



New Hampshire Turtle Rescue Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Tuesday, December 30, 2024
Official Minutes

1 **Opening:** The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Drew Stevens at NHTR
2 headquarters and virtually via Google Meet. Stevens welcomed everyone and discussed
3 the transition to a consensus-based decision-making process.
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5 **Members Present:** Drew Stevens, Dallas Huggins, Chris Bogard (via Google Meet), Jennifer
6 Purrenhage (via Google Meet), David Steinberg (via Google Meet), Joshua Megyesy (via
7 Google Meet), Wendy Booth.
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9 **Members Absent:** Sarah Kern.
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11 **Others Present:** None.
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13 **Reappointment of Board Members:**

14 Stevens explained that the first order of business during the Annual Meeting is to reappoint
15 members of the Board who would like to continue their service for another 2-year term.
16 Stevens noted that Sarah Kern had indicated her desire to remain on the Board even though
17 she was unable to attend the meeting. Stevens said that the Board could choose to take
18 each reappointment individually or altogether as a whole. Stevens asked if there were any
19 objections to reappointing the Board together. There were none.
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21 *All current board members, including Sarah Kern (not present), were reappointed to a new*
22 *two-year term by consensus.*
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24 **Election of Officers:**

25 Stevens said that there were four Officer positions that needed to be filled. He stated that
26 he would strongly prefer that Huggins not take any officer role since her hands are already
27 so full as Executive Director. Wendy Booth volunteered to take the Secretary role.
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29 *Wendy Booth was appointed as Secretary by consensus.*
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31 Stevens stated that he would take the President and Treasurer role again, but that he would
32 like to work towards transferring the Treasurer responsibilities to another Board member
33 after the current work on the accounting software was completed.
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35 *Drew Stevens was re-elected as President and Treasurer by consensus.*
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37 Stevens stated that the Vice President role was more of a fallback position in case the
38 President were unable to attend meetings or make decisions. He said that he did not
39 anticipate the Vice President role adding any additional practical responsibilities, but our
40 bylaws required us to elect someone to that role. Joshua Megyesy volunteered to be Vice
41 President.
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43 *Joshua Megyesy was elected as Vice President by consensus.*

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45 Chris Bogard indicated that she would be interested in possibly taking over as Treasurer
46 pending more information.

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48 **Approval of Minutes:**

49 Stevens presented the draft meeting minutes from previous meetings for the Board to
50 review and approve.

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52 *The draft minutes from the March 7, 2024; July 1, 2024; and October 15, 2024 meetings*
53 *were approved as written by consensus.*

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55 **New Business:**

56 Proposed Updates to Bylaws

57 Stevens referred the Board to a document he had made available which detailed a
58 suggested change to the organization bylaws. The spirit of the change was to add language
59 to sections of the bylaws which are legally required that cites the relevant law (RSA)
60 establishing that requirement.

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62 The bylaws were amended to include the requirement by RSA 292:6-A regarding the
63 makeup of the Board of Directors so that Section 4(a) reads:

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65 “As required by RSA 292:6-a, the Board of Directors shall consist of not less than five (5)
66 Directors who are not of the same immediate family or related by blood or marriage. The
67 Board of Directors shall consist of not more than fifteen (15) Directors.”

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69 *The above amendment to the bylaws was passed by consensus.*

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71 Meeting Scheduling

72 Stevens stated that he would like to schedule the next board meeting around the end of the
73 fiscal year at the end of February. He suggested February 23rd as a potential meeting date.

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75 *The next board meeting was scheduled for Sunday, February 23, 2025, at 10:00 AM by*
76 *consensus.*

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78 Board Member Applications

79 Stevens presented two applications to join the Board that were distributed by Nomination
80 Committee Chair Megyesy earlier.

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82 *Stevens reappointed Megyesy as Chair of the Nomination Committee.*

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84 Purrenhage asked what the desired makeup of future Board members was, if any. Stevens
85 responded that in his view, the Board had a strong representation from the rehab and
86 academic domains, and that ideally new Board members could fill in some of the needed
87 gaps in experience/expertise – mainly accounting/finances, legal matters, and
88 fundraising/networking. Stevens added that any potential new Board members with
89 bandwidth to help NHTR pursue its mission would be welcomed at this point.

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91 The two applications were discussed. Stevens stated that a consensus vote would be fine
92 to make the appointments; there were no objections.

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94 *Karen Campbell was appointed to the Board of Directors by consensus.*

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96 *Chris Carr was appointed to the Board of Directors by consensus.*

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98 **Member Updates:**

99 President's Report

100 Stevens discussed a number of upcoming events and the need for more volunteers. The
101 up-to-date list of presentations can be found on the NHTR website.

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103 Treasurer's Report

104 Stevens provided an update on the financial status and the need for more consistent
105 funding. He reported that he was getting help from new volunteer who has expertise and
106 training in bookkeeping and the accounting software NHTR uses.

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108 Fundraising Report

109 Stevens discussed the disappointing results of the Giving Tuesday campaign and the need
110 to focus on grants and other larger fundraising efforts.

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112 Executive Director's Report

113 Huggins reported on patient admissions, releases, and improvements in the clinic.

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115 She mentioned the need for more consistent volunteers, as well as the success of an
116 extended learning opportunities program she had developed for a student at Oyster River
117 High School. Huggins also discussed the upcoming UNH COLSA St. Martin Career Fair.

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119 **Additions to the Agenda:**

120 There was an extended discussion on using 3D printed models for education and outreach.

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122 **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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124 Minutes prepared by Wendy Booth and edited by Drew Stevens