

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting March 14, 2021

Sec/Treas

Minutes of the Jan. 24th meeting were accepted. Troupe reminded the board that the October meeting of the Executive Board was permanently dissolved as there was nothing happening with baseball related decisions at that time of year.

As of this date, the treasury totals \$2,105 and should be around \$11,000 if all members pay dues for this season. We need around \$12,000 for books, stipends, travel, etc.

25 year members will pay $\frac{1}{4}$ dues (\$22.50) as usual rather than the \$50.00 fee required in 2020. The treasurer feels that the NHBUA is on the road to financial recovery after the damage done by COVID and additional expenditures required during the last year.

Supervisor Fletcher remarked that he has ordered 200 rule and case books for the 2022 season.

Assigning

Billy Mak has 143 NHIAA registered members, 12 will work no games and some refuse to wear masks at ball games so our numbers are significantly reduced. 48 members are not registered and 17 are listed as "not ready" on the Arbiter.

Discussion on making sure on making sure that all varsity games have two umpires assigned and sub-varsity can be covered by one umpire.

All high school schedules are not on the Arbiter as of this date. Regional assignors will be responsible for the assigning games as of 3/19/2021.

The Secretary queried about members that refuse to pay dues because they did not play games in 2020. Dostie recommends they go Inactive and pay dues accordingly

Discussion about the on field mask requirement for officials. Fletcher will meet with the Baseball Committee on 3/15/2021 and will report the results to Billy so the protocols can be distributed to the members prior to the annual meeting on 3/21/2021. Billy will also ask all members as to their intent to work games and he will give that information to Fletch.

Supervisor

Jim Fletcher will clarify protocols during his ZOOM meeting with the Baseball Committee on 3/15/2021 and send the results to Billy Mak so the decisions can be distributed to the membership.

Discussions followed concerning the recommended one man mechanics for sub-varsity games. It was decided by unanimous vote to call the game from behind the mound not home plate. (Moved by Houlihan and seconded by Troupe.)

BUD

Chairman Gary Noyes ran a ZOOM meeting on 3/10/2021 with 5 candidates concerning our mechanics. He will conduct another on line class on 3/28/2021. All other classes will take place outdoors at a location to be determined.

Discussion concerning the proper method of uniforms and equipment ensued. Troupe verified that we were to use the NHBUA link on the Sports Loft website to be eligible for a 10% discount. The Sports Loft is the NHBUA's official supplier of hats, jackets and shirts. Other equipment may be purchased by any retailer.

Gary will send Duane the names of the 2020 provisional members so they can receive the NHBUA patches.

Evaluations

Chairman was not able to attend.

Website

Chairman Viens will request the appropriate changes be made to the website as soon as he has the results of the new protocols for the upcoming season.

Additional items for the "Good of the NHBUA"

President Houlihan covered the agenda for the ZOOM meeting of the association annual meeting.

Presenters will answer questions from the members.

Old Business

Question about the mechanics of voting given the bylaws change submitted by Jim Walsh as a result of the last meeting. What is the protocol for changing the way we vote during a virtual meeting? Decision hangs in limbo.

Billy Mak queried the process by which a former member can become active. It was decided that he should be tested and field evaluated after making the appropriate NHBUA dues and NHIAA registration fee.

New Business

Discussion about the make-up for members that miss the ZOOM annual meeting of 3/21/2021. The meeting will be recorded by Gary Noyes and made available to those not in attendance. It was not decided how those members will know how to access the recording.

Dostie requested the results of the test be made available to him for analysis. Fletch will make arrangements with the NHIAA to remedy the situation.

Billy Mak recommended we all change our password on the Arbiter as it seems that a fishing scam appears to be emanating from that software.

President adjourned the meeting at 11:06 AM.

Compiled by Robert Skinner

In attendance: Houlihan, Walsh, Noyes, Makarawicz, Dostie, Fletcher, Viens, Troupe, Merrifield, Fischer, Troupe, Champagne, Harrington, Rozumek, Skinner, Strohmeyer, & Welch. Absent: Micucci.