

NH Rx Fire Council Meeting Minutes
February 4th, 2010
Bear Brook State Park

In attendance: Bryan Nowell, Andy Fast, John Neely, Tom Brady, Heidi Holman, Zachory Boyajian, Jim Oehler, Bill Nichols, Jeff Lougee, Steve Eisenhaure, Stewart Yeaton, Lisa Landry, Sean Drake

Representation on the council

- There was discussion about the amount of participation desired for the council. The general sentiment was to invite and include anyone that is consistently putting fire on the ground in NH.
- Some additional partners that folks thought should be included were the NH Blueberry Growers association, the Society for the American Foresters, the Roughed Grouse Society, and the other partners discussed at the January meeting (NH Audubon, NH Dept. of Agriculture, etc.)

Bylaws

- A draft set of bylaws that Andy Fast and Tom Brady developed were reviewed and revised by the committee.
- Some discussion centered on what would constitute a quorum, and it was agreed that >50% of the council members would be needed for a quorum.

Working teams

Several working teams were established, with the following participants:

- Training and training standards – Heidi Holman, Zach Boyajian,
- SOP/BMPs – Jim Oehler, Zach Boyajian, Andy Fast, Jeff Lougee
- Legislation – John Neely, Lisa Landry
- MOUs – Heidi Holman, Steve Eisenhaure, Jeff Lougee

Websites

- UNH Cooperative Extension can host the site for the time being. Content/updates should go to Andy Fast.

Next meeting

Goals/agenda for the next meeting are:

- Approve the bylaws

- Select and approve a chair and vice chair (current interim chair and vice chair are Bryan Nowell and Jeff Lougee, respectively)
- Finalize working teams
- Share information on upcoming training opportunities, and plans for 2010 Rx fire activities
- Do a website demo and select a domain name
- Approve minutes
- Set agenda for next meeting

Next meeting – March 4, 2010, USFS Headquarters, Campton NH.