



NHSUA Executive Board Meeting
 Concord NHIT October 7, 2018 at 9:00 am

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Executive Board

X Tom Ebol	X Jim Charland	X John Simon	X Terry Galley-Quinn
X Hank Tenney	No Bob Thomas	X Terri Warren	X Adam Reitsma
X Billy Makarawicz	No Mark Cherbonneau	X Len Lavin	X Peter Perich
X Norm Lafrenier	X Rachel Wolff		

9:00 The meeting was opened by President Billy Makarawicz.

Secretary Report: Hank reported that a balance of \$10,633.91 As of September 2018.

Assigning: Billy said that in he will meet with Jim to assign those that need ratings for 2019. The assignors will be able to make assignments in January.

Glenn Colburn The Board has instituted an “Glenn Colburn Award” for Most Improved Umpire. This award will be presented at the Annual NHSUA Softball Meeting held on the first Sunday in March. Bill asked each EB member to submit a member they feel deserves this.

Supervisor:

1. 76 umpires were used for the playoffs this year which is an increase over the last year.
 - a. There were the same amount of playoff games this year compared to last.
 - b. I tried to give a couple additional B rated umpires a chance to umpire a playoff game.
 - c. Some AA umpires received three assignments this year.
 - d. There were less game changes because of graduations and senior things this year, but umpires still must not forget to check the arbiter the day of the game to make sure they report at the correct time.
 - e. Playoffs complaints received--B umpires not getting games this year (The person was not invited to three man clinic or suggested by assignor in his region).

2. Problems during the season
 - a. Confusion at the beginning of the year with the 12 run rule
 - b. Using 3 man system during the year both AD’s must approve—umpires could do more.
 - c. Once you call an infield fly, you must stay with the call. (National Fed. Rule interpreter)

3. From NHIAA Softball committee meeting
 - a. If the National Anthem is being played at the adjacent field, umpires should stop play on their field. (ex. At SNHU, baseball anthem softball should stop or at PSU, anthem is on Chase field—the other field should stop play.) This is how the softball committee wants it.
 - b. Policy and Procedures Manual—page 2—Helmets should not be different colors or have non-school or non-manufacture logos on them. Umpires should allow game to continue, but must report the problem to the supervisor. (One high school played all season with helmets of different colors and logos). It is the responsibility of the AD’s to

manage this, but umpires must tell supervisor. He can then call NHIAA. The NHIAA will then direct AD to fix the problem.

- c. If an umpire sees an add-on to a helmet that is not a manufacture or non-NOCSAE approved add-on----the helmet is illegal. (A second mask is added to the first mask). Please let supervisor know if you have to deal with this type of situation.

4. Some of the rule changes that the National Federation will be voting on

- a. Obstruction definition
- b. Illegal pitch penalty

(Again these are all proposed changes that need to be voted on. There are several others that I did not list.)

Apprentice: Have seven interested umpires one has paid Class times and dates have been set and will be available in January. We will be sending emails out to umpires who are registered with other Associations. I have asked Roger Konstant and Will Martin to join me in designing a recruitment program for the NHSUA. We will be Meeting this winter. There is less than 60% crossover between NHSUA umpires and umpires from other Associations.

Terri will contact Carol Rivard and let's see where she is with high school softball.

NHSUA Evaluation/Mechanic Supervisor

Jim presented the EB with a list of members by regions with what they need to be evaluated on. The EB also went over each region and upgraded the membership ratings. Hank will send the complete list to Adam to be put on the web site

Jim began with thanking Al for his work on the revised Evaluation form. Jim spoke again that the form is a tool for the Ex Board to make the final decision of a members rating. The new form will be presented to the EX Board at the Jan meeting. Jim also brought up a suggestion about removing the Double AA rating from the system. Good discussion followed and the NHSUA will keep rating system as we have it now.

In the Mechanic section, Jim thanked Len for his work with the 3-person committee. Jim gave Len the floor to go over the update handout for the 2019 season. Dates to be posted as Jim is still working on venues. Stressing the changes of clinics are 2 AA and A clinics with 1 B and C clinic for a total of 3. Someone asked about AA and A going to B and C clinic and that was confirmed that they could.

Web: Adam has indicated that he will update the web with membership ratings changes.

Constitution: Terry will have the changes for the Board at the January 2019 meeting. Constitutional changes are tentative and our committee will be offering the slate of changes in January

Old Business: Changes for the meeting dates for the EB fro 2019

January 21 March 3 June 16 Oct. 6

We will be meeting the third Sunday in January, first Sunday in March, third Sunday in June and first Sunday in Oct.

New Business: The Board approved the use of blue or gray ball bag.

Next meeting: Jan. 2018 Meeting
Adjourned:11:30 am