

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

1. Minutes of the January 2019 Executive Board Meeting were approved as written.
2. Sec / Treas, Duane Welch, reported on the health of the Treasury is "A-OK". The balance as of May 17th is \$6,451.05. A major expense for evaluations is \$2,376.00 (27 X \$88.00) and stipends of \$1,600.00, will not have an major impact on the treasury because the dues for 2020 have not yet been received. The Secretary asked that a notice be sent to all umpires reminding them that their dues are due by June 30th.
3. Interpreter, Terry Dostie combined his report with input from the Supervisor, Jim Fletcher who was unable to attend the meeting. The season had 1 protest which was not upheld because the umpires were correct. The umpires were also correct following a protest during the Tournament. Terry received a call from Coach Chip Scully concerning the umpires desire to have an injured player replaced without allowing enough time for the injured player to get back into the game. During the season, there were quite a few white or gray gloves worn by pitchers. Balks are not being called in Div. IV. At ground rules, the coaches are not being offered the opportunity to use the speed up rule. Don Micucci remarked that he would like to the Rules Interpreter be the Protest Committee throughout the Tournament. He said that this years committee did not understand the importance of what they were suppose to do – they didn't even have a rule book. Next year, part of Terry's Rules Interpretations will cover : Players out of the dugout to welcome a runner scoring during live ball play not a home run. What's the penalty? And also: Taunting – Warning at ground rules and Ejection when it happens – any gray area? The whole rule has to be revisited.
4. Assigning Chairman, Bill Makarawicz, reported that, even though he says it every year, This year has been the worse for rain outs, re-scheduled, turn backs, venue changes and availability! But somehow we got through it! Gary Noyes remarked that this will always be a problem unless we recruit more potential umpires! Dues are always coming late as is registering with the NHIAA. Brian Troupe said that turn backs are out of control and our umpires need to be taught how to block days and/ or times. Assignors need to take charge and be able to override blocked partners and, to some extent, blocked schools.

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5. Supervisor was unavailable.
6. **Baseball Umpire Development** Chairman, Gary Noyes, reported that he has 18 new members: 11 from the BUD Class and 7 from the Keene Clinic. His team of instructors worked long and hard to bring 18 new officials to the NHBUA. Gary would like to give each instructor a J.V. Game Fee of \$68.00 for their Field Test Evaluation of the apprentices.
7. Performance Review Coordinator, Don Micucci, reported that rain outs, reschedules and injuries curtailed some of the scheduled evaluations. With that being said, we were able to accomplish 27 evaluations, 18 during the regular season and 9 during the post season play. Next year, Jim Fletcher will be reducing his game schedule and will be available to evaluate more umpires.
8. Website Chairman, Paul Viens, reported that the web site hosting company, *Sullivan + Wolf Design*, do a fantastic job servicing our web site quickly and efficiently. It is suggested that any Executive Board Chairman check their area of expertise and make sure the web site is up to date. The summer is upon us and next years dates should be listed in the site such as, Rule Interpretations, Apprentice dates, Assigning issues, NHIAA registering dates and dues!! Lee Champagne will be providing photos of the Tournament.
9. Executive Session was invoked at Terry Dostie's request.
10. The use of an American Flag Patch was discussed with a unanimous agreement that a 2 inch by 3 inch Flag may be worn on the back of the umpire jersey just below the collar. A gold border on the patch to be worn by veterans and a plain border by all others. The flag is Optional!
11. The Board voted not to be in favor for the use of "camo" hats at this time.
Lee Champagne will form a committee to research the formation of a "Hall of Fame" Recognition award. This committee will set standards and qualifications for the award. With Massachusetts becoming a Federation Rule State, it was decided that when it

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does, the NHBUA will accept transfers from MA but they must attend a NH Rules Interpretation and successfully pass and confirm such to the satisfaction of the NHBUA Rules Interpreter or Supervisor of Umpires.

A member of the NHBUA was concerned that some umpires who did not attend a 3-man clinic were assigned Tournament 3-man assignments. The Supervisor and the Interpreter will research that concern.

The next meeting of the NHBUA Executive Board will be Sunday, October 20, 2019.

In attendance: Bill Makarawicz, Ted Houlihan, Dave Harrington, Gary Noyes, Brian Troupe, Don Micucci, Terry Dostie, Lee Champagne, Paul Viens, Adam Rozumek, Bob Skinner and Duane Welch.

Absent: Tom Fischer, Jim Walsh, Alan Merrifield and Jim Fletcher.