



The First Winter Meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Maine Board of Approved Baseball Umpires for the 2023 season will be held on **Sunday February 12th, 2023, at 1:00 P.M.** at **Barry Fuller's house (142 Store Rd. Bowdoin, ME)** and available via **Zoom Link:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81351016609> for those that want to listen in.

## AGENDA

1. Call to order: President @ 1:07pm

2. Communications:

3. Reports:

### 3.1 Secretary/Treasurer

- Dan Labrie larry/barry to accept all in favor.

### 3.2 Spring Assignor - Larry LaRochelle

- Went over the spread sheet of last season. 632 games in arbiter, 490 played. (see attached sheet). Trying to get as many guys on varsity games as possible, number of umps seems steady since 2016. Schedules from schools come in around mid to end of Feb.

### 3.3 Summer Assignor - Barry Fuller

- Report emailed out in October. 1,400 assignments, 203 were Babe Ruth. 61 Legion games and 15 Jr. Legion games. AAU 530 games. Cal Ripken was 370 games. Over 45 had 60 games, 16 Maine woods games. All jr high league's, we'd like them to have a 2-hour time limit. Time limit would also far improve the assignment end for Barry to get guys multiple games in the same day. 5,481 miles driven by Anthony Mazza last season in 106 games. Ted Clark did 148 games, Ryan Card 119, guys that want to work can work as much as they want.

### 3.4 Ratings Administrator - Randy Estes

- Need members to complete their ratings, Dan to send email out to board about reminding them to do so. Larry to look to remove playoff ratings from Arbiter so we don't need to evaluate guys in a 4-man crew that we don't typically work. Not real fair to rate a guy working 3<sup>rd</sup> that didn't do anything the whole game. Ratings for spring ball only? Skip doing them in the summer? If we don't rate in the summer then some guys would have almost no evaluations. To be discussed further with the full board about doing away with preseason and playoff evaluations. Randy asked about doing school ball ratings and then summer ball ratings separate so that way new guys can see what to work on based on the comments before summer ball. Darren brought up changing the way ratings is used and completed, if someone has not done their evaluations for the full season, how can they possibly fill them out accurately months and months later? We need to change this so that the evaluations are done timely. Barry brought up

having names show up on who did the evaluation. Darren brought up Randy pulling random comments from ratings and bringing them up at our bi-weekly meetings, all agreed that this could be a good use to let the full board know about things to work on without singling out each person. Randy can pull up comments from arbiter to do so. 25% of all ratings are incomplete to date.

- Larry asked to make a motion to amend the bylaws to eliminate evaluations of clinic and playoff (2 or more umpires) games. And that June 30<sup>th</sup> be a deadline to complete the school ball evaluations, August 31<sup>st</sup> for summer games. **Dan to send out survey monkey to each member about yes/no to this lump amendment.** Motion by Barry, seconded by Larry. All in favor unanimous.

#### 4. Old Business:

- SMUA report, Barry spoke about it. No coaches votes involved in the assignments for officials, MPA was pleased with this. Coaches can suggest names of those they'd rather not have but can no longer vote in the same officials that have always been getting playoff regional and state games. Part I test available as of this week, part II dates are 3/27 thru 4/10 open book and 50 questions, can be taken 1 time. Weighted voting was agreed upon and will move forward in discussions. Up to 25 members will be 1 vote, each additional 15 members counts as a 2<sup>nd</sup> vote and so on.

#### 5. New Business:

5.1 Meeting dates for the 2024 season.

- March 17<sup>th</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, April 21<sup>st</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 19<sup>th</sup> and 4 man clinic on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

5.2 100 Inning baseball game fund raiser/volunteer umpire

- All in favor to bring this up at a meeting

5.3 Game fee increase, particularly Maine Woods 45/60 (Barry Fuller/Shawn Herrick).

5.4 "finders fee" for members that get new recruits to complete the apprentice program? Waive dues for the following season? Make permanent. (Dan Labrie)

Move to make this permanent. Larry/Barry. All in favor

5.5 President to name Darren Hartley to fill Dan Deshaies Vice President seat until boards first meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023. At that time a special election will take place to fill the seat for the remainder of the 2023 term.

5.6 Dues increase? Dues are currently \$90 and get to pay \$80 if paid before the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Will stay where it is at, next year let the board know we want to go to \$95

5.7 Honorees for lifetime membership and/or numbers to be retired (Dan Labrie)

- Dwayne Palmer, Walt Foster, Doug Perry, Bill Croft, John Wentworth, Peter Fanchetti. Suggested that we honor 1 person per year and this year would be Dwayne Palmer as lifetime member (not retiring the number).

#### 6. Other Business

#### 7. Adjournment – In memorium of Ted Wacholtz at 3:07pm