



Annual Board Meeting
Winnisquam H.S. March 2, 2014 9:00 am

Meeting: Meeting was called to order by President Jim Rivers at 10:00 am

Minutes: Minutes of {EB} Jan. 2013 meeting were approved

Treas: Hank reported that we have over \$ 8,013.68 as of February 28, 2014

Apprentice: Report by Terri Warren:

Introduced the following 2013 apprentice class umpires as the newest members:

Linda Lachance	Virgil Bossom	Richard Judd	Chris Caswell
Kristin Taylor	Bell Melanson	Ken LeBlanc	Tony Scalzi
Bob Constance	Keith Vachon		

The 2014 Apprentice class took their test this morning and { ? } passed. They have a mechanics clinic on March 8 and two pre-season jamborees in April. If they pass the written and mechanics test they will become members of the 2014 Class.

Interpreter: Glenn Colburn Report: gave the report and during the Rules Clinic covered the new rule changes along with points of emphasis. These changes and Points will be listed on the web site under Interpreter report.

Supervisor: Pierre Lafitte Report:

Enrollment fee for NHIAA Insurance: 2014/\$30 2015/\$45 2016/\$65 Reasons for increase are {1} increased cost in insurance, legal fees, staff cost, {2} Poor economy; attendance at events falling and shrinking corporate sponsorships. Everyone must be registered by March 9, 2014 – Late fee of \$5 from March 10-15th and after the 15th you can't register.

Test: Handouts available to all members. Pierre covered all errors in test. Need 85% to pass and must take it on line. You have 3 times you can take it. Your last score will be the one used. Test scores do not affect evaluations for tournament assignments. On line test will open March 3, 2014 and close April 2, 2014. Billy Mak will review scores on April 7 to see who has and who has not taken the test on line.

Season Ejections: Only {1} in 2013. Contact, Protest, and ejection forms are all on the NHSUA web site. If you have a situation to use any of the forms please report to Glenn and Pierre immediately after the game when you get home.

Committee and Executive Board Concerns:

- ... Contact school day of game
- ... Get to Games ½ hour before start of game. Check field and equipment
- ... Keep hard copy of lineup card
- ... know the 30 minute rule for lighting and thunder. 30 minutes from last seen or heard
- ... disqualified player to bench with adult supervision
- ... remember the game is important and if the bus comes late give team time to warm up.
- ... be consistent on strike zone. Rules: See it Call it.
- ... CONFLICT of interest -- games where you have an interest do not do.
- ... Work with coaches
- ... 12 Run Rule -- There is no other for NHIAA Softball
- ... Game legal ends in 5 or 4 ½ if home team is ahead.
- ... Illegal Bat if it {rattles, dent, cracks, or shaved
- ... Coaches attire must be enforced
- ... Read Policies and Procedure Manuals {NHIAA}
- ... Fee's for 2014 {82/62} over 40 plus \$14 over 80 plus \$24 over 100 plus \$25 -- This is for one way. Double headers umpires will get \$10 less. \$62/52

Games: Keep track of your games. If you don't get paid notify Pierre. Remember schools are on two week pay cycle and it could take 3 weeks to get paid.

LET PIERRE KNOW:

- ... Ejections/Protest/Physical Contact -- Also let Glynn know.
- ... Not paid
- ... Field or equipment not safe
- ... Problems with Coaches/AD/Or Fans

Dress Professionally at all games. {Gain Respect} Know your rules Communicate with your partner and coaches. {not to friendly} With your partner have eye contact, signs, discuss situations alone. **GAME CONTROL.**

2013 Tourney Information:

- ... 38 AA applied 33 did games
- ... 36 A applied 29 did games
- ... 68 B applied 26 did games Only 12 available that did not do a game. 30 blocked for reasons
- ... Total --- 142 Umpires applied 88 got games – two more than last season. In a nut shell after those that were eliminated because of cause only 12 umpires did not get an assignment.

Evaluator: Jim Charland report\:

Clinics and Requirements:

- A. Northern 3-man Clinic Requirements North of Plymouth
Held by Pierre Lafitte and John Simone at a Jr High Tournament.
- B. Southern Area Clinic 3 man will use last 4 weeks of Season to assign games.
Will assign Plate, 1st and 3rd according to Post season assignments.

“C” position with runner on 2nd base will be by the book and evaluated as such also taught at Apprentice classes and Back to Basics classes by Regions.

NHSUA Membership Clinic Requirements:

Members shall attend clinic every 2 years held yearly by Apprentice Supervisor/Evaluation Supervisor. Regional Assignors that hold clinics also will be used for attendance for clinic requirement.

Evaluation Report					
25 Plate		24 Base			
Grand Total by Region:					
1- 64%	2- 92%	3- 42%	4- 73%	5- 49%	6- 63%
Combined total for association 66% of members					

Reminded all members that the Evaluation process is not out to hurt anyone that we are here to make all members better umpires.

Regional: Report by Assignors in all 6 Regions on games assigned and games opened.

**Awards: Pierre Lafitte and John Simon gave out the following awards for 2014:
2009 {5 yr.} Tom Birmingham, Michael Blaze, Harry Blood, Rick Ellis, Mike Morgan, Derek Patterson, Dave Philibotte, Robert Scott, John Wardrop, Bill Welch. 2004 {10 yr.} Ron Bulsh, Deane Drown, Terry Galley-Quinn, Ryan Glass, Dan Greenleaf, Allen Hodgdon, Richard Milburn, Terri Warren. 1999 {15 yr} James Charland, Glen Colburn, Richard Fortier, Jim Rivers. 1994 {20 yr} NONE 1989 {25 yr.} Dana Bourassa and Tom EboI ---Hank will send them two 25 year patches.**

President: President Duane Welch had a moment of silence for those members that passed away in 2013. Chet Swietz, Tom Rahn, and Chuck Wiggins. All three were sent a gift to their requested location.

**Elections: Evaluation of Umpires: Jim Charland
At Large for three years: Len Lavin
At Large 2 years to fill the unexpired term of Chet Swietz. Bob Thomas and Dennis Fallon nomintated. Bob Thomas as elected by the membership. All other nominations were approved.**

Old Business: None

New Business: Motion made by Gene Lahoullier and seconded by John Simon to have the on line test align with the questions we get from Pierre. Motion failed.

**Meeting adjourned at 11:32
Clinic followed business meeting held by Glenn Colburn**

Report submitted by Secretary Hank Tenney