



The First Regular Meeting of the Executive Board of the Central Maine Board of Approved Baseball Umpires for the 2022 season will be held on **Sunday March 13th, 2022** at **6:00 P.M.** at Lewiston High School in room B109 and also via **Zoom** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88902803475>. *The interpreter's clinic will begin at 5:00 P.M. in the same room.*

MINUTES

1. Call to order: 6:00pm. Attendance was taken followed by a 6.6 second moment of silence in memory of Scott Wing.
2. Act on Minutes: Motion to accept by Jeff Benson/Eric Mashl. Passed by majority vote.
3. Communications:
 - 3.1 Dan Deshaies went over the points of emphasis for guys that were not at the interpreter's clinic before the meeting.
 - signs must be taken from the catcher
 - monitor excessive celebrations
 - wearing equipment as intended by the manufacturer
 - no sitting on buckets or chairs outside of the dugout
 - sportsmanship, positive cheering only
 - warn, restrict then eject
 - SMUA update, we had 6 new umpires working a state game and 8 new umpires working a regional game.Question was asked if we get to a game and they do not issue us game balls with NOCSAE stamp on them? Dan answered, if we use them we will be held liable if someone gets hurt. HS level MUST have NOCSAE stamp on them. Ask to go thru their BP bucket for some with stamps if you must. Also keep in mind baseball shipments are running late this year.
4. Reports:
 - 4.1 Secretary/Treasurer - Dan Labrie
 - Went over the financials, go over dues and how they will stay at \$80/\$70 for this season but go back to \$90/\$80 (as voted on in 2018).
 - Talked about the Scott Wing bracelets and the \$130 Dan Labrie paid, asking for donations to cover my cost and anything over that will be donated to the playoff account in Scott Wings name. Chris Goding made a motion to have the board reimburse Dan Labrie for the \$130.19 he paid for the bracelets; Jeff Benson seconded it. Passed by majority vote.
 - Let board know of the "finders fee" trial we are doing for this season.
 - Let board know that Dan Labrie is process of setting up account with Gerry Davis as well as Honigs for hats, shirts etc. Will check about sub laminated shirts as well.
 - Reminded people to check the website, Dan L is constantly updating it with all documents he gets from E-board, send him pictures during the season so he can add them to the website.

4.2 Spring Assignor - Larry LaRochelle

Went over the assignor's report that was sent out to all members already. Told new guys to get their emails and phone numbers to Larry asap so he can enter them into Arbiter. Also reminded everyone to update their contact information on Arbiter. Update your calendars for blocks, games will be getting assigned soon. Preseason clinics will be posted soon and we should be self-assigning ourselves to 2 of them. Make sure to let Larry know of schools you have a conflict with and do not want to be assigned to, send him this in an email. Also let him know of any restrictions as far as travel time from your job and area you work in. Maranacook is no longer using us, due to a new budgeting issue, to lower costs they are going with KS board this season. Make sure on your Arbiter to check the box "Ready to be assigned" so that Larry can assign you. Larry will be assigning 2-3 weeks out this season. Eric Mashl let board know he has equipment for sale, contact him for information.

4.3 Summer Assignor - Barry Fuller

We are losing some teams/league, Legion is dwindling badly so is Babe Ruth and the men's leagues, but AAU is on the rise. Barry has already been assigning AAU games in Topsham dome for a few weeks now. This year Little Fenway and Wrigley Field's will be hosting the Cal Ripken World Series, our board will get the chance to assign some umpires there

4.4 Ratings Administrator - Randy Estes

Ratings will now be known as the "Scott Wing Rating System". We will rate everyone from 1-30 for those that worked last year, transfers will also get rating, example given was like 10a for them rather than 10. There are some people on the board that have not rated the minimum of 75% of their partners from last season. Make sure to do those by this Thursday (3/17/22) so that Randy can get the ratings out by next meeting. Field ratings are 40%, meetings are 25%, test is 25% and clinics count for 10%. If you sign up for a clinic and it gets cancelled and you have no opportunity to go to another one, you will receive credit for that clinic. Apprentices do not rate partners and anyone that does not want their rating of Barry Fuller, Randy Estes or Larry LaRochelle to be seen by them email it to Shaun Herrick and note on your Arbiter rating for them in the comments that you emailed it to Shaun. Scott Wing used to share a document discussing how ratings should be done, what a 10 is vs a 9 and that sort of thing, document will be looked for and posted to the website.

