

New Hampshire Softball Umpires Association

Attending: Welch, Ebol, Cherbonneau, Lavin, Reitsma, Lafitte, Makarawicz, Warren, Charland, LaFreiner, Thomas

1. Perusal of the October Meeting Minutes

There were no additions or changes to the minutes of the last meeting. In addition, Duane asked the Board to consider a motion to pay the fee for the use of the room for the Apprentice class. Currently, the Apprentice Chair pays the fee. The fee is \$100. The motion was seconded and approved with all in favor and one abstention,

2. Secretary / Treasurer's Report – Hank Tenney

There was no report though members were sent an email that included the current account balance of \$9460.18 as of November 19th.

3. Rules Interpreter – Mark Cherbonneau

Mark shared that he participated in the national conference call held for state interpreters. They emphasized that we are high school umpires and should enforce federation/state adopted rules and use federation/state adopted mechanics. They discussed one rule change and one editorial change. These will be shared at all rules interpretation meetings. Dates for those meetings were shared.

They are:

3/6 annual meeting

3/20 Littleton High School

3/23 Alvirne High School

Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved.

4. Assigning Chairman – Bill Makarawicz

Billy shared that 90-95% of varsity games are scheduled and is pending for publication. He would like to publish the schedule for those games on February 27th. He also shared that we have at least 33 members that have yet to pay their NHIAA fee. They will not get games until they pay their fee. He will send those names to assignors for follow up.

Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved.

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5. Supervisor of Umpires – Pierre Lafitte

Pierre shared that the softball committee had no meeting so there is no update from them. Adam has added all of the new forms to the website so they are available to members. Pierre has been in contact with the gentleman from whom we buy awards. There are not a lot this year however, they need to be ordered. He should be talking with him on the 26th of this month.

Pierre asked the Board to consider a change to the constitution that would move the administration of correction of the test from the Interpreter to the Supervisor of umpires. Board agreed to have the potential change presented to the membership at the annual meeting. Lastly, it was shared that the fee for umpires will be increased from \$86 this year to \$88 next year and then be put in a freeze for two years.

Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved.

6. Apprentice Chairwoman – Terri Warren

Terri shared that there may be as many as 15 in the apprentice class this year. Almost every region will have at least one apprentice in the class. Classes will be held at the Tech every Sunday in February. She also purchased some new teaching material that we will use this year for the class. We will partner with Raymond High School for our on field jamboree. All other schools looking for umpires will be assigned by others. Billy will take care of Windham.

Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved.

7. Evaluation Chairman – Jim Charland

Jim walked through region by region with the assignors, one umpire at a time to review moving people up or down and citing those who need evaluations. Those who were moved up or down will come under separate cover and the Secretary will send out notices.

Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved.

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8. Website Coordinator – Adam Reitsma

Adam has made a number of changes to the website and put together a closed Face Book page for the organization. He will also be adding a Google calendar so members can see events on a monthly calendar. Changes look great. Motion to accept report was made, seconded and approved.

9. Old Business

Awards: the Coaches Association gave Billy their criteria for choosing an umpire for their Glenn Coburn award. They gave the inaugural award to Glenn's wife. Our Association has slightly different criteria and our committee has nominations from which to choose for our award. In addition to those awards, the committee will distribute service awards and hall of fame awards.

The assignments of the Granite State games, the ME/NH game and other preseason jamborees will be handled by members of the Board. This will ensure that we are rewarding umpires with the opportunity to participate in these games.

The cost of the site for our annual meeting is \$360 this year. The school is charging the Association for the classrooms as well as the auditorium. There was a discussion about looking at alternative sites for next year no decisions were made.

10. New Business

Bob proposed the sharing of cards that he uses to prepare himself to transition from the NCAA season the NFHS season with other college umpires. Board agreed it would be a great idea. He also proposed pulling

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together keys to umpiring using the three man system and sharing those with the Evaluation Chair to use in the three man clinic/games.

Norm proposed that we propose a change to the Constitution that allows all Executive Board members one vote. The Board agreed and the proposal will be prepared and sent to the membership. The vote will be taken at the annual meeting.

The Board reviewed the terms that will expire this year. The Secretary/Treasurers position, Web Master and a member at large position are on the slate. The Board will propose Hank Tenney for Sec./Tres.; Adam Rietsma for Web Master (this is a appointed position) and Bob Thomas for the member at large. A motion was made, seconded and the slate was approved. We will accept nominations from the floor and the Secretary will send out an email to the membership to have them send their nominations to the President.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm