

Highpointers Board of Directors Minutes September 3, 2005

MINUTES OF THE HIGHPOINTERS CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING –2005 PURITY SPRINGS RESORT, EAST MADISON, NEW HAMPSHIRE



Chairman, Roger Rowlett, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 3, 2005. Board members present were as follows:

Ken Ackerman	Roger Rowlett	Don Holmes
Craig Noland	Dave Covill	Tim Webb
Kevin Baker	Jim Sutton	Fred Lobdell
Jack Parsell	Nikki Hemphill	Diane Winger
Chuck Bickes	Jean Trousdale	John Mitchler

Other members attending:

Stony Burke	Robert Hyman
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Old Business:

Approval of the minutes of the Highpointers E-Agenda Session (May 30, 2005 – September 3, 2005). Don Holmes made a Motion to accept the minutes, as presented, and Fred Lobdell seconded. All members voted in favor.

Discussion of Honorary Members. John Mitchler wanted to make sure that the owners of all 50 highpoints are represented. John submitted a list of proposed honorary members prepared by he and Dave for evaluation by the Board. Craig Noland presented a list of current honorary members that he is sending a newsletter to. There was a discussion by several of the Board Members about reviewing the lists and approving them later via email. Don Holmes made a motion to accept the list, pending review and approval of the liaison chair. Jean Trousdale seconded. All members voted in favor.

Discussion of changing wording for requirements of visiting the highpoint of Rhode Island. Don Holmes made a motion to no longer accept visiting the sign by the road as qualifying for attaining the highpoint of Rhode Island, effective 9-04-05, due to new owners allowing access to the true highpoint. Jack Parsell seconded. All members voted in favor.

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New Business:

Discussion on Highpointers Board oversight of conventions. Fred Lobdell suggested setting guidelines for convention organizers. There was much discussion from several board members regarding the subject. Most felt that a liaison was needed between the Board of Directors and the convention organizers to keep the Board posted of proposed convention pricing and itinerary. This would keep the Board abreast of the convention committee's plans and the convention committee would only be dealing with one person rather than 15 board members. Don Holmes, as President of the Highpointers Club, appointed Nikki Hemphill as "Convention Committee Liaison" to the Board of Directors.

Discussion of permitting booths was mentioned again. Discussion was held on the subject, and the consensus was for the Convention Committee Liaison to address the Board with any unusual booth requests. Don Holmes made a motion to abolish approving booths on a case by case basis. Tim Webb seconded. All members voted in favor.

Don Holmes made a motion to give a Certificate of Appreciation to Debbie & Jeff Mosley (new owners of Rhode Island access easement) at the convention banquet. Diane Winger seconded. All members voted in favor.

Club Ownership of Jack Longacre Memorial. Chairman Rowlett addressed the Board with the facts that the State of Missouri does not want to accept the property at the present time. Tim Webb presented the Board with the facts that the Club could take possession of the property since we are Incorporated. The memorial site is in the same place where the Club Museum has been proposed. The site was very special to Jack Longacre, as it is in an open glade where you can view the summit of Taum Sauk Mountain.

Dave Covill discussed the proposed Highpointers Foundation as being possible owners of the memorial property. Tim Webb agreed with this proposal but felt the Club needed to act on the memorial in the very near future, due to the uncertainty of the date of the creation of the Highpointers Foundation. After more discussion, Tim Webb made the motion for the Highpointers Club to take possession of the memorial property pending acquisition of a liability insurance policy for the Board of Directors of the Highpointers Club and for the property to be acquired for the memorial. Don Holmes amended the motion to try and set a goal of six months to acquire said insurance policy. Jean Trousedale seconded the amendment. All members voted in favor of the amendment and all members voted in favor of the motion.

Proposed changes in By-Laws presented by President, Don Holmes.

1. Change to Reflect When Highpoint Changes Are Published

WHEREAS the Highpoint list is published annually in the Directory; and

WHEREAS the Bylaws currently require that the Highpoint List be published in the 1st Quarter Newsletter when changes to the list are approved by the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS publishing the entire list twice is redundant; and

WHEREAS John Mitchler has suggested the Bylaws be corrected to reflect the current procedure.

