



**NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION
& COLLEGE FOOTBALL
HALL OF FAME
VERMONT CHAPTER**

**Vermont Chapter – National Football Foundation
March 26, 2025
Board Meeting Minutes**

Attendance: Steve Williams, Aida Volpone, Tony Volpone, Bob Ritter, Tyler Higley, William Russel, Doug Mandigo, Dave Caputi, Mike Empey, Mickey Heinecken, Connor Bean,

Meeting Called to Order 6:05p

Review of April 11, 2024 Minutes (approved unanimously)

TREASURER REPORT, Aida Volpone

- 2024 Net Gain \$11,301
- 2024 Banquet (\$9,240) Loss
- 2024 Game \$20,030 gain
- \$4,000 scholarships paid out
- Did not pay any grants in 2024
- Beginning Cash on Hand 2024 \$12,165
- Ending Cash on Hand 2024 \$23,466

Motion to accept Treasurers report – Empey, Seconded – Ritter
Approved Unanimously

DISCUSSION and APPROVAL OR BOARD MEMBERS

- Proposal to formalize the following
 - Board positions for most recent former college coaches from the three Vermont colleges sponsoring football (Tony Volpone, Bob Ritter, and Mark Murnyack)
 - Board position of Past President Emeritus (Mickey Heinecken)
 - Discussion of standing committees – Mike Empey noted Article 5 of our bylaws provides list of standing committees–
 - Included in the discussion was to hold off on any Grant awards until the Grant Committee was reformed to help Dave and promote transparency
 - It was agreed that those present would seek out and provide information on youth Program contacts for next meeting
 - Proposal was to update by laws to rename / adjust committees;

- **Executive Committee; Game Committee** – Mke Empey; **Awards Selection Committee** – Bob Ritter; **Grant Committee** – Dave Caputi; **HS Liaison** – Rich Alercio; **Fundraising Committee** – Steve Williams; **Youth Liaison**- TBD; **PR / Social Media / Engagement** – Connor Bean; **Banquet Committee** – Kerri Lamb
- Steve to meet with each committee chair prior to next board meeting to review members and each committee will be expected to read out their 2025 plan at next board meeting.

Motion to accept – Empey, Seconded – Heinecken

Approved Unanimously

FUNDRAISING DISCUSSION

- Steve Williams shared a new fundraising opportunity for the foundation. 50% of pull ticket sales / profit from Dumb Luck Pub, Winooski. Current charity has agreed to share in the profits from these pull tickets.

Motion to accept – Empey, Seconded – Ritter

Approved Unanimously

Short 2025 Game status report provided by Mike Empey

- Coaches for 2025 South Adam Perry Fair Haven, North Ethan Curtis Essex.
- Empey to query HS Coaches for interest in being 2026 HCs one coach from South has expressed interest.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Ritter Seconded by Empey

Approved Unanimously

MEETING ADJURNED 7:00p