



NHMPA 1/27/2024 Monthly Meeting Minutes 3:30 pm In-Person

Members Present: Andrew Chisholm, Dave Kemp, Shawn Atkins, Chris Hicks, Gene Chapdelaine, Christa Campbell (Secretary/Morning Ag Clips), Kate Ziehm (Morning Ag Clips).

Members Absent: Chris Olsen

- a) Meeting called to order at 3:58 by Andrew Chisholm

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes/Upcoming Meeting Dates

- a) December 14, 2023 minutes – Motion to approve minutes from previous meeting by Andrew with a second by Dave; motion carried.
- b) Next monthly meeting – Tuesday, February 6 pm via Zoom

Old Business

- a) No old business.

New Business

1) New Board Members

- a) Chris Olsen agreed verbally with Andrew to stay on as a board member.
- b) Dave Kemp agreed to stay on as a board member.
- c) Shawn Atkins: Andrew motioned to accept Shawn's nomination, and Dave seconded the motion, motion carried.
- d) Chris Hicks: Andrew motioned to accept Chris's nomination, second Dave, motion carried.



- e) Gene Chapdelaine: Shawn motioned to accept Gene's nomination, second Dave, motion carried.
- f) Andrew has been the interim president since John resigned. The board voted Andrew in as interim. Shawn motioned for Andrew to be president, seconded by Chris Hicks, motion carried to make Andrew Chisholm President.
- g) Vice President discussion: no one was interested at this time, so leaving as vacant for now.
- h) MAC is the current treasurer and acting secretary. Andrew motioned for MAC to be treasurer and secretary, seconded by Shawn. Motion carried
- i) Conflict of interest forms are signed by all members present and will be added to the Google Drive.

2) Committees

- a) Museum Committee- Dave suggested Maple Museum is a gem and needs to stay up north. Brad Presby and Mike Moore (Dave chatted with them both and bounced ideas off of them). Supplies at the museum include 300 yokes, a thought was made to loan them to a member at their sugarhouse for a fee, as long as they are in the association. Each could be branded or have some kind of marking to know they are the associations. Or possibly a plaque. Dave and Gene agreed to be co-chairs working on the Maple Museum. On the right path, dissolving the 5013c was tough, a few members did not agree. Sue Folsom and Mark Thompson would like out of the museum and dissolve it. MAC will be the treasurer for the museum. A question was brought up, does legal counsel need to be involved? Chris will talk to his legal counsel as well



as Andrew will. MAC will have to be up to speed with Sue Folsom, Christa will reach out to her to get information on what needs to be done. Dave has an inventory sheet of what is there. Discussion went on regarding the museum and location.

3) Winter meeting recap

- a) Gene suggested there was quite a bit of information, and Andrew said there were boxes checked off for information that was needed.
- b) Feast Global recap. Discussion about the next shipment to India. Andrew suggested that Mike Moore should have the first shipment as he has been a big help and currently has 8 barrels ready to go. Shipping is open to everyone. The goal is to spread among many producers. This will be a challenge. A great example of bringing small producers together is Dave Fuller's operation. They produce a lot of syrup and also purchase a lot of syrup from local sugar makers in his area. Andrew suggested that the goal will be to grab syrup regionally. Kate reminded it will not be a bidding war. None of the sales will be seen overnight, it may take a few years. If sugarmakers make the syrup, the market will find you. Dave's worry is about shipping a 4-barrel pallet overseas. How will it be shipped safely? Suggestions were to make sure there is a quality seal on the barrel. Andrew advised there is a certain degree of responsibility on the part of the buyer and Feast Global. Mike Moore said previously to Andrew that if the association bought barrels and seals, he would keep track of them, and make for more uniformity. Chris advised most do not have the storage for extra barrels. Andrew said that Marianna asked last summer what the seal of quality is.



Andrew asked if there were any other Winter Meeting recap. Kate advised spacing and more breaks, adding vendors(bring a door prize), and advertising in a program.

- c) Andrew talked about governor signed buckets from 2023 tapping that are missing from the trailer. Mike cleaned, organized, and fixed up the trailer, and they went missing. Somewhere between the fairs and Mike's.

4) **Tucker Mountain Challenge**

- a) Ag in the Classroom changed leadership to Mike Smith. Tucker Mountain Challenge is looking for a donation from NHMPA of \$2,000.00. Has 12 schools for Ag in the classroom. Suggestions were made to purchase something and not just hand over money. Possibly get a bucket RO. Shawn suggested buying the bucket RO. Dave advised a nano RO, which is competitive. Get something from CDL, donate 2 of them at \$500.00 each, and give them away to certain school programs. Dave made a motion to purchase \$1,000.00 worth of RO's or \$1,000.00. 2nd Chris, motion carried.

5) **Regional Meetings(3)**

- a) Intervale Farms Pancake House, Patrick retired but has not sold the building. Andrew will reach out and save dates. Fuller's, Stuart and John's, and one other, to be determined.

6) **Governor's Tapping**

- a) March- add some dates. 2 years ago at Stuart and Johns, then the Remick Museum. Need it more centrally located. Shawn asked how many people on average attended. Andrew advised 200- 300 people. Stuart and Johns, there were about 200. Suggestion made to put together a gift box for school children. Discussions were made about the Concord area. Get some



suggestions to the commissioner's office. There was a discussion of different sugar houses. Dave suggested putting out an email to ask the membership. Preferred in Concord area.

7) No other discussion.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Kemp with a second by Shawn Atkins.
Meeting Adjourned at 4:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christa Campbell, *NHMPA Secretary/Morning Ag Clips*