



New Hampshire Turtle Rescue Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, March 7, 2024
Official Minutes

1 **Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Drew Stevens at the New
2 Hampshire Turtle Rescue headquarters and virtually via Zoom. He welcomed new member
3 Wendy Booth to the Board. He also explained that he would be conducting the meeting
4 using a more formal procedure to improve the efficiency of the meeting and better capture
5 board votes for the meeting minutes.

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7 **Members Present:** Drew Stevens, Dallas Huggins, Chris Bogard (via Zoom), Jennifer
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9 (via Zoom).

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11 **Members Absent:** Joshua Megyesy.

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13 **Others Present:** None.

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15 **Approval of Minutes:** None.

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17 **Old Business:**

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19 Grant Expenditure - Greenhouse

20 Stevens stated that this meeting was called to discuss the expenditure of grant funds,
21 including potential purchases that would exceed \$500, requiring approval from the Board
22 according to the NHTR bylaws.

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24 The first item to be discussed is the Hoklartherm Riga XL 9 greenhouse kit to be used as
25 overflow patient holding space during the active turtle season.

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27 *Dallas Huggins made the motion to authorize the purchase of the greenhouse kit for the*
28 *facility. Sarah Kern seconded the motion.*

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30 Stevens asked if there was any further discussion, and Bogard requested more information
31 about the greenhouse kit and how it would be used. Huggins explained that the facility
32 needs additional capacity to accommodate the influx of patients during the busy season.
33 In the past, there have been situations where non-listed species have been referred out to
34 other rehab clinics (which do not specialize in turtles). She said that a number of different
35 options were looked at and that this would be the best solution given the funds and space
36 available for a new structure. It is a 14'x30' rectangular structure with an 11' tall roof made
37 of extruded aluminum and thick polycarbonate glazing. The frame is warrantied for 10 years
38 and the polycarbonate panels are warrantied for 15 years. The total cost from the
39 distributor, with discounts and shipping, is around \$15,850. There was some additional
40 discussion about the features of the greenhouse kit and where it would be sited at NHTR.

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42 *The motion was amended to approve the greenhouse purchase, not to exceed \$16,999.99.*
43 *The motion passed with a unanimous vote of 7-0-0.*

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45 Bogard asked what the Education Committee was planning to do. Booth asked who was on
46 the Education Committee. Stevens responded that Kern was chair of the Education
47 Committee and that anyone was welcome to join. Kern said that she would be sending out
48 an email to organize a meeting of the Education Committee soon.

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50 There was a brief discussion about the background and condition of a Spotted Turtle that
51 had been kidnapped from the wild for ten years and surrendered earlier that day to NHTR.

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53 **New Business:**

54 None.

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56 **Additions to the Agenda:**

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59 **Member Updates:**

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63 **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m. by Drew Stevens.