THEREFORE, I move to amend Section 6. Highpointers Logo, Membership Roster and Highpoint List, Article 6.4 Highpoint List Amendments, by striking out the first sentence which reads, "The Highpointers Club and its Highpoint Records Committee shall maintain an official Highpoint List which shall be published in the first (1st) quarter Newsletter if there have been any changes in the List during the preceding year." and inserting "The Highpointers Club and its Highpoint Records Committee shall maintain an official Highpoint List. Any changes in the List approved by the Board of Directors during the preceding year shall be published in the first (1st) quarter Newsletter."

Dave Covill seconded the change. All members voted in favor.

2. Chairman vs Chairperson

WHEREAS the Highpointers Club Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedures are in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS the following excerpt is from Robert's Rules of Order, page 33, and I quote,

"MAKING A MAIN MOTION To make a main motion, a member must obtain the floor. To do so, stand and address the president, saying: Madam Chairman [or Mr. Chairman]

This is the correct parliamentary terminology. Many people want to say chairwoman or chairperson, but these terms are incorrect. The English language does not have feminine or masculine words, as do the Latin-based languages. The word chair in English is the neuter gender, neither masculine nor feminine. It refers either to the person or the place (chair) occupied by the person. The word man at the end does not mean a masculine person but stands for the neuter gender all mankind, including both men and women. So, in English, to acknowledge the gender of the person presiding in the chair, use the honorifics Mr. or Madam, as follows: Mr. Chairman or Madam Chairman."

THEREFORE, I move that all occurrences of Chairperson in the Highpointers Club Bylaws be changed to Chairman and, if necessary, change other similar terms accordingly.

John Mitchler seconded the change. Yea votes were two. Nay votes were nine. Four abstained.

3. Two-Thirds Majority Vote Required to Change Bylaws

WHEREAS the Highpointers Club Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedures are in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order; and

WHEREAS Robert's Rules of Order recommend a two-thirds majority vote to change or amend Bylaws,

THEREFORE, I move to amend Section 9. Procedural Matters, Article 9.2 Amendments, by inserting "two -thirds" before "majority" in the second sentence.

John Mitchler seconded the change. All members voted in favor.

4. Nominations for the Board of Directors

WHEREAS the Highpointers Club has geographically diversified members and probably none of the members know all the other members; and

WHEREAS the Highpointers Club requires a nomination, by someone other than the nominee and a second to become a candidate for a Club Office; and

WHEREAS it seems that the requirements for becoming a candidate for the Board of Directors should be consistent with the requirements for becoming an Officer; and

WHEREAS it would probably be a good policy that at least two active members of the Highpointers Club endorse a potential candidate for election to the Board of Directors,

THEREFORE, I move to amend Section 2. Boards of Directors, Article 2.9 Election of Directors, Sub-article B. Candidates, by deleting the first sentence, "Any active member of the Highpointers Club may nominate one candidate for the Board of Directors" and replacing it with the following: "Any active member of the Highpointers Club may nominate one other active member as a candidate for the Board of Directors. In addition, another active member must second the nomination."

John Mitchler seconded the change. Yea votes were one. Nay votes were thirteen. One abstained.

Discussion of term limits. John Mitchler brought up discussion that several current Board members, who are very active in the Club, will not be able to run for election next year, due to term limits. He felt this would be a disservice to the Club by prohibiting such active members from remaining on the Board. There was much discussion from most Board members. John Mitchler made a motion to abolish term limits. Jean Trousdale seconded. Yea votes were nine. Nay votes were five. One abstained. The motion was defeated, as this is a By-Laws change and did not meet the two-thirds majority vote for changing By-Laws.

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Stony Burke made a presentation of the new trail register and signs for the summit of Jerimoth Hill, Rhode Island. Stony was commended for all his volunteer work for the open access dates on Rhode Island over the past several years.

Stony Burke also had discussions on 48 & 50 completer plaques. It was the consensus of the Board to make no changes at the present time.

There being no further new business, Chairman Rowlett reminded the Board that a group photo of the Board was needed immediately following the meeting.

After discussion, it was decided that Committee Reports would be handled via email session.

Chairman Rowlett asked if there was any other business or reports. There being none,

Don Holmes moved to adjourn the meeting. After same was seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Tim Webb, Secretary

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