



2/6/2021 Meeting Minutes **REVISED 3/8/2021**

1. In attendance (in person) Shaun Herrick, Barry Fuller and Dan Labrie. (Via zoom) Randy Estes, Larry LaRochelle, Jeff Benson
2. —**Act on Minutes:**
3. —**Communications:**
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 **Secretary/Treasurer - Dan Labrie and Doug Perry**
 - Apprentices paying for rules books for new one or getting a free one from the previous seasons books? New DH rule card, *Dan Labrie to make copies for the board to be able to have 1 each?* Doug suggested that dues remain at the same price based on historical average and costs for insurance and state fees.
 - 4.2 **Spring Assignor - Larry LaRochelle**
 - How many ums will we have for the season? How many will drop out from last year? *Dan to get a count via survey monkey in an email to the board. Ask who is avail. For spring, summer, if they'll object to wearing a face covering and if umping behind the mound is issue.*
 - Arbiter vs. Dragonfly? Maybe try Dragonfly for summer ball in the future? Jeff Benson mentioned that it was used a little bit for soccer but no obligation has been made to use it.
 - 4.3 **Summer Assignor - Barry Fuller**
 - 1/3 of the games were assigned in 2020 vs 2019 season, most of those coming in Oxford County. We also assigned 17 college games for the first time all being played at Field of Dreams.
 - 4.4 **Interpreter Clinic - Barry Fuller**
 - Expecting 3 of the 5 from last season to return, currently no new candidates. Additional advertising to be done to hopefully draw interest.
 - 4.5 **Ratings Administrator - Randy Estes**
 - Limited ratings for the 2020 season. Many people couldn't attend the zoom meetings. Shaun proposed that we carry the ratings from the 2019 season forward in lieu of the limited 2020 ratings. Motioned by Shaun and seconded by Barry. Motion passed by unanimous vote. *Due to the pandemic, those that would like to appeal their ratings to reflect 2020 instead of 2019 will need to reach out to Randy Estes for a case by case basis review. (Revision made 3/8/21 after our 3/7/21 meeting)*
5. **Old Business:**
 - Zoom, Barry was covering it up until now at a cost of \$15 per month. Dan Labrie has agreed to host the zoom meetings using his free school zoom account and can share hosting rights to meetings with whomever needs them.
 - Test to be open book vs closed book? Barry suggests we do online test for this year and that it can be open book. Motioned by Barry and seconded by Shaun. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6. New Business:

6.1 Meeting dates for the 2022 season.

- Avoid 4/17 easter and 5/8 mothers day. Board suggested the following dates for the 2022 season:
3/13, 3/27, 4/10, 5/1, 5/15, 6/5 (4 man clinic)
Motioned by Larry and seconded by Barry. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

6.2 Member dues and what we do if we do not have a 2021 baseball season.

- ~~— Dues paid for last year have paid for this current season, dues for this season will cover next (2022) season. Shaun, Randy and Larry want to keep the dues the same with the dues being owed by the test night and if paid after the test night a \$10 late fee is assessed. Motion by Barry and seconded by Randy. Motion passed by unanimous vote.~~ *CMBABU member dues for the 2022 season are due on or before June 7th, 2021 per page 2 of our bylaws. Dues are \$80.00 and need to be mailed to treasurer Dan Labrie. Active members shall pay their dues on or before the first Monday of June for the next year. A discount (\$10.00) may be implemented if dues are paid on or before the fourth meeting (April 25th, 2021) of the year for the following year. Please mail your check, made out to CMBABU to Dan at his home address. (Revision made 3/8/21 after our 3/7/21 meeting)*

6.3 Jim Taylor award discussion.

- Committee is the last few years winners. President to elect the committee formally based on past winners and veterans. Dan to update the website to show past recipients, also bring plate brushes to Maine Awards for engraving along with getting a plaque made.
- Side note about Connor King award, revisit the criteria/committee and the chair. No recipient for the 2020 season as there was no school ball.

6.4 Apprentice training for the 2021 season.

- Last week of Feb. Barry will advertise in the papers, flyers at colleges. *Dan to talk to MSAD 52 adult ed director about offering classes.* Larry will also send email to school AD's to advertise it. *Dan will also talk to Jenn Long from Fox 23/CBS 13 about getting coverage for the board.*

6.5 CMBABU Website credentials and upkeep by Dan Labrie

- Dan Labrie to manage the website unless it becomes too time consuming based on requests from members. Also gain admin rights to the Facebook page.

6.6 Ratings discussion

- Addressed in Randys report above

6.7 Baseball Rules Academy website introduction

- Baseballrulesacademy.com was suggested that our board use it as a reference for education and a way to look up rules across all levels. Suggested that we add a link to this on the webpage, Barry to look at and review before.

6.8 2021/22 Game fees

- 70% of varsity fee is JV and Frosh. Barry/Shawn suggest the over 45 and 60 league fees go to \$90 per 9 inning game (1 ump) and \$80 each per ump in a 2 man crew, 9 inning game.

7. Other Business

- Troy Crane was going to resign from the board as of today due to work obligations, board needs to determine whom will assume his at large seat. Add to the first meeting nominations/elections for at large executive board

8. Adjournment

- 11:30 am