

**Annual NHSUA Meeting**

**NHTI Concord, N.H. March 1, 2020 10:00 am**

**Prior to the meeting at 8:30 the Executive Board met to review agenda for Annual meeting**

**Meeting: President Bill Makarawicz opened the Annual Meeting at 10:05 am**

**Treasurer:**

**Apprentice: Introduced nine new umpires to the membership and have five apprentice members in the 2020. Jeff Smeltzer, Mark Loomis, Brian Soraghan, Bob Stansbery, Bryce Carey, Scott Fulham, Bob Johnson, Scott Infantino, Travis Pratt.**

 **March 14 11-1:30 is our mechanics class at Plymouth State University.**

 **Both proposed changes to the bi laws passed as provided to the membership and post on our website**

**Supervisor Report: Peter Perich gave his report**

 **Proposal from NHSUA to have 3 umpires for all of the Softball Tournament rounds**

 **SPORTS OFFICIALS FEES FOR STATE TOURNAMENT EVENTS Current**

 **Softball # of Officials 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22**

 **First/Second Round 2 98.00 98.00 100.00**

 **Preliminary 2 98.00 98.00 100.00**

 **Proposed**

 **Softball # of Officials 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22**

 **First/Second Round 3 80.00 80.00 82.00**

 **Preliminary 3 80.00 80.00 82.00**

 **Reason**

 **1. It will bring the softball games up to the importance of the baseball tournament games.**

 **2. It will allow better umpire field coverage for all rounds of the softball tournament games.**

 **3. It will give more umpires a chance to either work more playoff games or work a playoff game.**

**Evaluation Chair:**

 **On Wed, Mar 4, 2020 at 8:22 AM Jim Charland <****jimchar54@gmail.com****> wrote:**

**Eval form updated and posted on the Arbiter. In near future forms will be posted on NHSUA site also**

**2019 21 plate evaluations completed 2019 22  base evaluations completed**

**Scheduled for 2020 plate-22 Scheduled for 2020 base 22**

**All evaluations to follow rule book mechanics-no exceptions unless stated in NHSUA Bi-Laws**

**3 Person Clinic**

**AA officials are due to attend 1 of 3 clinics**

**10 question test will be posted on website to be taken**

**Dates: Plymouth State-Foley Gym March 14**

**9:00 am to 12:00pm ( rules interpretation at 10:00 am)**

**Rochester Middle School March 24 6pm to 8pm**

**Campbell High School April 11 10 am to 2:30 pm**

**Assignors were asked to nominate 2 "B" officials to participate in clinic.**

**Interpreter**

**2020 Interpretation**

**Started with review of the major changes of 2019.  Intentional walk, and illegal pitch penalty.  Reminding the members that the coach in some cases gets a choice of the play or the penalty.**

**Then reviewed the 2020 rules changes.  They were run doesn't score if preceding runner is ruled out for third out for leaving a base to soon.  Damaged bat defined as broken, dented, cracked, and foot only needs to be touching the pitcher’s plate.  Does not have to be on top of the pitcher’s plate.  At the end I went over pitching, and reviewed with the group what you can and can’t do.  Point of emphasis was taking the sign other than the pitchers plate you still need to simulate taking a sign from the catcher.**

**Regions: All regions reported that varsity games have been assigned and working on JV schedules**

**Awards:**

**Elections: Slate of officers were presented by the Board and approved by the membership**

**Web Master:**

**Rules:**

 **felt that only the batter should receive an award when an illegal pitch occurs. The change to the penalty for an illegal pitch will result in a ball being called on the batter, but runners will only advance if forced as the result of the batter being awarded first base. Exceptions to the penalty for an illegal pitch in Rule 6, Section**

 **1, Article 1 have also been modified in order to be incompliance with the new penalty and ensure that runners are no longer advanced as a result of an**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm**

**Report submitted by Sec. Hank Tenney**