

# New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting January 22, 2012

1. Minutes of the October 16, 2011 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's report was handed out and approved with a balance of \$10,228.39. The Treasurer pointed out a few major expenditures: \$2,650.00 for Rule & Case Books from the NHIAA, \$1,023.00 for use of the Arbitrator Assigning System, \$859.77 for a used pitching machine to be used by the BUD Program and \$494.00 for the purchase of 12 Award Jackets.
3. Secretary asked the Board if they want to continue to purchase for the membership NASO publication of the Baseball Preseason Guide and the Board voted to do so. Reported that 2 Active Umpires had not paid their dues. Cullen was read telling the Board that he had retired from umpiring and wished the Board well and thanked everyone for their help during his tenure. Lynn Mackert's unhappy email was read to the Board and he has resigned from the NHBUA. A very nice thank you note for the \$200 donation was acknowledged from Kristine Cherbonneau and Mark describe what she did in the Dominican Republic to help bring medical treatment to the homeless children.
4. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie. The rules interpretation / mechanics meeting sites and dates are listed on the home page of our website [www.nhbua.org](http://www.nhbua.org). The 2012 Rules Test will again be on line with 10 of the 100 questions replaced with NHBUA mechanic questions. Terry participated in the NFHS Webinar and reported some of the few rule changes for this season such as: inspecting equipment is not necessary unless asked and then both teams equipment are to be checked. BBCore bat rule, embossed label, composite bat and illegal helmet were discussed. Also mentioned was the how to handle a bloodied uniform, lineups listing substitutes and players leaving the dugout to participate in a fight. There was a lot of discussion about the on line Rules Test. It was voted that a hard copy of the test would not be made available because of the possibility of many of our members just getting the answer without any effort on their part to get "into the book". The test will be available starting Feb 13<sup>th</sup> and closing April 1<sup>st</sup>. Our members will have the opportunity to do the test twice to pass with a score of 80% or better
5. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz reported that the schedules are "all over the board". Some schools still have not sent in their schedules. Bill has changed as many as 700 assignments with 200 still not assigned. He has experimented assigning different ways such as availability, mileage, ratings, etc. Bill said that the assignments will be released soon to the Regional Assignors.
6. Supervisor of Officials Mark Cherbonneau & Bill discussed the NHIAA request to have all active officials registered with them as soon as possible. Also the NHIAA wants all officials of all sports to know the NHIAA Policy and Procedures for their sport. There have been 2 flagrant incidents where the policy was not known and thus was not followed and there was an unfavorable outcome. Mark asked Bill to find out how the NHIAA is going to handle the "play in" assignments for this year's tournament in Division III.
7. Liaison Jim Walsh was not available.
8. BUD Chairman Tom Fischer reported 52 applications have been dispersed with probably have of them come to the classes. The first class is March 18<sup>th</sup> and will continue for the following six Sunday's with Easter being skipped. There will probably be field test games at Hopkinton, Derryfield Park and maybe if needed at Londonderry. With the addition of the new pitching machine the apprentices will have more time looking at pitches and a better assessment from the instructor.
9. Performance Review Coordinator: Don Micucci led a very in depth discussion on the procedure that will become the guide for all future 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluations. Peer evaluations are still in effect for at least one more year. Questioned was the penalty for not doing peer evaluations being enforced? Unfortunately some were and some were not. There are 16 probable outside evaluators who will attempt to do as many of the 185 active members this year. Immediately following the Executive Board Meeting Don will have a meeting with his evaluation committee where the final plans / procedures will be worked out.
10. Website Chairman was not available.
11. Old Business: The NHIAA website lists the Policy & Procedures for all sports and we must stress their importance and Terry Dostie will review them during his rules interpretation meetings. Our Executive Board Meeting dates were finalized to be: Prior to the Annual Business Meeting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in March, the

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Sunday of the weekend following the Tournament Finals, the Sunday after Columbus Day in October and the Sunday after Martin Luther King Day in January.

12. New Business: The March Meeting Site was confirmed as being at NHTI in Concord in the Auditorium of the Goldie Crocker Wellness Center. Executive Board will meet at 8:30; Annual Business Meeting will be at 10:00 with a Rules Interpretation / Mechanics Clinic to immediately follow.

Up for election is a 3 year Member-at-Large.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws:

Under **Article VII Continuing Education**, Part 2 will be changed to read..... *“Any member who fails to transmit the on line open book exam and pass with a score of 80% or better by the date set by the Executive Committee shall be subject to disciplinary action as set forth in Article VIII.”* Part 3 will be eliminated.

Under **Article X Officers Executive Committee**, add number 3. *“Each member of the Executive Board is required to attend 50% or greater of the yearly March to March Executive Board Meetings. A member, who fails to comply, will be removed and an interim member will be appointed by the President.”*

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