

promoting the betterment of the game of softball, its players and umpires



Annual NHSUA Meeting Winnisquam H.S. March 6, 2016 9:00 am

Meeting: President Tom Ebol opened the Annual Meeting at 10:00 am

Treasurer: Hank Tenney reported a balance of \$2516.88 as if March 2016.

Informed the membership how to read the labels on packets. Indicating region you're in, address,

evaluation for plate and bases, years you started. Please get all changes to me.

Out of state umpires need to report in to get credit for attending. Sign up at end of rules clinic will

be done by Regional Assignors.

Apprentice: Terri Warren reported that 19 signed up and 16 did well on the test this morning. Terri introduced the new

members of the Boards {2016 Class} They will start as C members. Region 2; James Chase, Bob Sidway,

Thomas Waiinwright. Region 4; William Booth, Brian Cook. Region 6; Beth Vacek

April 9 there will be a three day clinic in Raymond. More information later. There will be a clinic also in

Concord and membership will be notified.

Supervisor Report: Pierre made the following report –

1. Hand Out Test 2016

- a. Start March 6, Close April 10, Review April 11, Close April 22
- b. Must answer all questions. 100 questions and you can take it up to three times

2. Fees this year 2016

- a. NHIAA registration fee and insurance \$65
- b. Varsity Games 2016 \$86 JV \$66 2017 Varsity Games \$88 JV \$68 Still extra \$14 over 40 miles one way. \$24 over 80 miles one way
- c. Dues agree \$88 for 2017 and must be paid before June 30, 2016 to avoid a late fee.
- d. Double header will be minus \$10 because travel is not paid twice.
- e. Middle school you work out the fee.

3. Softball Committee:

- a. No ejections in 2016 No protest reported
- b. Helmets only have them cover up ads or AAU logo. Color of helmet does not matter
- c. Wilson ball for tourney play. Regular season other or ok as long as both are same and meet the core requirement.
- d. Poor field conditions report. If field is not in good shape report to Pierre
- e. Line up cards. Make sure they are ready
- f. Div 3 still has a play-in round

4. Check Web

- a. Evaluations forms are on line and updated
- b. Procedure for Pay also on line Not notified you get a full fee. Notified not fee I Work alone 1 and ½ game fee. {Report to assignor} Work with Non-Board umpire. Report to ASSIGNOR AND

SUPERVISOR. Once a game starts full fee. Postponed prior to game. Full fee because you are there. Continued or suspended game. $\frac{1}{2}$ fee for same umpire and full fee for new umpire.

- c. Call school prior to game to save everyone a lot of problems.
- d. Protest, ejections and contact forms are on line if you have to use them

5. Fee's

- a. See 2b above. Add scrimmages should be \$66 no mileage
- b. Post

6. Protest

- a. Avoid problems and read up on rules.
- b. Protest must be made before next pitch. Sign off on both books at time of protest. IF WINNING TEAM IS PROTESTING AND DOES NOT WANT TO FILE AFTER GAME YOU MUST CONTACT PIERRE AND BOTH UMPIRES MUST MAKE REPORT.

7. Protest Field

- a. Before game fix it you can. Once started it must be played. Not protest able if you start.
- b. Judgement cannot be protested.

8. Tournament Requirements

- a. Attend interpretation meeting
- b. Pay Dues by June \$88
- c. Attend a 3-man clinic to do Quarters, Semi and Finals. Block out dates if you do not want to work.
- d. Min of 7 varsity games to qualify for tournament games.
- e. AA- could be assigned 2-3 games; a 1-2 games but only Pre and Quarters; B-1-2 games and do only pre and quarters. Evaluations sent in by assignors
- f. Pierre is the only person responsible for all tourney assignments. Tries to keep close to home in pre and quarters.

9. Tournament Report for 2015

- a. AA's -- 39 available 6 inactive 33 did games {1 did 4 games, 25 did 3 games, 5 did 2 games 2 did 1 game}
- b. A's -- 38 available 9 inactive 29 did games {1 did 3 games, 11 did 2 games and 17 did one game.}
- c. B's -- 64 available but only 32 were available and 20 did games {3 did 2 games and 17 did one game}
- d. SOME Reasons for not getting games: New, Turn backs, conflicts, not 3-man, test, fees and not enough games.

