

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting January 27, 2013

1. Minutes of the Oct. 14, 2012 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's report was handed out and approved with a current balance of \$9,767.18 in our checking account. There are 11 (5 active) umpires that have not paid their 2013 dues. These umpires will be deleted from the 2013 roster and the Arbiter. Dues for the 2014 season are \$82.00, for the 2015 season are \$84.00 and for the 2015 season are \$86.00. The treasurer will order the Baseball Preseason Guide and the Referee publication on Mechanics for all active members and will order extra mechanics books that will be available for purchase by the apprentices. Estimated 2013 expenditures of \$16,635 was discussed, with the treasurer assuring the board that we should have enough funds to meet those expenses. Bob Skinner was given the floor to discuss his recent communication with Don Collins re: Executive Session Bylaw Amendment. After much discussion, a finished amendment will be presented to the membership to be voted on at the annual March meeting. This amendment will be added to ARTICLE XII #2. Another bylaw change is in ARTICLE X #3, ".....A member, who fails to comply, may be removed....."
3. Secretary reported that he is looking for some input as to what the qualifications should be to become eligible to receive the Kleiner Award. An "ad hoc" committee, Duane Welch, Jim Fletcher & Bill Makarawicz, will meet soon to determine those qualifications and then make them available to the membership.
4. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie reported that on Jan. 17th he attended a Federation Rules Webinar on which a powerpoint presentation was given. New rules are on the NFHS website. He met with Greg Kageleiry and Charlie Driscoll and gave them the rules interpretation. Ten rules questions will be deleted and replaced with ten mechanics questions. Rule Interpretations / Mechanics Clinic will be scheduled for: February coaches meeting in Amherst, following the Annual Business Meeting at noon on March 10th, Somersworth H.S. – room 108 at 6:00PM on March 13th and Holderness School at 10:00AM date TBA. Terry mentioned that in conversation with Bill Dodd, a double first base will not be considered this year. Revised mechanic, with runners at 1st & 3rd, no matter how many outs, "B" is the preferred position. The Federation has dropped the use of a delayed dead ball signal. The online testing will open on March 1st and close at midnight March 31st.
5. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz reported that the NHIAA has made it mandatory that all umpires register with them no matter what level of high school sport they officiate. Since the NHIAA requires that all baseball schedules be given to them from the schools by February 1st, assigning cannot be completed until after that date. The old assigning schedule that we use to have is no longer viable. Assignments should be sent out by the middle of February. Sub-varsity assignments will be available to members either with the initial publishing or on self assign. Apprentices will be given preference.
6. Supervisor Jim Fletcher met with the Baseball Committee on November 6th. Discussed was the pitching log for tournament play and the use of Concord's Memorial Field with the realization that another site is not available, convenient or suitable for day & nighttime games. May 28th was set for the Div III playoffs and June 8th will see the finals at Fischer Cat Stadium – Div I at 1:00PM, Div II at 10:00AM, Div III at 7:00PM and Div IV at 4:00PM. The 10 mechanics questions inserted into the rules test and made available on our website, www.nhbua.org. The Mechanics Illustrated 2 & 3 Person with CD Rom will be purchased and distributed to every active member and made available for purchase by apprentices. This book will become our official mechanics' guide for all members and evaluators. Two procedures in the book will be modified for NHBUA Umpires. Jim will address this at the Mechanic's Clinics.
7. BUD Chairman Tom Fischer reported that the Apprentice Program will begin on March 17th at Laconia H.S. at 1:00PM. Tom has received 20 inquiries with 3 paid apprentices. The Trinity and / or the Londonderry Tournaments will be used to complete the apprentices field test. Volunteer instructors are: Bob Skinner, Pete Wyrwicz, Lee Champagne, Charlie Driscoll, Don Thibeault, Dave Harrington, Jim Walsh, Jim Nelson & Sean Cahoon
8. Performance Review Coordinator Don Micucci reported that there were 42 evaluations last year with 6 umpires evaluated on both plate and base. Don will send to Billy Makarawicz the ratings of these umpires. Don asked the Board if they thought that more evaluators were needed. The Board went into Executive

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(Closed) Session. After consideration, the Board has determined that adding new evaluators is not necessary at this time. After this meeting, Don would like the evaluators present to remain for a brief meeting.

9. Website Chairman Bill Jennings informed the Board that the website will be updated regarding mechanics after the Annual Business Meeting by deleting the current 2-man & 3-man mechanics and replace with a reference to the new Mechanics Illustrated Manual. The 2 mechanic differences will be listed. As soon as Bill receives the NFHS Rules Test, he will make that available on the websites' home page. Also listed will be the sites, dates and times of all Rule Interpretations and the schedule of the 3-man clinic.
10. Executive Session
11. Old Business: Due to the fact that Honig's will not be at the Annual Meeting, Frank at Honig's East has agreed to send to the Secretary's attention without shipping charges, all members' orders received by him before February 25th. An email will be sent to all members notifying them of this opportunity. The By-Laws term....."proof of health and character"....will remain. The position of Liason will be listed as a By-Laws change and voted on at the Annual Business Meeting. The use of the new Mechanic's book will assure that all BUD Instructors, evaluators and members will be on the same page.
12. New Business: The Secretary has been instructed to purchase Referee's Preseason Baseball Guide for all members. The Kleiner Memorial Award qualifications will be defined by a committee of 3 appointed from and by the Executive Board. That Kleiner Committee will consist of Jim Fletcher, Bill Makarawicz and Duane Welch. The varsity game fee for next year is \$82.00 consequently next years (2014) dues will be \$82.00 for Active Members, \$41.00 for Inactive Members and \$20.50 for qualified 25 year members.

Our next scheduled meeting will be March 10, 2013.

Duane Welch
Sec/Treas NHBUA

In Attendance: Rick Force, Duane Welch, Jeff Turgeon, Ted Houlihan, Steve Durrance, Terry Dostie, Jim Fletcher, Jim Walsh, Tom Fischer, Bill Jennings, Bill Makarawicz, Bob Skinner, Charlie Driscoll, Tom Desautel, Brian Troupe & Dave Kyle

Absent: Lee Champagne & Rick Parslow.