

Country Squires- Minutes of Meeting held February 12, 2026

President Steve Seamans began the meeting at 12:00 and provided for Words of Inspiration a short poem by Robt. Frost- "The Way We Grow".

After a salmon entrée luncheon, two January guests, Jonathan Silver of Newbury and David Bjorkland of Sunapee, were "voted in" as new members. The minutes of the January 8th meeting were unanimously approved.

Dave Wood introduced our guest speaker, Colonel Kevin Jordan, Chief of the New Hampshire Fish & Game Law Enforcement Division. For the next hour, Col. Jordan provided an extensive presentation on the division's Search and Rescue (SAR) operations enhanced by numerous power point charts and photos.

The division covers the entire state divided into 6 districts with a staff of 200, including 46 game wardens; it is \$42M budget is self-funded primarily through licenses and registration under the auspices of a commission reporting directly to the Governor. " We cover anything(SAR-related) off the road."

During his 35 year career, Col. Jordan has been followed the principles of "Safety First" and "Accountability" in conducting SAR operations. He highlighted the introduction of new equipment and technologies that have not only shortened rescue operations timelines, but also solved long outstanding open cases.

Over 200 SAR missions are conducted yearly and involve coordination and assistance of an extensive network of some 20 state organizations. The average carry-out involves 16-18 people. Extensive and advanced training for operations by the high mountain, underwater & K-9 teams is provided along with the latest and best equipment, some funded by Homeland Security through grant monies.

The presentation, concluded with "The Anatomy of a Search", was enjoyed by all.

The meeting adjourned at 2:05PM.

By Art Scutro, Acting Secretary
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