5. Old Business:

- Contract was talked about by Barry Fuller, he sent it to MPA (has not heard anything back yet) and then we looked at the MPA rating chart that was emailed out to all of us by Barry. We are negotiating on the fees based off the cost of living, Barry said at a 9% raise we would have only lost \$0.85 cents over the last 5 years. Fuel costs are up and so we are pushing to increase the pay to offset this, a mileage raise from \$0.44 to \$0.45 is not going to cut it. MPA is talking to official's advisory board, should have more information by our next meeting. Risk of injury for an umpire is high and the MPA needs to recognize that. Gear can go for upwards of \$1,500. Wage needs to go up so we can retain umpires and not lose them to other higher paying sports. Jeff Mertz is the rep for the advisory board.

6. New Business:

6.1 Acceptance of proposed 2023 meeting dates by board. Proposed dates are 1st – March 19th, 2nd – April 2nd, 3rd – April 16th, 4th – May 7th, 5th – May 21st and 6th (4-man clinic) – June 4th. Motion to accept by Jeff Benson and Eric Mashl. Majority vote passed.

6.1a (added in by Shaun Herrick)

Proposed 2022 umpire fees as posted on the boards website were discussed (also noted in detail in the meeting minutes from our winter meeting). Motion to accept the requested fees by Jeff Benson and Eric Mashl. Pass by majority vote.

6.2 Special vote to be held to fill the vacant seats of Scott Wing (Vice President) and Doug Perry (Executive Board). Both seats' terms expire at the end of the 2022 season.

Dan Deshaies nominated for VP by Barry Fuller/Chris Goding. Motion to cease nominations by Chris Goding/Jeff Benson. Passed by majority vote.

Chris Goding nominated for Eboard by Jeff Benson and Eric Mashl. Motion to cease nominations by John White/Jeff Benson. Passed by majority vote.

Barry Fuller motioned that secretary treasurer cast the sole vote on behalf of the board for the two positions, it was seconded by Larry LaRoche. Passed by majority vote.

Sec/tres Dan Labrie has cast a sole vote to elect Dan Deshaies as the Vice President effective 3/13/22 and term ends 12/31/22.

Sec/tres Dan Labrie has cast a sole vote to elect Chris Goding as the Executive Board member at large effective 3/13/22 and term ends 12/31/22.

6.2a (added in by Shaun Herrick)

Constitution update, Shaun wants us to update it as it has been outdated for some time. It takes a full years' worth of meetings to make a change, so it was motioned that each members email be counted as their signature in a response to make an update to it, this was by Randy Estes and Dan Deshaies, passed by majority vote. Shaun will work with Dan Labrie and other members to work on draft of update before Dan emails it out to full board for signatures.

6.3 Discussion with full board about remaining meetings this season. In person, Zoom or hybrid of both?

It was pointed out that some members have a 1-hour drive to get to these meetings, hybrid seems to be working well. Randy Estes asked for feedback from those on Zoom tonight, Gary Havlicek said that at times it was hard to hear, and he did not like it if the meetings were going to go back to 2.5 hours long rather than the 30 minutes of less meetings we had last year on zoom. Randy Estes motioned to do another in person/zoom meeting next meeting (March 27th) and revisit this then, was seconded by Jeff Benson. Passed by majority vote.

6.4 Poll to see who is interested in placing a clothing order with the board's logo on it. Crickets...so Dan Labrie will not be looking into CMBABU branded clothing.

7. Other Business:

Randy Estes let everyone know that there was only a few people at last years banquet but that Barry Fuller was awarded the Jim Taylor award, he is now the only 2 time recipient of the award

8. Adjournment
7:23pm