

**NHRSTA Annual Meeting
September 28, 2011
Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH**

Chairman Dave Kelley opened the meeting at approximately 7 pm by welcoming the 50 members and guests who attended the Fall Dinner Meeting.

During the opening comments, Chairman Kelley mentioned that members would be receiving a letter from Linda Hogdon, Commissioner of Administrative Services, reference upcoming health benefit changes. Some members indicated that they had already received the letter. Also mentioned during the opening comments was an effort being made by the Executive Committee to try to get more involvement with the NHRSTA by retired members of the State Police and to enlist additional assistance with legislative efforts that affect us as retirees.

Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence led by Ernie Loomis

Chairman Kelley then provided an update on Colonel Iverson's ill health and he advised that calls, cards and visits were welcome.

A card of thanks to the NHRSTA was received from Don Palmer and his family following the loss of his wife recently and the message was read to those assembled.

A motion was made by Nino Laccacorvi to accept the June meeting minutes. Joe Broderick made a second and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Dick Campbell. The balance in the NHRSTA checking account as of September 19, 2011 is \$ 13,391.22 and Sgt. Noyes Scholarship Fund CD is \$7,132.19. Joe Broderick made a motion to accept the report. A second to the motion was made by Guy Kimball. All were in favor.

Following the report, Dick was thanked for his many years of service as the Treasurer and a call was made to the membership for any individual interested in taking over the responsibilities of this position within the Association. Please contact anyone on the Executive Committee if you have questions or are interested.

Break for dinner

Legislative Update: Given by Ernie Loomis. The House is still working on some items left from the last session and several committee meetings have taken place. The Senate has announced they will not return until January, 2012. There are a number of pension related bill that have been drafted. However, at this time,

they only have titles and their content is unknown. It is expected that these bills will continue to attempt to erode our current benefits. Ernie advised that the Executive Committee will be sending information to the membership to assist members with contacting their legislators to express your concerns. All members are encouraged to continue efforts to stay connected with what is happening in the legislature and to be involved.

Colonel Robert Quinn was then introduced to address the meeting. He thanked Ernie Loomis for his efforts on behalf of all Division retirees. He then proceeded to provide an update on the current state of the NHSP. There are currently 307 positions within the State Police. The small towns are increasingly calling on the State Police for coverage, particularly over weekends. Colonel Quinn spoke of the challenges in testifying at the legislature on behalf of providing public safety, but he stated that the NHSP continues to have a positive reputation. He went on to tell everyone that the Division is actively using black unmarked cruisers for traffic control and that technology has taken another step forward in the form of “e-ticketing”. He said that it is now possible for troopers to issue traffic tickets that are electronically delivered directly to the courts from the laptops in the cruisers. He referred to this practice as being “data driven policing”. Colonel Quinn stated that the Division is working hard to deploy the available resources better. He said that a major challenge to troopers on patrol is dealing with distracted and drug impaired drivers. He said that they are working on an aggressive public relations program to deal with public safety messages regarding these drivers. He also mentioned the strain on members of the Major Crime Unit over the past few months with the number of homicide investigations that are happening simultaneously. Colonel Quinn talked about a new program called Peer-to-Peer. He said that a network of providers have developed a program to assist troopers dealing with major issues and that several troopers have received training to implement the program within the Division. He concluded his comments by saying that he will continue to fight for manpower to fill all of the needs and that he will continue to be a responsible steward of what all of the State Police retirees worked for during their careers.

NHSP 75th Anniversary Celebration: Chairman Kelley asked dinner guests Cheryl Janelle, the current President of the NHSP Benevolent Association, and Lisa Johnson, current Secretary, to join him in front of the room. Chairman Kelley told everyone that at the recent Executive Committee meeting, it was decided that the NHRSTA would assist the Benevolent by making a financial donation towards the planning of the celebration. He then presented a check for \$2,000 to assist with expenses. The 75th Celebration is scheduled for ***October 13, 2012 at the Grappone Center, Concord, NH.***

Following the presentation of the check, Chris Laporte conducted the fundraising Raffle Drawing. Winners are:

First prize of the Ruger LCR: Brendon Raine

Second prize of the Seiko men's dress watch: Chip Smith

Third Prize of the \$100.00 NHTA Store Certificate is: Dondi who works at the DMV

Fourth prize of the H and K Gift Set is: Susan Wilson of Loudon

Fifth prize of the power tool set is: Kathy Kimball

Overall the raffle raised slightly over \$1,300 dollars for the Benevolent Association.

At the conclusion of the drawing, Chris gave an update on the commemorative weapon. He will have pictures and a description to circulate to anyone interested in the near future.

Roger Phelps made a motion to adjourn the meeting and a second was made by Ernie Loomis. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kimball
NHRSTA Secretary