

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

1. Minutes of the June 19, 2019 Executive Board Meeting were approved.
2. Secretary / Treasurer, Duane Welch, distributed an Interim Treasurers Report and an updated list of umpires listed on the NHBUA Arbiter Account that are not listed on the current NHBUA Roster of Active Members. He reported that these non-members claim to be members and have attended a rules interpretation and passed the Federation Baseball Umpires Test. **There are 25 of these umpires listed.**

There are also 6 Inactive Members that are listed. There are also 16 listed members who have not paid Active Dues that should not be listed.

Billy Mak said that he would “clean up” the Arbiter and delete those non-paying, non-member & inactive umpires.
3. Rules Interpreter, Terry Dostie, said that he would send a list of umpires, who did not attend an NFHS Rules Interpretation and those who did not do the NFHS Test to the Regional Assignors, by April 1st. He reported that the NH Baseball Coaches Meeting will probably be held on Sunday, January 26, 2020 which would interfere with the proposed NHBUA Executive Board Meeting. The meeting date was approved to be moved to Sunday, January 12, 2020.

A 2020 NFHS Rule emphasis will be concerning the “taunting, baiting and bench conduct” differences between Federation and NHIAA Rules.

Joint Report – Dostie & Fletcher: There is a concern about NHBUA Members assigning high school (Freshman, J.V. & Varsity) games outside of the acknowledged NHBUA Arbiter Account. The following resolution will be brought to the attention of the NHIAA at its next Baseball Committee Meeting.

No NHBUA Member may assign any High School (Freshman, J.V. & Varsity) Baseball Games except a Regional Assignor or their designee. Violation of this will result in suspension pending appeal to the NHBUA Executive Board. Effective September, 21, 2020 and applied starting with the 2021 season.
4. Assigning Chairman, Bill Makarawicz, reported that 75% of 2020 schedules are on the Arbiter, except for Division III. In the future, Bill expects all schedules to be on the Arbiter by September 1st. All Varsity games will be sent out by February 1, 2020. There are 18 new Athletic Directors for 2020 with possibly more changes to come. The 2020 Season starts April 13th.

----- Send Notice To All Members To Block Unavailable Dates -----
5. Supervisor of Officials, Jim Fletcher, reported that the Tournament went well w/ few exceptions. The Year, 2019, had a total of 13 disqualifications with 1 being an assistant coach and 5 malicious contact – a good year. An action item to where there is a conflict between the NHBUA’s Policy & Procedures Manual, Federation Rules versus NHIAA blanket taunting policy. This will be discussed with the NHIAA.

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6. Baseball Umpire Development Program Chairman, Gary Noyes, reported that the Spring 2020 Apprentices Classes will be held on the following dates:
March 29, April 5, 19, 26, and May 3, 17 – all Saturdays. Location to be determined according to availability and cost. So far Gary has received 30 inquiries from the NHIAA Web Site.
7. Performance Review Coordinator, Don Micucci was unavailable. He did ask the Secretary to report that Don would like all assignors to send him the names of umpires that they would like to be evaluated.
8. Website Chairman, Paul Viens, asked the Board for any additional information that the Board wanted to be included on our website to let him know – current “Finals” photos would be accepted.
9. There was no “Executive Session” invoked.
10. American Flag Patch may be attached to the back of the shirt just below the collar. The secretary and the assigning will assume responsibility for obtaining the 3”X2” patch in conjunction with the NHSUA.
11. New Business: The Hall of Fame committee met and have recommended the following for induction to the initial Hall of Fame. They are: Tom Desautel, Tony Urban, Larry Kleiner, Tom Croasdale, Fred Jasinski, Ray Valliere , Peter Perich & Bob Skinner. A discussion followed with the conclusion that all of the above be inducted and either a plaque or a ring be presented the umpire or their representative.
The committee used the following as prerequisite for being considered:
20 year or more membership and contribution to the NHBUA.

It was decided that an email be sent to all members asking for candidates from the coaching ranks to be considered for the Tom Desautel Memorial Award – given to a current coach who has displayed good sportsmanship.

The membership will also be notified that the date of the Annual Business Meeting will be held on the THIRD Sunday in March – 2020 March 15.

In attendance: Bill Mamarawicz, Jim Walsh, Bob Skinner, Ted Houlihan, Gary Noyes
Don Strohmeier, Jim Fletcher, Terry Dostie, Tom Fischer, Paul Viens,
Alan Merrifield & Duane Welch.

Absent: Don Micucci, David Harrington, Adam Rozumek, Lee Champagne & Brian Troupe.

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