

## Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting January 25, 2015

1. Minutes of the October 19, 2014 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.
2. Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Treasury has a balance of \$4,200.35. The secretary reported that there are 9 active and 2 inactive members who were suspended last October for non-payment of dues and have not responded to communications. The list of delinquents was read and action on each one was resolved.
3. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie reported on 2015 rule changes and rule emphasis. Recording, videotaping from the dugout is allowed for coaching purposes only. He explained how to handle a backswing infraction. How to make the games go quicker was a topic that is being looked at. The speed-up rule was discussed on how it can be used IF both coaches agree the use of a courtesy runner would be allowed. Umpires will be asked to enforce a mechanic to crack down on a coach lingering at the mound, thus delaying the game, while a pitcher is taking his warm up throws by informing both pitcher & coach that after the 6<sup>th</sup> warm up pitch the umpires says "you've got 2 more". Although we no longer go into the dugouts to check bats & helmets, we should remain diligent by looking for damaged helmets when batters come up to bat. Terry also mentioned the attention to the pitch count which is not our responsibility but the coaches. Tentative dates for Rules Interpretations are March 8<sup>th</sup>, after the Annual Business Meeting; March 14<sup>th</sup> at Holderness at 10:00 AM and March 19<sup>th</sup> at Pinkerton at 7:00 PM.
4. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz commented that "age" is depleting our baseball umpire membership. Filling all the games that are scheduled will be tight. Even the Varsity level games may not have properly trained umpires to do them. There are some measures that may be taken to alleviate the problem such as, more double headers, starting games at 4:30 & 5:00 instead of 4:00 and scheduling games on Tuesdays and Thursdays and not just Monday, Wednesday & Friday. The Assignors met and will assign their regions by Feb 15<sup>th</sup> and give their umpires two weeks to respond. A discussion about filling the missing assignor was left with Bill filling in this year and revisiting it after this season. Recruiting more umpires in the west and north was discussed.
5. Supervisor Jim Fletcher reported that the Baseball Committee did not meet in November but will meet March 10<sup>th</sup> thus he could not ask about NHIAA Policy regarding the protocol followed when an official suffers a possible concussion. The baseball tournament will not be held at SNHU this year due to construction. The semi's will be held at Gill Stadium. The 3-man clinic may be held at the Trinity JV Tournament and the 2-man Apprentice Mechanics Test will be at the Londonderry Tournament.
6. BUD Chairman Tom Fischer reported that 8 new members from last year's classes. He read emails from Executive Board Members, Lee Champagne and Jim Walsh regarding their thought son how the class was conducted. Conversations followed concerning the curriculum, meeting times, status of trainers, etc. Tom submitted his resignation, after 17 years of involvement, citing numerous issues in conflict with his responsibilities as the BUD Chairman. He

thanked the Board and the trainers for all their help. He also mentioned that Pete Wyrwicz has the pitching machine and camera from the class. The Board expressed its gratitude to Tom for his lengthy service. A lengthy discussion followed in which numerous topics were discussed including the curriculum used for the class, the time of year to run it, the number of classes held, a new BUD Chairman and the need for more membership. It was resolved that; ...there be multiple classes run during and the spring at multiple locations (as yet to be determined) ...an email be sent this week to the membership announcing the search for a new BUD Chairman, specifying a Fall and Spring class at multiple locations. Candidates will be asked to respond within one week so as not to delay the progress required to prepare for the upcoming annual meeting. The syllabus for the class will be developed to insure that all classes will cover the material in the same fashion lending to a consistent content presented.

7. Performance Review Coordinator Don Micucci reported that he didn't think there won't be as many evaluations as last year. There are definitely 10 to do with 3 or 4 to re-evaluate. Don asked if any assignor knew off an umpire that should be evaluated, that they should let him know. He would expect 5 or 6 from each region. He is going to review the current evaluations and tweak some that are definitely incorrect.
8. Website Chairman Paul Viens is on vacation.
9. Executive Session was used during new business.
10. Old Business: Brian Troupe asked for a clarification regarding last meetings motion about Regional Assignors not being required to attend every Executive Board Meeting. His question was about Assignors being a voting member of the Executive Board? It was confirmed that they are and they do have a vote on any and all Executive Board decisions.
11. New Business: This Springs open positions are: President Elect, Secretary / Treasurer & 3 year Member at Large. Brent Covell & Steve Durrance were mentioned as possible Member at Large candidates. The next time the Executive Board will convene is on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 prior to the Annual Business Meeting at NHTI in Concord.