



NHSUA Executive Board Meeting
 Concord NHIT June 13, 2016 at 5:00 pm

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Executive Board

X Tom Ebol	X Jim Charland	No Pierre Lafitte	X John Simon
X Hank Tenney	X Bob Thomas	X Terri Warren	X Duane Welch
X Billy Makarawicz	X Mark Cherbonneau	X Len Lavin	
X Adam Reitsma	X Norm Lafrenier	No Terry Galley-Quinn	

Meeting: President: Tom Ebol opened the meeting at 5:00 pm

Minutes: Minutes of October, 2015 Executive Board meeting were approved

Sec./Treas: Hank reported that the balance in account as of June is. \$
 Sportsmanship award were announced.

- Region 1 Berlin
- Region 2 Franklin
- Region 3 Fall Mountain
- Region 4 Manchester Memorial
- Region 5 Nashua South
- Region 6 Exeter

Discussion centered on Sportsmanship award should be continue or go back to past and have Division winners. It was confirmed that we stay with regions. We need to find ways to get more members involved in the voting.

Interpreter: Mark Chebonneau reported that he received one e-mail from a coach. One protest and team won game. Umpire was correct. Mark was concerned about who covers games during tournament for protest. It was stated that Pierre {supervisor covers all games at Plymouth in Semi and Finals. Mark covers Division 1 and 2 or assigns someone to it. All protest coverage during the semi and finals get \$25 per game. Forms should be gotten from Hank and returned for payment. Pierre will confirm all coverage with NHIAA Softball Committee to confirm what we are doing is correct.

Assign Chair: Bill Makarawicz said that all Varsity and JV games were covered with two umpires this year.

Evaluator Jim suggested informed the Board that a new evaluation form will be ready for the web site soon. This year he is working on including consistent strike zone and judgment.

Supervisor:

Pierre could not attend but John Simon gave his report for him.

Opening statement by Pierre was about his process of assigning umpires in tournament and he concern about some members of the Association making comments about his fairness. The EB had no concerns about his process and his ability to treat members the same.

Tournament Assignments:

Checks all information from those that have it.

- a. On Line-Test Scores and number of games
- b. Hank -- list of umpires with updated ratings and who attended clinics paid dues
- c. Jim Charland -- who attended the 3 man clinic.
- d. Regional Assignors -- feedback on their members about plate, bases,
- e. NHIAA -- Blocked dates, turn backs, changes, and conflicts.

2016 Tourney Assignments: 95 available, 87 given games

42 AA's in Association

31 Available for games

31 did games

11 blocked dates

10 turned back after assigned

1 did 4 games -- 5 did 2 games -- 22 did 3 or 4 games

45 A's in the Association

33 Available

32 did games

11 blocked dates

6 turned back after assigned

20 did 1 game -- 11 did 2 games -- 1 no games

57 B's in Association

31 Available for games

24 did games

26 blocked dates

6 turned back after assigned

13 did 1 game -- 5 did 2 games -- 7 had no games

After the assignments were given out adjustments had to be made and the following is what transpired. 7 AA's had 4 games due to turnbacks in Semi and Finals. Had to use those that did not do 2015 semi or finals. We do not assign umpires to finals two years in a row.

Why some umpires did not get games: Dues, test scores, interpretation meeting, number of games during the season, no 3-man and Assigner advice.

Concerns that Pierre has:

1. Need rating list to be 100% correct
2. Interpretations {Phone Calls need to be updated in Constitution. Are phone calls for snow birds only?
3. Is there a policy on umpires don't fulfill assignments
4. Umpires past or present that stir up problems. What do we do?

Apprentice: Terry reported that we will have 14 new members in March 2017. Need report
Evaluation Jim Charland gave a list of problems with the evaluations and gave recommendations:
Chair:

1. Cooperation with Regional Assignors to get members evaluated in a timely manner.
2. No control of days of evaluations be loaded up before season begins
3. Time and money spent on umpires that do not want to be evaluated
4. Excess mileage for evaluators traveling to outlying games.
5. Having evaluations first 2 weeks of the season
6. Set up guidelines for member's evaluations. (1) Rating AA's (2) years between evaluations (3) members needs
7. Evaluations game fee: Approximately 4 hours work on each evaluation. \$50 is not appropriate for time spent.
8. Get members properly rated on the arbiter so I can isolate evaluation games without having to go through all games listed.
9. Working with assignors to get evaluations into the arbiter before the season is turned over to assignor.
10. No evaluations scheduled during the season unless requested by the EB or Regional assignors.

IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED THAT ALL ASSIGNORS MEET WITH JIM PRIOR TO THE SEASON.

Web Master: Adam updated the EB on his first year on board. EB glad to have him and congrats him on a great start.

Old Business:

New Business: Set up a 3 man clinic committee. Len Lavin to Chair and bring proposal back to the EB
Have Mark work on "who covers on second call" report back to EB Passed 10-2
Base umpire will cover both calls in the infield.
Terry Warren wishes to not do Manual in the future. Just a few for Apprentices.

Next Meeting: Next meeting of the EB will be Jan. 25th 5:00 pm at NHTI {to set Annual Meeting Agenda}

Adjourned: Meeting got out at 7:00 pm