

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



NHSUA Executive Board Meeting
Concord NHIT June 17, 2018 at 9:00 am

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X - Present

Executive Board

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

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

Secretary Report: Hank reported that we have a balance of \$8,935.85 in the account as of Feb. 4, 2018. Hank reviewed e-mails received on transfers.

Hank passed out the list of members that have not paid as of June 17 to the EB and Regional Assignors should follow up with their group.

Banners were given to EB members to bring to schools. Division 1 – Keene {Terry Galley-Quinn}; Division 2 – Oyster River {Norm Lafrenier}; Division 3 – Laconia { Len Lavin}; Division 4 – Moultonborough { Bob Thomas}

EB moved and approved the moving of the June EB meeting to the last Monday in June at 5pm at NHTI.

Rules: Mark reported that we only had one protest and that was not followed through by the Coach.

Approved: Mechanics for covering third ON SECOND THROW WILL BE COVERED BY PLATE UMPIRE.

Concerns: Pre-game conferences to be clarified for next season.

Taking the signal off the rubber will be clarified for next season.

Assigning: REPORT BY BILLY HAS NOT BEEN SENT IN YET.

Supervisor: 76 umpires were used for the playoffs this year which is an increase over the last year.

- a. There was 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 clinics or suggested by assignor in his region).

1. Problems during the season

- a. Confusion at the beginning of the year with the 12 run rule
- b. Using 3 man systems 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)

- 2. 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.
- 3. 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: NHSUA Report June 17, 2018

Six members started this season

Five members finished and passed their written and field test

I handed in checks at the June 17, 2018 for Fortner, Heroux, Wright, Rielly and Pierson

Bi-laws for 2019 meeting are ready to be presented. I will present on half of the committee to the Board at our next meeting. Review the annual fee policy prior to next meeting.

Propose an online umpire store for everyone to order hats, shirts, under shirts and other items for the NHSUA. Store would open prior to Christmas and close mid- January. All orders would be bagged and available at the annual meeting and all rule interpretations.

Voiced a concern about the recruitment and retention of umpires in our Association.

Would like permission to create a recruitment plan to be reviewed at our January meeting. {Approved}

Evaluator: The Board approved {2} 3-man Clinics for 2019. DATES AT THIS TIME ARE NOT CONFIRMED.

Sunday March 31 10:00-12:30 Plymouth H.S. Saturday April 13 10:00-1:00 Campbell H.S.

Len explained the complaints from members: Need teams to run, too early in season, college members complain, It was suggested that we have a video for the membership annual meeting of the 3 man clinic.

There were 21 people evaluated on the plate and 21 on the bases. Jim is concerned that members are not getting enough practice with 3-man. Jim also wanted members to know that the rating that they get when they are evaluated are not the final rating. Other factors will be discussed in Oct. when ratings are adjusted.

NHIAA Senior Games to be held June 19th at Padden Field Complex, Manchester - will be staffed by all women umpires Remind all Assignors that evaluation grades are not the final say in a member's rating

Issues for Mechanics Supervisor tabled until October Meeting:

Produce pictures and videos for Federation signals to be placed on website

List of attendance for 3-person clinic kept by Mechanic Supervisor and copy given to Supervisor of Officials Membership MUST contact the home Athletic Director to participate in 3 person games. Participation in these games are unpaid. Discuss terminating use of AA rating in Association Web: Adam let the Board know that tournament umps are listed on web.

The Board would like Adam to make sure web site only has one rating for members.

Look at a counter on web site to indicate how many people use it.

Also a space indicating who has attend the 3-man clinic yearly so members can check their status.

Constitution: Terri has been asked to look into changes to the constitution

Old Business:

New Business: John Simon suggested that the Constitutional committee work on the fee structure for change to the Constitution.

Suggested that we charge the game fee and late fee in one and give a credit if people pay before the end of June

deadline. {John will bring the wording to the Oct. meeting for Terry for constitutional change.

John Simon also requested that someone be present at tournaments for any questions that may come up that needs

NHIAA clarification.

Next meeting: Oct. 2018

Adjourned: 11:00 am