

## Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting October 14, 2012

1. Minutes of the June 24, 2012 Executive Board Meeting were accepted.
2. Treasurer's report was handed out and approved with a current balance of \$14,130.31 in our checking account. There are 10 active umpires that have not paid their 2013 dues. Two are new members from the 2012 Apprentice Program.
3. Secretary reported that since our last meeting there has been no correspondence received.
4. Rules Interpreter Terry Dostie reported that there are 3 major rule clarifications, 1) a coach may only have a stop watch in his possession during a game, 2) a new pitcher may be given as many warm-up pitchers as deemed necessary when called into the game to replace an ejected pitcher, 3) the manufacturer of bats has the authority to bring criminal charges against anyone who alters their bat. Terry and Jim Fletcher will meet to confirm Rule Interpretation dates / sites. Terry suggested the following: A meeting in Amherst in February when the coaches meet, at the March Annual Business Meeting (the second Sunday in March), Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in Holderness and a Monday or Tuesday later in March in Somersworth.
5. Assigning Chairman Bill Makarawicz reported that he will clear the Arbiter either Monday or Tuesday. He said that there are 18 to 20 new athletic directors / coordinators. He reported that the NHIAA is going to make it mandatory that all umpires register with them no matter what level of high school sport they officiate. The impact on the scheduling of umpires because of this move was discussed in depth. Bill will try to meet with Pat Corbin to discuss our concerns. Last year weather, as usual, created an assigning challenge. Bill reported that there were 1,900 games with 4,000 slots to fill. All varsity games were filled while some JV games used one umpire. Non members filled 300 slots.
6. Supervisor Jim Fletcher reported that the dates & sites for the 2013 are; Division I – Nashua, Division II – Concord, Division III – SNHU and Division IV – Plymouth. The NHIAA is looking into a different site for Div. II because of the inconsistent lighting in Concord. He also reported that the Disqualification Report shows that baseball had 9 varsity ejections, 9 JV ejections and 4 coach (2 JV) ejections. With the advent of the "restricted to the dugout" rule, ejections have been reduced over the past few years. Jim is in the process of comparing the NHBUA on-line mechanics with the Federation Mechanics Publication to compare and explore the possibility of using the Federation Book or variations of the Book. He hopes to accomplish his comparison by the January Meeting.
7. Liaison Jim Walsh did not attend any NHIAA meetings.
8. BUD Chairman Tom Fischer reported 44 inquires have been received which is typical for this time of the year. The 2013 apprentice dates are; March 17, 24, April 7, 14, 21, 28, all at Laconia High School. The field test will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at the JV Tournament @ Derryfield Park.
9. Performance Review Coordinator Don Micucci was unavailable. Bill Makarawicz reported that 2,681 peer evaluations were done out of 2,884 assignments – when you subtract the JV assignments, the percentage of peer evaluations not completed was 4%.
10. Website Chairman Bill Jennings stated that he needs updates and "news" from the Executive Board to keep the website up to date.
11. Old Business: Rick Force has worked on the NHBUA's Policies & Procedures and needs input from the Executive Board regarding items listed in the By-Laws that can be more logically listed in the P&P. It was decided that a Report for discussion that requires "Executive Session" shall be listed on the Executive Board Meeting Agenda as a normal listing.
12. New Business: Brian Troupe informed the Executive Board that the Honig's Annual Meeting Display will not happen this spring. Honig's will fill orders up to February 25, 2013 that will be shipped with no shipping charges to the Sec/Treas to be distributed at the Annual Business Meeting. Rick Force questioned Article III of our By-Laws that refers to "...proof of health and character..." and "...good morals and character...". After some discussion, Jim Fletcher or Bill Makarawicz will ask Pat Corbin of the NHIAA his position. Rick would like to see the position of Liason eliminated. The Executive Board voted to discontinue that position and will inform the membership.

Rick agreed with the decision of Jim Fletcher to peruse the Federation Mechanics Book and compare it with the NHBUA published mechanics and would like to have the BUD Program Chairman and the Supervisor work closer together to make sure that all of the BUD instructors are teaching the same mechanics. Rick said he would like to have a “trainer’s manual” developed to insure all are on the same page. Also mentioned was the changing of a spring Apprentice Program to a fall program. Jim Fletcher mentioned that he would like the BUD Trainers to be the best qualified for that position and that when the BUD Program evaluates its apprentices, BUD uses the same evaluators for all evaluations. After a long discussion, it was resolved that the BUD Chairman and the Supervisor join together to bring proper mechanics to the apprentices **and** the general membership.

Our next scheduled meeting will be January 27, 2013.

Duane Welch  
Sec/Treas NHBUA

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

Absent: Charlie Driscoll, Don Micucci & Rick Parslow.