

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

Minutes of the Annual Meeting March 8, 2015

1. Minutes of the Annual Meeting of March 9, 2014 were accepted as written.
2. Treasurers Report was given by Duane Welch. Major expenditures for 2014 were; \$2109.28 for maintenance and updating our website, www.nhbua.org; \$5,892.00 to the NHIAA for 2 year Editions of Rule and Case Books; and \$3884.00 for Evaluations. The report was approved with a current balance on Dec. 31, 2014 of \$ 4,200.35.
3. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie reported that this again this year the Federation Test will be taken on line. The Rules Interpretation will be given immediately following the Business Meeting.
4. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz reported that for the first time in his years of assigning, he uncertain that all Varsity games will be covered and JV Games as well! He reminds the membership to check the Arbiter daily and to update their availability in timely manner – if the Arbiter shows that you are open, then you should have no problem accepting a game. He also stated that the membership is getting “old” and we need to increase the number of umpires in order to keep up with the demand. We are trying to encourage the NHIAA to schedule more games on Tuesdays, Thursdays and increase Saturdays’ double headers so that fewer umpires would be available to officiate the same number of games from year to year. If you haven’t registered with the NHIAA you are running a risk of losing games. Please register ASAP!
5. Supervisor of Umpires Jim Fletcher reported that with the use of the three-man system in all rounds of the play-offs, it is very important that everyone who can, make themselves available – 96 umpires are needed for the first round with 2 game fees divided by 3. UMPIRE concussions will be a topic that Jim will bring up at the next Baseball Committee Meeting – at present there is no policy on an official who might be concussed only on players. Because of baseball field enhancement at SNHU, Gill Stadium will be the site of Division II and Division III quarters with Holman Stadium in Nashua hosting Division I and Division IV at Plymouth State U. The 3-man clinics will be at White Mountain for those up north and at Trinity for the southern umpires. The clinics will be held in conjunction with JV Tournaments – dates and times will be listed on our website.
6. BUD Chairman Tom Fischer reported that after being involved with the BUD Program, he is stepping down as Chairman. A new chairman will be appointed by the Executive Committee at the June Board Meeting. The Spring Program this year will be directed by Tom Desautel. Tom Fischer thanked all of his supporters and especially the devoted Instructors that have been so helpful through the years. The Fall Apprentice Program was explained by Don Micucci.
7. Performance Review Coordinator Don Micucci reported that again this year we will be sending out evaluators to games. They will be listed as an Evaluator on your assignment listing on the Arbiter. Due to the shortage of umpires to cover games, there will not be a lot of evaluations done this year. Please review the evaluation form as a guide as to what is expected to be done with or without an Evaluator present. The evaluation form is available on line.
8. Website Chairman Paul Viens. Our web site, www.nhbua.org, has been linked to the NHIAA and will receive inquiries from people interested in becoming a member. Please go to our web site for updates.
9. Service Award: 2015 marked
45 Years of Membership (1970)
Bill Makarawicz Peter Perich

35 Years of Membership (1980)
Don Menswar

25 Years of Membership (1990)
Brian Campbell Lee Champagne Richard Driscoll Don Micucci

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10. The Larry Kleiner Memorial Award was presented to Peter Wyrwicz.
11. Old Business – None
12. New Business – Tom Fischer was elected as President Elect
Duane Welch was reelected as Secretary / Treasurer
Dave Harrington (Lincoln, NH) was elected as Member-at-Large (2018)

NHBUA Executive Board

Elected

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| President | Jeff Turgeon (2017) |
| President Elect | Tom Fischer (2017) |
| Secretary / Treasurer | Duane Welch (2017) |
| Member-at-Large (2016) | Jim Walsh |
| Member-at-Large (2017) | Ted Houlihan |
| Member-at-Large (2018) | Dave Harrington |

Appointed

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| Rules Interpreter | Terry Dostie |
| Supervisor of Umpires | Jim Fletcher |
| Baseball Umpire Development | |
| Performance Review Coordinator | Don Micucci |
| Web Site Chairman | Paul Viens |
| Past President | Rick Force |

Confirmed by the Executive Committee

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| Assignor | Bill Makarawicz - Chairman |
| Assignor | Bob Skinner |
| Assignor | Lee Champagne |
| Assignor | Tom Desautel |
| Assignor | Brian Troupe |
| Assignor | Vacant |

Respectfully submitted,
Duane B. Welch
Sec/Treas NHBUA