10. Committee/Executive Board Report

- a. Get to games or field at least ½ before game time. If your being evaluated be there 45 min early,
- b. Hustle on and off the field and between innings. {Concerns are overweight, laziness, familiarity.
- c. Work with coaches {Warn, Bench, Eject} Kids #1 priority
- d. 12 Run Rule
- e. Must go 5 innings unless home team is winning in 4 1/2,. No slaughter rule
- f. COACHES ATTIRE ON THE FIELD
- q. Technology what can people use. Where, when how {no Drones}
- h. Bats no rattles, dents, crack, shaved, rolled.
- i. CONSISTANT STRIKE ZONE
- j. Work with your partner. Save problems and it makes you look like a team.
- k. Consistent on pitchers. SEE IT CALL IT AND DO IT EVERY TIME. Leaps, replants, and Illegal Pitches
- I. Concussion -- know the NHIAA policy on this. Use common sense and remember the players are what is important.
- m. Others Heat, Illness, Physical Injury so be ready to address all issues.

- n. Chanting -- Distracting the pitcher intentional warn bench, then bench coach last eject.
- o. Conflicts of Interest Report to assignors. This is you have a team you are have friends, relatives of work with.
- p. Read Policies and Procedures of NHIAA and it is on the web
- q. Others -- Bullying at Games

11. Emphasis

- a. Keep Hard copy of the lineup card
- b. Lightning and Thunder (30 minutes from last sound or site,.)
- c. Disqualified player to bench player needs supervision
- d. Give more time to get game in Bus late/Rain etc.
- e. Keep [track of Games and pay and notify your regional assignor if you have been waiting over 3 weeks.
- f. Let Pierre know if game is {1} not played {2} Poor field Condition {3} Problems with AD'S {4} Coaches or Parents -- Avoid conflicts Any major issue ask for Police.
- g. Have a good Game Control
- h. Know your rules
- i. Communication -- with your partner/coach -- eye contact with partner -- Discuss situations.
- j. Make yourself approachable -- Be flexible
- k. Use GOOD JUDGEMENT REMINDER ALL PROTEST, EJECTIONS, PHYSICAL CONTACST REPORT MADE TO CHERB AND PIERRE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF GAME ENDING,. Forms on web site.

Evaluation Chair:

Jim Charland reported that all forms are on the web site for evaluations. Also it was noted that because of funds there will only be 30 dates of evaluation for 2016. That means 60 people can be evaluated this year. Jim will work out a schedule and notify all regions. Special note that this is the 9th year Jim has done the evaluations for the Association. We are trying to get people done once every 3 years. Emphasis this year will be a consistent strike zone.

Please not it was voted on that we only do 30 games evaluations this year and that we play the evaluators \$50 per game for the 2016 year.

Regions:

Region 1 All Set, Region 2 All set, Region 3 All set, Region 4 All set, Region 5 All Set, Region 6 All set; It was noted that several of the regions had not yet released JV games.

Billy Mac let the membership know that some people still have not registered with the NHIAA. It is best for members to register in the fall for all sports at the same time.

Awards:

John Simon and Pierre Lafitte announced the following Awards:

5 Year: Albert Douglas, Dennis Hoffman, Carmine Laconte, Phil McCarthy, Norman Morin, Tom Pelletier, Adam Reitsma, Raymond Seddon, and Scott Vien.

10 Years: Tom Boston, Kris Furtney, John Loconte, Harrison Mackey, James Seale, Bradley Wolff

15 Years: Gordan Daniels, Cathy Pease, Don Taylor

20 Years: Frank Stevens, Paul Powers, Andrew Hartery, John Caron

25 Years: Dan Greenleaf, Keith Boucher 30 Years: Larry Guile, Gary Jenness 35 Years: Dennis Fallon, John Fulton

The Glen Colburn award was announced. The first winner was Phil McCarthy.

Hall of Fame: President Tom Ebol presented both Norm Lafrenier and John Simon their rings as newest members

of the NHSUA HALL OF FAME inductees.

Constitutional: The Changes were presented and accepted by the membership. The changes were read by Hank

Tenney and they were posted on the NHSUA web site for members review.

President: Tom Ebol went over Test

Elections: Only two positions were up this year. 3 year at Large and Secretary/Treasurer The EB placed Hank

Tenney name as Sec./Treas. For three years and Bob Thomas at Large for three years. Both were

accepted by the membership. New duties will start June 2016-2019.

Rules: Mark Charbonneau gave the rules interpretation. Really only one rule and that is projected

Substitute. Point of emphasis were strike zone being consistent and the pitcher keeping feet inside the 24" line to home. Flex/DP was discussed and members should make sure they understand this.

Problem with umpires not reporting protest plays. YOU must report them even if the coach does not

file at the end of the game because he/she won.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05

Report submitted by Sec. Hank Tenney