



4/11/2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Shaun Herrick at 6:03 PM
2. **Act on Minutes:**
 - Passed unanimous
3. **Communications:**
 - Passed unanimous
4. **Reports:**
 - 4.1 **Secretary/Treasurer - Dan Labrie**
 - talked about dues to be paid and CHRC cards needed on file
 - 4.2 **Spring Assignor - Larry LaRoche**
 - spoke about upcoming clinics, sign up for at least 1 but try for 2. Trying to limit to 4 man crews but is going to expand that for this week. How to self-assign clinics and which ones are coming up this week. Asked that even if you can stop to watch for any amount of time that it is good practice. If you see a game assignment with 2 man crew then good chance it is a regular season game. Only a few MS teams have given Larry a schedule at this time. Some MS teams might need to regroup to be able to have games, limited at this time. 5 clinics cancelled this week and none of them were due to weather, covid related concerns. Maranacook shut down until the 26th, won't start up until May. Bath identified as an outbreak; clinic may be cancelled there. 3:30, 4:30 and even 5:00 start times this year, **update Arbiter**. Make sure you update Larry for any conflict of interest at any schools. Open tournament this year, everyone will make it. Trying to do schedules in 10-14 day blocks for us, not too far ahead though because schedules will change a lot this season. Fields are looking great, even Dirigo has grass on their infield.
 - Dan Deshaies mentioned to have younger umpires work their tails off this year, coaches votes do not count this year for regional and state finals assignments (need to be in top 25%)
 - 4.3 **Summer Assignor - Barry Fuller**
 - Spoke about the season being underway. Caution that we have MLB and NFHS rules right out of the gate this season. Make sure you know what game you are doing that day, brush up on the rules. Look at the board website (centralmaineumpires.com) for the rules tab that Dan Labrie has updated. Need to wear a mask no matter what, behind the mound or behind the plate. Barry will try to assign new umpires with veterans. Speak up if you want more games. Over 45 league he only has 1 month of games so far.
 - Jeff Benson asked if we do not want to work behind the plate can we choose to work behind the mound. Barry said we are going by league rules, if you do not want to do a game by their league rules let Barry know so he will not assign you.
 - Randy Estes asked about liability if we are not following CDC guidelines. Barry said we'd have to get legal counsel to answer that. Deferred to league rules and their recommendations.

- Larry Larochelle asked if CDC gave any community guidelines for baseball. Dan Deshaies said that because we are working behind the pitcher, we will remain more than 6' away from anyone. If there was a concern, then likely that we would not need to quarantine as a close contact. Softball umps having a meeting this week to see if they can work behind the catcher at 6' distance.

- Jeff Benson said to put the ump behind the catcher has not been approved by state and medical guidelines, meeting to take place this week.

- Barry said that if you have the vaccine that you do not need to quarantine should there be an issue with a game you did. This is 14 days after you've had the vaccine. Must still wear a mask. Barry asked AD's about masks and we are not going to be made to go tell players to put their mask on.

4.4 Ratings Administrator - Randy Estes

- Ratings for your partners will happen. Do not rate any of the clinics if they showed up. At the last meeting we talked about using their 2020 attendance vs 2019 and several approached Randy and a few did want adjustments made and those will affect the board by you moving down the board. Took out 2 retired umps and people moved up. New ratings will go out to everyone sometime this week from Randy vis email.

- Bryan Metayer asked about AAU evals as those have not come up, Larry working on that as we speak.

5. Old Business:

- Connor King award, Shaun Herrick spoke about a candidate that should be awarded for 2020, spoke to Goding and Estes about the candite and it was Wyatt Williamson from OHHS. Shaun appointed Randy the chair, Matt Blais, Chris Goding and Jeff Benson. Plaque has been made; Wyatt does not know yet so please keep secret.

- A 2021 candidate will also be selected.

- Bryan Metayer asked about hats with Walt Foster and Walt said he will have them for next week. Can also buy hats with CM logo from Honigs.com

6. New Business:

6.1 MPA Update – Jeff Benson.

- Jeff spoke about 2 schools that have had to pause their programs this week due to a positive case, AD's will be calling umps that were involved with those clinics. Important to wear your masks! Lots of prelim playoff games due to open tourney this year. Dan Labrie spoke about Mission.com neck gaiters.

7. Other Business

- None

8. Adjournment

- Jeff Benson and Larry Larochelle motioned, meeting ended at 6:43 PM