

New Hampshire Baseball Umpires Association

Executive Board Meeting January 22, 2023

Sec/Treas

Secretary reported that out of 200 listed members (Active & Inactive), 17 have not paid their 2023 dues. That's the fewest number of unpaid umpires in current history. We can thank our Supervisor, Jeff Kleiner, in "stepping up to the plate" and using VENMO payments for the first time. A thank you should also go to our Area Assignors for contacting their members and pursuing the payment of dues. December 31st 2022 check book balance is \$9,405.01.

Assignors

With the retirement of Region 2 Assignor, Bob Skinner, other Regions absorbed Region 2. Region 1 Assignor, Lee Champagne, reported that he is having a problem finding to do his games. The area schools are aware of the problem and work with Lee to get the games covered. Rick Force has registered with the NHIAA and will be of great assistance in doing games. Region 3 Assignor, Don Stroy Meyer is also short of officials. Region 4 Assignor, Brian Troupe, has all but 2 of his games assigned – expects turnbacks. The same with Bill Makarawicz in Region 5 – all set but expecting turnbacks. Region 6, Gary Noyes, is all set.

Supervisor

NHBUA Supervisor, Jeff Kleiner, reported:

Annual Exam

The annual exam is in my possession from the NHIAA. I have shared this with our Rules Interpreter, Terry Dostie, to review for incorrect questions. Upon review, he decided to replace the final 3 questions and insert new ones. The final 3 were related to score keeping only. I have submitted the replacement questions to the NHIAA. Terry and I decided to have the test released on Monday, February 6, 2023 (the day after our first interpretation meeting) and have a close date of April 7, 2023. The Board agreed to change that end to April 3, 2023. The test is 50 questions and an 80% grade is required to pass. There are 2 attempts to pass and the test is not scrambled, meaning everyone will see the test in the same order.

April 22 Holman D1 Games

This is the day set up and sponsored by "Adrenaline" which is a tournament atmosphere event with 4 games. I have decided to take this day and run it like a "Pre-tournament" and will all be worked with 3-man crews. I have taken an experienced 3 man umpire with tournament to work the plate along with 2 "newer" to that type atmosphere that were suggested by assignors as tournament ready and possibly in a final. The sponsor is paying for the 3rd umpire.

NHIAA Survey on Time Limits

I have not received back the results of a survey the NHIAA was doing to gauge the feel for putting time limits of 2:15 on all sub-varsity games. My hope is that by our annual meeting, that will be adopted by the baseball committee.

Tournament Dates

All prelims on Thursday June 1, 2023 (at higher seed).

All quarterfinals on Saturday June 3, 2023 (at higher seed).

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D1 Semi: Wednesday June 7, 2023 at Holman Stadium – Nashua

D2 Semi: Wednesday June 7, 2023 at Memorial Field – Concord

D3 Semi: Wednesday June 7, 2023 at Robbie Mills – Laconia

D4 Semi: Thursday June 8, 2023 at Robbie Mills Laconia

All Championship Final Games at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium Manchester

D1: 1:00PM D2: 4:00PM D3: 7:00PM D4: 10:00PM

Baseball Umpire Development

Supervisor Jeff Kleiner introduced Co-Chairs, Kevin Bolduc and Matt Lemear as the new directors of the BUD Program. Lee asked about setting up a BUD Program for the north country. Discussion followed with some input by Lee about having a separate but equal classes-mechanics sessions for Northern umpires. Also discussed was on-line Rule Book.

New Business

The website was discussed with Supervisor Jeff Kleiner commenting that it should be re-vamped or discarded. Paul Viens was encouraged to have Sullivan & Wolfe Design “update and create a new image”. Paul and the Treasurer will have a discussion on how much can be allotted to bring the website up to date. It must be remembered that Paul is the contact to the design company and he just forwards information that is given him.

Annual Meeting is March 19th. Game fee for 2023 (thus active dues) is \$93.00.

In Attendance:

Jim Walsh, Bill Makarawicz, Dave Harrington, Paul Viens, Kevin Drew, Jeff Kleiner, Phil Levesque, Don Stroy Meyer, Gary Noyes, Adam Rozumek, Ted Houlihan, Kevin Bolduc, Matt Lemear and Duane Welch.

Virtually:

Terry Dostie, Brian Troupe, Lee Champagne.