

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting June 28, 2015

1. Minutes of the January 25, 2015 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.
2. Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Treasury has a balance of \$6,695.36. The secretary reported that there are over 100 members who have not paid their 2016 dues which are due in 3 days. Most wait until the 30th to mail in their check. A very nice note of appreciation from Pete Wyrwicz's wife, Linda, was read.
3. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie reported that during the season there was one protest that was dropped because that team won the game. Terry is going to have our Supervisor ask the NHIAA Baseball Committee to allow the Rules Interpreter or his designee to be a contact to rule on a protest during the tournament. Terry also reported on behalf of Jim Fletcher, Supervisor that the Tourney went well. There was one protest and Jim was concerned that none of the 3-man crew had a Federation Rule Book. This will be a topic of interest next season during the Interpretations.
4. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz commented that the first 2 weeks of the season made the rest of the season very difficult to assign due to so many changes such as the site and then contacting umpires and reassigning others. And it continued through the season. 1900 games assigned with some JV games with only one umpire. Certain schools are assigning their own umpires with permission from the NHIAA. Some of those schools are, Monadnock, Conant, Fall Mountain, Keene & Timberlane. Bill said he has assembled a list of possible Region 3 Assignor and will bring that list at the October meeting. A few of the names are Don Stroy Meyer, Jim Moylan and Gary Noyes. Also Bill suggested that at the Annual March Meeting a demonstration should be given to all members about the Arbiter and what they can do while on the Arbiter to make is a more useful system.
5. Supervisor Jim Fletcher is on vacation in Alaska. Terry Dostie reported for him said that the ejections were down this year. The Nashua South and B.G. 3 man clinics went very well. There were 5 new umpires in the finals: Barry Reddick, Kevin Bolduc, Brent Covell, Bill Anderson and Alan Merrifield.
6. BUD Acting Chairman Tom Desautel reported that 8 new members passed the written and field test.
7. Performance Review Coordinator Don Micucci reported that this year there were 19 evaluations – Micucci 8, Skinner 6, Troupe 4 and Fletcher 1. Don wants to use a surprise evaluation and the board told him it was his choice to do what he thinks will work. Discussed at length about evaluators observing pregame and postgame conferences. There is a need for competition for games among umpires before every umpire does his best at every game. If the threat of losing games next year, they would work hard to do it right this year.
8. Website Chairman Paul Viens was informed that the on line evaluations didn't work and he said that he would work on it. Paul requested that our rule interpreter use the "Interpreters' Corner" on the website to inform the members of rule interpretations and solve "Knotty Problems" they may occur on the field. He also asked all present that if they wanted something added or corrected on the website, to please let him know.
9. Executive Session was used during new business.
10. Old Business: Gary Noyes was confirmed as year round B.U.D. Chairman with Dan Coughlin to assist Gary whenever and wherever he is able. It was emphasized that there must be a Spring and a Fall Program. Getting the word out is imperative – using press releases, advertising and "word of mouth" to the many umpires that officiate summer ball games. To answer the question, "Who is required to attend these Executive Board Meetings?" the following was cited: ByLaws of the NHBUA, Article X Officers / Executive Committee, #3 Executive Committee Attendance Requirements states that all members of the Executive must attend 50% of the Executive Board Meetings. It was also decided to change the June Executive Board Meeting from the Sunday of the weekend following the Finals to the Sunday of the Finals weekend.
11. New Business: The next meeting will be October 18th.

Duane Welch, Sec/Treas NHBUA

In Attendance: Duane Welch, Terry Dostie, Tom Fischer, Brian Troupe, Don Micucci, Lee Champagne, Ted Houlihan, Bill Makarawicz, Dave Harrington Tom Desautel & Bob Skinner
Absent: Jeff Turgeon, Jim Walsh, Jim Fletcher, Rick Force & Brian Troupe

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