had comments on the draft document to get them sent to Bev, there is still time. Judy will send out the website for the Guide to District Court.

Legislation—Kim reports that there are 243 bills coming out. There are several bills concerning the Food Modernization Act, trying to get NH exempt. We need to watch the new trends of the bills being organized to criminalize public servants if they do not follow their "job" and trying to preempt local regulation. HB 608 is a concern—allowing small producers of chickens and rabbits to sell to local restaurants and businesses without being an approved operation

NHMA Legal Policy Committee---sent a letter looking for representation from their affiliates. Arthur replied that he was interested in the general admin.

BUSINESS:

Spring Conference – May 15 discussion. Should we cancel it to help allow HO to attend the Yankee Conference? The Yankee conference could be too costly for most HO. Decided to look into the possibility of doing a septic/test pit workshop; morning only; free.

Cec will contact Sid Pilgram to do the soils part, out in the field

Jess will contact Jay Bass, and Doug Smith

Kim will contact Alice Mullen at the UNH Co-operative Extension to see about using the training room at the Rockingham County Complex and if they serve food...cost...

Program could be 9-12; serve a "breakfast" first; speakers Jay and Doug 9-10 and then have Sid do a show and tell test pits across the street 10:15 to 12.

Discussion of Health Officer Certification—Mentorship? Grant money through Endowment for Health, Charitable Foundation, NEHA?

PHN and the Health Officers discussion

By-Laws Reviewed—discussion on membership to the association – Is it for the town or for the person? Some towns pay for the person. Decided membership is the person. Arthur made a motion for no changes to the by-laws, Chuck seconded; in favor.

Jess – The HO manual sections of septic, housing, health facilities have been updated. Question as to the order and the numbering of the pages. Decided each section should have it's own order of number. Communicable Disease section should only have communicable diseases not other random items. Heidi had a good list-maybe she can send to Jess. Judy will look up the meetings and notes we had for Bev and send to Jess.

There was a question about new HO training-what was being done. Jess said she gives them the on-line link for the manual

Next meeting—Thursday March 13, 2014 from 9-12 followed by the Yankee Planning 12-2.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am

Submitted by;

Judy Jervis

President