

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting October, 2013

1. Minutes of the June 15, 2013 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.
2. Secretary/Treasurer reported that Ken Burke has decided to retire from umpiring due to illness. A letter of suspension will be sent to seven umpires who have not paid their 2014 dues. The secretary was instructed to delete from the roster five other umpires who have moved out of the area or who haven't paid their dues for the past two years. The Treasury has a balance of \$10,226.30.
3. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie reported that since the June Meeting he has nothing new to report.
4. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz reported that a new feature on the Arbiter is the information regarding an umpire being registered with the NHIAA. It will list those who have registered and those who have not. So far 118 have not registered. The NHIAA would like all officials to register during or just prior to the anniversary date of June. For 2015 the registration is expected to be raise from \$30.00 to approximately \$50.00. Along with the increase is the free addition of an Application for your iPhone to receive your schedule. PayRef is also available to wish to use the service.
Dave Kyle has resigned after 20 years of service. His Regional Assigning position will be filled by 2 other regional assignors. Bill Makarawicz and Bob Skinner will divide Dave's Region on a trial basis for one season and then the position will redressed. Bill mentioned that the membership is getting older and some members are leaving baseball to do softball or both sports or retiring altogether. A discussion followed about recruiting new members, schools hiring non-members to do JV games and the possibility of Saturday games.
5. Supervisor Jim Fletcher reported that ejections where down from 21 last year to 18 this year. There were 6 Varsity players, 11 Jr. Varsity players and 1 Assistant JV Coach (short sleeve pullover). Jim was asked by the committee to create an evaluation form that the coaches can use. Jim did so and used it last season on a sample basis with the results spotty. Next season, Jim will ask that all coaches use the form. Rick suggested that Jim does not share the information derived from the form with the umpires involved. Pat Corbin was very happy with the tournament umpire game performances. Next year finals at Fischer Cat Stadium will have Div. III at 10:00 AM, Div. IV at 1:00 PM, Div. I at 4:00 PM and Div. II at 7:00 on Saturday, June 14, 2014. More information will be posted on our website. Jim wants all play-off games to go to a 3-man system with the first round 2 umpire fees being divided 3 ways. This would require 96 umpires. (Play-in games in Div III would not be affected.) NHIAA Assistant Director, Donna Plumb would like to know which schools are using unregistered umpires. Jim will compile that info. The next Baseball Committee meeting is Nov.12th.
6. BUD Chairman Tom Fischer reported the next BUD Apprentice Program will be March 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 13 & 27. Last year was a very difficult year for the BUD Program trying to accomplish the usually successful results. Out of 28 apprentices that started the program, 18 passed. The Program lost the use of tournaments at Hopkinton, Winnisquam and Trinity. Londonderry was the only tournament that was held. There was continued discussion on recruiting new umpires. This years' apprentice will be required to attend their four 2nd year classes in the Fall during our new Fall Program. In the future, the BUD Apprentice Program will be held in the Fall, starting on the first Sunday after Labor Day. The location for classes will be determined at a later date.
7. Performance Review Coordinator Don Micucci reported that last season 45 evaluations were done for a total of 98 since going to the new format of third party evaluator. Fred Jasinski has made available a new, revised evaluation form which will be instituted next year. The next meeting of the evaluators will be immediately following the January Executive Board Meeting.
8. Website Chairman Bill Jennings has resigned his position. An "open to the membership" email will be sent looking for candidates that would qualify for Website Chairman. All prospective members must apply by Dec. 1, 2013 with a brief resume listing qualifications and/or experience. Paul Viens has expressed an interest. Bill will be available during a transition period.
9. Executive Session was used during evaluations & new business.
10. Old Business: A 26 page document titled "Policies & Procedures Manual" was presented by the committee chaired by Terry Dostie with help from Jim Walsh, Ted Houlihan and Steve Durrance. This manual will be

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emailed via an attachment to all executive board members who will read and reply with suggested edits. Rick Force emphasized that the Chairs be diligent in their respective departments.

11. New Business: Tom Desautel asked if the Executive Board would like to give “Finals Jacket” to members who have done more than one final – not approved. Jim Walsh asked that the Board approve a raise in the BUD Apprentice fee from \$100 to \$130 – so voted and passed. Bob Skinner asked for approval of not more than \$500 to the RVYSE Foundation Golf Tournament for the purchase of “gift bags” for participants. This was discussed and approved. Lee Champagne asked if doing evaluations instead of games would be considered fulfilling any requirement for playoff assignments. A minimum number of games was discussed with the basis of the requirement being unknown. Further research will be done.
The dates for the next three Executive Board Meeting will be: Sunday, January 26, 2014, Sunday, March 9, 2014 and Sunday, June 22, 2014.

Duane Welch
Sec/Treas NHBUA

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

Absent: Charlie Driscoll