

## Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting October 19, 2014

1. Minutes of the June 22, 2014 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.
2. Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Treasury has a balance of \$6,986.60. The Treasurer cautioned that funds may not be available to cover all expected expenses for the 2015 season. Evaluations may have to be reduced from the 2014 season expenditure. A more accurate picture should be available at the January meeting. He reported that Bruce Campbell, Peter Leavitt and Mike Nute have resigned. He also listed 12 Active Umpires & 3 Inactive Umpires who have not paid their dues and who have not responded to emails or a letter informing them of their position. Thus, these 15 have been suspended. Since the Sec/Treas is the NHIAA website contact pertaining to info about becoming an umpire, he has forwarded to the B.U.D. Chairman 3 inquiries.
3. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie had no new news to report.
4. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz was ill and could not attend.
5. Supervisor Jim Fletcher reported that the Baseball Committee will meet in November.
6. BUD Chairman Tom Fischer had to leave but told the Sec/Treas that there were 5 Apprentices that attended the Fall BUD Program in Laconia. Rick Force wanted Tom Fischer to be sure that he understood that the fall program is to be the replacement of the spring program with the fall schedule be enhanced with more on field mechanics and rules be worked on at each meeting but not a classroom setting. Rick feels that the apprentices are not getting their money's worth. Rick would also like to use the Spring Season of JV Ball to hone the skills of the apprentices and have the field test at the end of the JV spring schedule.
7. Performance Review Coordinator Don Micucci reported that he would like to receive a list from the regional assignors of umpires that need to be evaluated so he can plan accordingly. He would like this list by the January meeting. He also told the Treasurer that evaluations this spring will not be as many as last year, probably half of what was done in 2014. He reminded the Treasurer that he is in favor of not receiving mileage for evaluations. Don said he would like to evaluate the umpires that have been members for 6 to 10 years and are possibly Tournament prospects.
8. Website Chairman Paul Viens is on vacation.
9. Executive Session was used during new business.
10. Old Business: The Sportsmanship Award issue has been suspended due to lack of funds and confusion as to what are the qualifications would be, would it be for a team(s), player or coach and what division(s). The wearing of pink to help with the fight against breast cancer was tabled. Any Honig charcoal gray pant can be worn no matter what the price or style.
11. New Business: Member Dean Drown addressed the Executive Board with a concern about fellow umpires lack of direction from the NHBUA regarding the procedure when a concussion to an umpire occurs on the field of play. He

searched both the By-Laws and the Policy & Procedures Manual and cannot find reference to the problem of a concussion. He knows there is an Internet Protocol and would like that to be mandatory for all officials. But what do you do on the field after it is determined that one of the umpires, in a 2 man system, has been removed from the game? What does the NHIAA want us to do? Jim Fletcher said he would approach the NHIAA at his next meeting to get a directive from them as to: Using one umpire, no protest, using a non-patched umpire, suspended game, etc. In other new business, Rick Force asked if there are too many attending the Executive Board Meetings. He suggested that the January Meeting be a mandatory one but the June and October meetings do not have to be attended by the Regional Assignors, the Webmaster and the Past President. Motion was passed with a stipulation that an Assignors Meeting be held prior to the January meeting. A P&P Manual will list the policy. The next meeting will be on January 25, 2015.

Duane Welch, Sec/Treas NHBUA

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

Absent: Jim Walsh, Bill Makarawicz & Paul Viens