

## **2014 NYSBUA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 5, 2014**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Gabriel at 9:10AM. It was held at the Chenango Fire Station in Binghamton.

### **1. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

The pledge to the flag was followed with a moment of silence for all deceased NYSBUA members. Each Chapter who lost members recited their names for remembrance. A recognition of all serving in the military was also observed.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

- a. Sergeant of Arms Dennis Williams reported all 34 NYSBUA chapters were represented and signed in.

### **3. PROOF OF MEETING NOTICE**

- a. The meeting notice was mailed to all chapter presidents and secretaries. There is a copy in the packet.

### **4. APPROVAL OF 2013 MINUTES**

- a. 2013 Minutes were approved following motion made and seconded by Nick Mele and Tom Hanbach respectively.

### **5. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

#### **a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- i. President Ron Gabriel noted that the MLB Arizona Instructional League would be implementing some speed-up rules on a trial basis. Four of these rules are Federation High School rules.
- ii. Ron talked about the NYSBUA lawsuit and shared his thoughts. Chapters need to make sure that *Due Process* is followed. Also, be sure that *Due Process* is part of each Chapter's constitution.
- iii. Chapter representatives are reminded to sign up for spring clinics. Ron talked about the considerable amount of money we each earn from high school baseball.

#### **b. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT**

- i. Secretary-Treasurer Don Volk indicated that he has a new address and email. Be sure that the contact people for each chapter receive this information.
- ii. All mileage vouchers (one per chapter) must be turned in with the completed Chapter Update Form.
- iii. The Tony Devivo application will now be sent through email. Please sign the email sheet or email Chairman Joe Grady at [umpire1154@aol.com](mailto:umpire1154@aol.com) with the information.
- iv. The contact person for obtaining a Certificate of Liability Insurance for chapter meetings and *events is Kerri Kacperowski* at [kkacperowski@mma-ne.com](mailto:kkacperowski@mma-ne.com) or phone 732-941-3166.
- v. Rule and Case books information will be mailed to the chapters at the end of November. Books will be mailed to chapters the first week of January. If chapters need book earlier, let me know and I will try to arrange it.
- vi. Don thanks the membership for all their cooperation during the past year.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### a. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- i. Special thanks to the presenters Ryan Rafferty, Jen Pawol, Lou Bonacci and Matt Arcovia for their informational seminar in Umpire Training, Fitness, Assigning, and Recruitment on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> . Thanks to Eric Olsen and his committee for arranging this program. Chapter representatives who attended the presentations are encouraged to share the information with their local chapters.

### b. TONY DEVIVO COMMITTEE

- i. Dennis Williams reported that Simon Kaufman of the Mid-Hudson chapter won the Tony Devivo award for 2014. More applications for the award are encouraged. Please consider qualified candidates in your chapters. Applications for 2015 award will be sent by email.

### c. AUDIT & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

- i. Chairman Mark Rothrock reported that the starting balance was \$45,863. And the ending balance in the NYSBUA account is \$44,122.
- ii. The liability insurance cost increased to \$9.25 per member. NYSBUA paid \$2500.00 deductible for the settlement of a lawsuit. The deductible has now increased to \$5000.00 on the Directors and Officers portion of the insurance policy. The finances of the organization remain in stable condition.

**d. BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

- i. Chairman Mark Rothrock spoke about the *Due Process* section of each chapter's constitution. The recent law suit with settlement of \$2500.00 paid has put as emphasis on the *Due Process*. Chapter officers follow the due process as described in their constitution regarding personnel matters.
- ii. Each chapter needs to provide Mark an updated constitution. The contact information must be kept current.

**e. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- i. Chairman Eric Olsen explained that the Saturday program was designed to educate chapters in the areas of fitness, assigning, training, and recruitment. Please relay this information to your local chapters.
- ii. Any issues about uniform changes or additions are to be addressed to the advisory committee.
- iii. Eric presented information on the January clinic for umpire training in Binghamton. . MLB umpire Joe West May attend. All chapters are encouraged to send umpires to this clinic. The attendance goal for NYSBUA participants is 100.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Dennis Williams recommended the possibility of including a full zipper jacket to be part of the NYSBUA uniform. Some members have purchased the jacket from one of the suppliers. It is not a legal jacket at this time. A motion was made by Jeff Holliday and seconded by Jerry Pallodino to make the jacket a legal part of the uniform. Motion was defeated by a show of hands.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Paul Pascucci made a motion to raise the pay of the officers by \$50.00 per year and the Secretary-Treasurer by \$500.00. The motion was seconded by Tom Hanbach. Motion was passed by a show of hands.

## **9. AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Territorial Rights
  - i. There have been enquiries about how post season assignments are done. Ron pointed out that post season assignments are not necessarily done on a rotating basis. Territorial rights apply to the regular season.
  - ii. Past President Robert Lang encouraged chapters to send two representatives to the annual meeting so their chapter is fully represented.

## **10. 2015 MEETING DATE & SITE**

- a. Vote carried for 2015 Meeting to be in Binghamton. Motion made by Nick Mele and seconded by Tom Hanback. The Meeting will be on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Motion made by Paul Pascucci and seconded by Mike Salada to adjourn the meeting at 11:45. Motion carried.