



### 3/7/2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Shaun Herrick at 6:00 PM
2. **Act on Minutes:**
  - Doug Perry brought to light that the dues as discussed did not align with the boards bylaws/constitution. As written in the constitution *Active members shall pay their dues on or before the first Monday of June for the next year. A discount may be implemented if dues are paid on or before the fourth meeting of the year for the following year.* Dan will go back and update the meeting minutes to reflect this. Motion was made by Larry LaRoche to accept the minutes knowing that Dan would update as shown above. Seconded by Gary Havlicek. Vote passed by majority vote.
  - Doug Perry then asked about the ratings discussion and concern with using 2019 ratings in lieu of 2020 ratings. Chris Goding spoke about how this would negatively affect him should we use 2019 ratings over his 2020 ratings. Randy Estes clarified (along with Shaun Herrick) that if a member was concerned with their 2019 rating being used instead of 2020 to reach out to Randy and it could be reviewed on a case by case basis with him.
3. **Communications:**
  - Barry Fuller spoke on behalf of Scott Wing whom was listed to speak about the state meeting. He discussed HS fees and how the state creates those fees based off a spreadsheet. Talked about equipment cost and how it is not accurate based on how much it cost to umpire vs. other sports.
4. **Reports:**
  - 4.1 **Secretary/Treasurer - Dan Labrie**
    - Discussed results (emailed to full board) of the Survey Monkey questions that were sent out to the board regarding umping during pandemic.
    - Dues and getting them mailed to Dan Labrie prior to the 4th meeting and no later than June 7th.
    - Covered the bank account (emailed to full board) status' and that they are now in Dan Labrie's name and Shaun Herrick's name rather than Doug Perry.
    - Patches for \$5.00 and how to get them/uniforms from Honig's
    - NFHS test dates. Part 1 is March 8-11 and Part 2 is March 22 - April 4 at 11:59pm. Part 2 is the 100 question test that must be submitted and scored to be used as part of ratings.
    - Fingerprints, making sure yours are up to date and getting copies of them to Dan Labrie for record. No fingerprint credentials means no game assignments.
    - Mike Cyr, Anthony Mazza and Stephen Labossiere said they needed a 2020 rule book, Barry has some extras to give them he said.
  - 4.2 **Spring Assignor - Larry LaRoche**
    - Larry went over no spring games for 2020, he's been in touch with AD's about who is going to play who, when they can start etc. In a holding pattern for now until more info from MPA.

- Update your Arbiter account! Address, number, email and block out dates you cannot work. We will need every able bodied umpire to work this upcoming spring season.

#### **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. Hoping that those numbers increase this summer/fall.

#### **4.4 Interpreter Clinic - Barry Fuller**

- Took place at 5:00 PM prior to the business meeting. Barry covered the DH rule and its new changes to it. Gave examples.
- Spoke about a 2 man clinic that he will be presenting at an upcoming meeting once he has had a chance to go through it with Dan Deshaies. This new 2 man clinic will be to cover how we will move about with the home plate umpire having to work from behind the mound this season instead. More information to come.

#### **4.5 Ratings Administrator - Randy Estes**

- Reiterated what was discussed above in the minutes section. If anyone wanted to have their ratings looked at to reflect the 2020 season instead of the 2019 season, reach out to Randy.

### **5. Old Business:**

- Connor King award. Matt Blais spoke about going forward with it this year if there is a 2021 HS baseball season. Said they'd like to have a discussion this week to determine a cut off date for nominations. Jeff Benson said MPA intends to have a full baseball season but it is the Maine DOE, CDC that are holding things up before MPA can speak on it.
- Jim Taylor award and in person banquet. Shaun Herrick asked about meeting in person at Gridiron or someone's house/camp. Larry LaRoche suggested that we hold off until May/June if we were to have this. Randy Estes said we tentatively aim for June 6th (4 man date) to hold this. Larry LaRoche motioned this and Randy Estes seconded. Vote passed with majority vote.

### **6. New Business:**

#### **6.1 Nominations for vacant At Large Executive Board seat.**

- Doug Perry, Motioned by Shaun Herrick and seconded by Bryan Metayer
- Mike Keaney, Motioned by Matt Blais and seconded by Shaun Herrick
- Keith Flagg, Motioned by Chris Goding and seconded by Eric Mashl

#### **6.2 Elections for At Large Executive Board seat.**

- To be done via Survey Monkey link emailed to boards members immediately following the meeting. To remain open until midnight that night before closing for Mike Henry to verify the voting results.
- On 3/8/2021 at 8:04 AM Mike Henry emailed Dan Labrie the results, Doug Perry was elected to the position.

### **7. Other Business**

- Peter Franchetti asked about covid concerns and what would happen to an umpires ratings for 2021 should they not want to work for health concerns. Shaun Herrick said the E board would discuss that on a case by case basis and get back to him. Dan Labrie discussed the \$15.00 Associate Umpire fee along with input from Doug Perry.
- Barry Fuller talked about the summer baseball fees and that all remained the same except for 45/60 over mens league. Barry motioned to increase these game fees to \$90.00, seconded by Jeff Benson. Vote based with majority vote.
- Leo Bernier wanted to recognize Darren Hartley for his successful summer baseball program last year and thank him for all that he did for us during those games.

### **8. Adjournment**

- 7:10 pm