

NHHSET State Board Meeting Minutes

June 30th, 2026

Time: 7:00

Location: Zoom

Call to Order - 7:03pm

Person	Role
Kellie Femino	Chair
Jessica Leonard	Derryfield
Linda Smith	Concord Coach
Joanne Gelinis	State Board Communications Director
Sarah Ireland	Bow/State Board Vice Chair
Darcy Ferry	State Board Secretary/ Concord Advisor
Dede Bachelder	Bow High School
Laura Messer	Concord
Lauren Leopard	
Allison Swindlehurst	

Secretary's Report

May minutes will be shared.

Treasurer's Report

None we still need this for May. Do we still have money in district accounts (District

2?)

What do we need to purchase for upcoming year:?

1. Printer
2. Canopies
3. Gymkhana timer
4. Jump Standards and poles (?) (Teams could make jump standards?)

NEW Business

Virtual Gymkhana

Everyone who was going to do it, participated.

Meetings: We will keep NHHSET meetings going throughout the summer.

Committees:

Rulebook: Laura and Sarah (There will be a code of conduct for parents added to rulebook). There was a huge overhaul of the rulebook last year.

Patterns: Kellie

Judges: Jessica and Jo

Website Update: To be worked on.
Brookvale Pines Release will be electronic.

Jessica Leonard: Wants to run fundraising. Talk of starting banquet back up.

Senator Belle for shows instead of Tack Shack? Some considerations: PA system? Where to park all of the trailers? Lady who owns Senator Belle does not want to be involved but is open to shows being held there.

Fundraisers to get better (carded) judges? Raise more funds for this? Most judges want \$500 per show.

	Judges: There were scoring issues last season. We can't use video to review for classes discrepancies. IEPs and 504's: We do not have access to them. It is up to schools to communicate accommodations. Monthly Meetings: EVERY school should have a representative at the monthly meetings. This is an expectation. Stipends for Board Members? Gas? Tolls? We receive nothing for our roles. Should we pay board members?
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Motion to adjourn. Dede Bachelder

Motion Seconded Laura Messer

None opposed

Respectfully submitted by Darcy Ferry, Secretary, NHHSET

Next Board Meeting: July 28th at 7:00pm.

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July 28th, 2026

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Call to Order - 7:06pm

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Kellie Femino	Chair
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Sarah Ireland	Bow/State Board Vice Chair
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Laura Messer	Concord
Lindsay Ross	
Lauren Leopard	
Karla Champney	Mascoma Valley
Jane Wielgoszinski	

Secretary's Report

May and June minutes were shared out.

May minutes reviewed and accepted by Jo, seconded by Kellie

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Treasurer's Report

Taylor not present.

2025-26 Fiscal year summarized. It was attached to the agenda for this meeting.

We are \$8000 in the black.

Looking to add: Jotform Bronze (\$17 a month)

We need:

-Printer/scanner. Kellie found one for \$429.99 on sale. Taylor does the purchasing

Jo makes motion to buy the printer

Linda seconded the motion

-More batteries

-4 more walkie talkies

NEW Business

Taylor has gymkhana ribbons

-Rulebook and bi-laws Laura, Sarah and Sue will read bi-laws and make sure they meet the needs of the organization.

Push bi-law updates to the end of 2026
motion to do this Sarah, Jo seconds the motion.

-Rulebook Laura is researching bit rules.
Reached out the the National High School Rodeo Association and NBHA
Rules about bits was that there aren't any except the bits can't be too harsh.

-Thursday August 6th is the next rulebook meeting.

-Patterns Committee hasn't started yet.
Kellie is the only one signed up for it.

-Jane W. suggested we have two dressage judges. To consider this we'd have to look at our budget. We'd also need two scribes.

-Jessica L of Derryfield wants to help with

	fundraising. -Discussion about moving the trail course down to where the warm up ring was (down the hill). How wet would it be in the spring? -Website is getting a refresh. Kellie has been playing with it on Wix. We need photos sent. (Do we need a photo release?) Can we put a photo release on the registration page? -Insurance review. Kellie will be talking to the agent. We have to go back through our coverage. -Monthly meetings: We should have representatives from each team coming to these monthly meetings. There are many teams that don't represent. This poses a problem. We need to strongly encourage people to show up to these meetings. Positive reinforcement? Incentive Drawing? How can we encourage better attendance? -Emergency Process - Who are the ERT1, ERT2, and ERT3? -Soundness concerns at shows should come to board and judges. The Board has the right to pull a horse off competition due to soundness issues. -Proposal for Beginner WTC 18" Jumper Class. -All committees have the same NHHSET Zoom Link.
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Motion to adjourn: Sarah Ireland

Motion Seconded Laura Messer

None opposed

Respectfully submitted by Darcy Ferry, Secretary, NHHSET

Next Board Meeting: August 25th at 7:00pm.

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August 25th, 2026

Time: 7:00

Location: Zoom

Call to Order - 7:02pm

Person	Role
Kellie Femino	Chair
Linda Smith	Concord Coach
Joanne Gelinis	State Board Communications Director
Sarah Ireland	Bow/State Board Vice Chair
Darcy Ferry	State Board Secretary/ Concord Advisor
Dede Bachelder	Bow High School
Laura Messer	Concord
Lindsay Ross	
Lauren Leopard	
Karla Champney	Mascoma Valley
Jane Wielgoszinski	
Ginny	
Leigh Sciarappa	
Judy Fosyth	

Secretary's Report

July minutes were shared out. Minutes were motioned to accept by Jane W. Seconded by Sarah Ireland

Treasurer's Report
Taylor is not present. No Treasure's report Taylor has ribbons for virtual gymkhana. Eli still needs his cooler.

NEW Business	New Website taken on by Kellie. Looks great! We will have links to each team coach and advisor. Pinkerton has lost their head coach and advisor. Leigh Sciarappa holding the team together until new ones are found. October 1st, 2026- January 10th, 2027 Teams can start to register for the upcoming season. We are happy with the treasurer picking ribbons and prizes. Talk of using fundraisers for a banquet at the end of the season. Someone could look at potential venues. New Boston Fairgrounds were mentioned. This could be a good Jessica question
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Committees- Rulebook has been meeting. They are halfway through the rulebook. We looked at the abuse and misconduct section. We need to figure out how we define abuse.

GR838 - appendix is more encompassing.

Gymkhana bits - don't fall under 4H guidelines.

Laura did extensive research re: bits. The organizations that she talked to don't have bit rules.

It's under the Judge's discretion and Board has discretion as well.

If you see something, report it.

Could we have a Stewardship committee?

Could we have a Steward at the shows to help make determinations. Stewards can be judges. There are professional stewards.

Patterns Committee- Kellie is the only one on this committee.

Jo saw good patterns in NHQHA.

Discussion about moving the trail course to the end of the warm up ring where the dressage ring is. It would take a piece of the warm up ring. Or use the mystery ring down below. OR move lunging ring down there.

Possible dates for shows: Need to talk to Brenda:

4/3/2027

4/10/2027

4/17/2027

4/24/2027

5/8/ 2027 or 5/15/2027 Rain Date?

5/16/2027 or 5/23/2027 for States?

	School Vacation week is hard for many schools. Early April dates are often impacted by weather (soggy). TBD- Check in with all schools about when their vacation week is. Brenda has to OK the dates. Hunter Jumpers have priority over NHHSET.
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Motion to adjourn: Jo Gelinas

Motion Seconded Jane W.

None opposed

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted by Darcy Ferry, Secretary, NHHSET

Next Board Meeting: September 29th at 7:00pm.