



## New Hampshire Softball Association

1. To: Executive Board Members Meeting June 16, 2019

Concord, N.H. at NHIT 8:30 Coffee and Donuts 9:00 am meeting

**Executive Board Present**

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

Bill Makarawicz opened meeting at 9:00 am

- Sec./Treas.:
- a. Hank reported the balance in the account is \$6,281.35
  - b. Hank gave the breakdown report to the EB. It was suggested that we do not put the budget on line, but send to members that request it.
  - c. Hank announced he Sportsmanship awards: Region 1-Lisbon, Region 2-Sunapee Region 3- ??????, Region 4-Concord, Region 5-Hollis Brookline, Region 6-Exeter. Regional assignors will see that the banners get to the schools.
  - d. EB will set guidelines for Sportsmanship awards at Oct. Meeting
  - e. Bob Thomas will look at an Audit. Hank has given him the information.

Ratings: Board will review ratings at Oct. 6, 2019 meeting.

Constitution: Terri Warren will send all EB the updated Constitution.

Rules: Mark said only two protest. One with bat that was rejected and another rejected because judgement.

- Assigning: Report from Peter Perich {67 umpires were used for the playoffs this year which is a decrease 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. What I noticed this year was a bunch of "A" did not attend the three man clinic, so I could not use them starting in the quarter final rounds, because of that more "AA" umpires received three assignments which is what the committee wants anyways. In addition, several "AA" umpires did not meet the seven game minimum limit.

## Problems during the season

- a. We had our first ejection in a couple of years as a player and coach was ejected, because of an illegal bat.
- b. Once you call an infield fly, you must stay with the call. (National Fed. Rule interpreter) In addition, I have always learned that when the plate umpire calls it—the base should mimic the plate umpire.
- c. There were two concerns about the use of double bases during the year.
- d. Players may carry a medical device (insulin pump) in their uniform pocket once cleared by the NHIAA.
- e. There was a concern over Littleton's fence using steel fasteners at the bottom of the fence poles.

## From NHIAA Softball committee meeting

There is still a concern at neutral sites that playing of the National Anthem while another game is going on. NHIAA will work on it.

There are several proposed rule changes on the NFHS docket. I commented on two of proposals. They both deal with the same thing. Rule 3-2-15—All equipment shall be inspected by the umpire and is to be placed outside the dugout/bench prior to the start of the pre-game conference. Rational: Risk minimization. After coaches are asked by the umpire if all players are properly equipped, umpires adding a second layer of inspection creates accountability for the coach, and also minimizes risk for a player due to potentially dangerous equipment. The responsibility of properly equipping players is still the coach's responsibility, but there is a need for accountability prior to the use of illegal equipment not after. (Coaches on the committee were for the rule change, but it was already sent into NFHS with my comments which was to keep the rule the same as the coaches should be the complete responsible person).

Some of the committee felt that too many umpires were not consistent when looking for illegal bats.

Other National Rule Change proposal deal with the bat, dugout, pregame conference, and having two feet on the rubber before the start of the pitch.

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

## Apprentice: No Report

- Evaluation:** Jim indicated that 26 members were evaluated on the plate and 21 on the bases. One member paid his own fee to be evaluated. Jim indicated that the senior games are set with 4 Ladies and 4 men to umpire.
- Web:** Adam will asked not to make changes to web site except from EB. EB wanted to see if a hit chart could be set up. Membership list will be sent to Adam to post to show who has paid.
- Awards:** John noted that we will have 4-40yr., 5-30yr., 3-25 yr., 1-20 yr., 2-15 yr., 11-10 yr., 9-5 yr. John asked that Glenn Colburn nominations be brought to EB in Oct. Hank asked that any nominations for Hall of Fame members and other awards to be addressed at Oct. meeting.
- Old Business:** Hank will send EB the list of all double AA umpires.
- New:** Next meeting will be Sunday Oct. 6, 2019 at NHTI at 8:30am
- Business**

Meeting Adjourned: 11:04.