

NHRSTA Semi-Annual Meeting
May 26, 2010
Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH

Chairman David Kelley opened the meeting by calling upon Ernie Loomis to lead those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our fallen troopers and those in the military.

Walt Morse provided an update on Nelson Russell's current situation. He is a patient at Lakes Region General Hospital in Laconia and suffering from cancer. He is able to have visitors as he is now out of ICU. He is also able to take phone calls, though he is very weak. We will be kept updated if his condition changes.

A motion was made by Joe Broderick to accept the minutes of the Fall dinner meeting. Skip Korbet made a second to the motion and all were in favor.

Dick Campbell provided the Treasurer's Report and a copy is attached to these minutes. The checking account balance as of May 18, 2010 was \$15, 315.95. A motion to accept the report was made by Joe Broderick and a second was made by Roland Lamy. All voted in favor.

The Secretary's Report was provided by Kathy Kimball. It was reported that following the Fall 2009 dinner meeting, there were two Executive Board meetings. On December 2, 2009, the board agreed to purchase 2 small, external hard drives to be used by the current treasurer and secretary to save Association business and pass to future officers in those positions. The equipment was purchased and is currently in use. Also at that meeting, an NHSP Career History form was discussed and ultimately developed. Members were asked to complete the form, which will be placed with their original application form for membership to the NHRSTA in order to have some career history on our members as our information stays with headquarters upon our retirements. At the January 25, 2010 meeting, revision work was done on the Retirement Handbook. Over the past year, there have been 13 retirements from the NHSP and to date, 9 of those division members have joined the NHRSTA. Joe Broderick made a motion that the Secretary's Report be accepted. Mike Hureau made the second and all were in favor.

Ernie Loomis provided a Legislative Committee Report. He advised that a recent effort to increase the health insurance deductible from the current \$65/month to \$100/month was defeated. HB-1664, sponsored by Neal Kurk was discussed. The bill laid out a graduated scale whereby our members would pay between 25% and 75% of the cost of their health benefits depending on the amount of their yearly retirement pay. This bill was voted down by the Finance Committee. The current Senate Bill 450 does not change the current payments for our health care.

Therefore, there is nothing before the Legislature that would affect our health benefits, but currently, there is a Committee of Conference that has been convened to deal with the state's budget issues and this could change for us at the last minute. The Committee's activities will be monitored for any changes that would affect us directly. This is being done by Paul O'Leary due to Ernie's recent knee surgery and recovery process. There is also a remote possibility for a moderate cola for members. However, the mood is not right for it at the statehouse and it is unknown what might happen.

The candidate for the Sgt. James Noyes Scholarship will be nominated on May 27th by staff at Kennett High School. Once the name is submitted, arrangements will be made for the award to be made. Special thanks were given to Don Palmer for his \$500 donation to the scholarship fund again this year.

Recognition to new NHRSTA member, David Cargill, was given by Chairman Kelley and those attending. Dave retired as Lt. of the Intelligence Unit at the end of 2009 and has been sworn in as the new United States Marshal for the District of New Hampshire.

Chairman Kelley then announced that Executive Board member terms for Mike Hureau, Peter Hilchey, Walt Morse and Roland Lamy would be expiring in June 2010. Thanks were given to Mike for finishing out the term for Tom Winn upon his death. Thanks were also given to Peter for his work on behalf of the membership. Joe Broderick of the Nominating Committee then nominated Walt Morse and Roland Lamy for new two year terms and both accepted the nominations. Joe Broderick then nominated Dave Cargill and Kathy Kimball for two year terms. Dave accepted the nomination. Discussion followed regarding Kathy continuing to serve in the secretary position as well as, being a member of the Executive Board. No one present objected to the dual roles and the nomination was accepted. All voted in favor of accepting the four nominations. The terms expire in June 2012.

The meeting was suspended for dinner service.

The meeting continued following dinner with the 50-50 drawing. The winner was Polly Currier. Congratulations Polly and we're glad you are feeling better!

Roland Lamy explained some history surrounding the newly revised Retirement Handbook. Seventy cases of the books were picked up at the printer on Monday, May 24th and distribution has begun to those who have purchased copies. Each legislator was given a copy, copies were purchased by the Troopers' Association for active members and copies were distributed to NHRSTA members who were present at dinner. Distribution will continue to local police departments and other agencies that have made purchases. Anyone willing to contact additional agencies to sell copies should know that the cost is \$1.50 per book. Roland is

currently storing several boxes for us and arrangements can be made with him to obtain copies for sale. Kate McGovern, who wrote both the original book five years ago and this revised and improved book, spoke briefly to those at the dinner and acknowledged valuable input in the updated version by the new Retirement Board Chairman, Dick Ingram, at the request of the NHRSTA. (Note: Arrangements are currently being made to get a copy of the handbook to each current member of the NHRSTA who was not present at this dinner meeting.)

Updated information: The Governor and Council decided earlier in the day to continue to have Anthem Blue Cross as our health care provider for the next two years.

Results of the (semi) silent auction of NHSP memorabilia previously owned by retired Executive Major Bill Cray:

Annalee Doll	\$250	Dave Cargill
Trooper picture	\$50	Dick Campbell
Brass Grave Markers	\$35	Mike Doucette
Old Pictures	\$20	Roger Phelps
Old Pictures	\$20	Mike Doucette
Old Pictures	\$25	Lee Ann Kelley
FBI Academy picture	\$10	Lee Ann Kelley
Loudon '75 picture	\$5	Lee Ann Kelley
Badge picture	\$5	Mike Hureau

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Joe Broderick. Second was made by Nino Leccacorvi. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kimball

Post-Meeting Update: To Chairman Kelley and the Executive Board, May 27, 2010;

Jennifer Murphy, Director of Guidance at Kennett High School has suggested a candidate for the Sgt. James Noyes Memorial Scholarship from the NHRSTA for 2010. Amanda Hayford, a member of the Class of 2010, suffered a Blood clot in the brain in January. After undergoing surgery to correct it, she had been left with the surgical rent to her cranium and has suffered some loss of cognizant power. None the less, forced to wear a protective helmet to protect her brain, she returned to classes, made up what she had missed and is slated for graduation June 17th. She intends to enter the University of New Hampshire in the fall. It is my opinion, that this young lady represents all of the traits of strength and character that we seek to honor in the Name of Sgt, Noyes. If you approve, I will arrange the preparation of the plaque for the presentation.

Major (Ret) Ernest F. Loomis