

# **2015 NYSBUA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 4, 2015**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Gabriel at 9:05AM. 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. (13 Chapters only had one delegate present)

## **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 2014 MINUTES**

- a. 2014 Minutes were approved following motion made and seconded by Tom Hanbach and Charles Lingle respectively.

## **5. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

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

- i. President Ron Gabriel acknowledged 2015 Tony DeVivo award winner Warren Bumpus from Syracuse Chapter.
- ii. Ron thanked Don Volk for his help and support throughout his time as President. He knows the new Secretary-Treasurer will have big shoes to fill. The Executive Board has mixed feelings about Don's retirement and Ron added he will be greatly missed.
- 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 and he encouraged members to attend the Clinic in Binghamton in January.

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

- i. Secretary-Treasurer Don Volk indicated that he will retire after today's meeting. He thanked everyone for their help through the years.**
- 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. Our Insurance carrier has changed to Paris-Kerwan Associates in Rochester, NY. The contact person for obtaining a Certificate of Liability Insurance for chapter meetings and *events is April Keese* at [aprilk@paris-kirwan.com](mailto:aprilk@paris-kirwan.com) or phone 585-473-8000. There is a handout in your packet as well.**
- v. Rule and Case books information will be emailed 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 again thanked the membership for all their cooperation during his years as Secretary-Treasurer.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- i. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
- ii. Eric Olsen thanked all the presenters for their informational seminars in Umpire Training, Chapter Organization, and Recruitment on Saturday October 3rd. Thanks to Eric Olsen and his committee for arranging this program. Eric asked the Chapters to submit any issues they have experienced locally so we can all benefit from their local experiences and make future presentations of value to all our Chapters. Chapter representatives who attended the presentations are encouraged to share the information with their local chapters.**
- iii. 4<sup>th</sup> Annual NYSBUA Umpires Clinic will be held on Saturday January 9<sup>th</sup> 2016. There will be 5 minor league Umpire's on staff to help MLB Umpire Rob Drake conduct the instruction. All Chapters are encouraged to tell their membership to attend this training clinic.**

- iv. **Matt Arcovio spoke about the gap between High School Umpires and College Umpires in regards to training and mechanics. If anyone has interest in attending any additional training they can contact Matt for further information.**
- b. **TONY DEVIVO COMMITTEE**
  - i. **Joe Grady reported that Warren Bumpus of the Syracuse chapter won the Tony Devivo award for 2015. Betty DeVivo and her daughter patty were present to see Warren receive his award. More applications for the award are encouraged. Please consider qualified candidates in your chapters. Applications for 2016 award will be sent by email.**
- c. **AUDIT & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**
  - i. **Chairman Mark Rothrock reported that the starting balance was \$44,122. And the ending balance in the NYSBUA account is \$42,566.**
  - ii. **The liability insurance cost decreased to \$9.00 per member. We changed Insurance companies for 2016. Our new Agent is Paris-Kerwan. The deductible remained the same as last year (\$5000.00) on the Directors and Officers portion of the insurance policy. The finances of the organization remain in stable condition.**
  - iii. **Motion to accept Audit report by Don Roth seconded by Paul Pesavento.**
- d. **BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**
  - i. **Chairman Mark Rothrock spoke about the *Due Process* section of each chapter's constitution. The chance of lawsuits is always a possibility and puts a greater emphasis on the importance of following *Due Process*. Chapter officers need to be aware of and 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 Umpire Training, Chapter Organization, and Recruitment. Please relay this information to your local chapters.**
- ii. Eric thanked committee members Mike Salada and Bob VanAlstyne for their help this year.**
- iii. The Smitty Half Sleeve Jacket is a approved Jacket for High School use.**
- iv. The Smitty Full Sleeve Fleece Lined Jacket (BB-S330) is being recommended to the membership by the Advisory committee. On a motion by Charles Lingle (Lockport) seconded by Ed Musa (Sullivan) the motion was approved unanimously. (This issue was first brought up under new business last year)**
- v. There was a question raised about changing to Charcoal grey pants. The advisory committee has not received any feedback from chapters on making this change. Eric again asked for Chapter feedback on this issue.**
- vi. There was a question from the floor on “dry-fit” shirts. These shirts are not approved for use in High School baseball. Any issues about uniform changes or additions are to be addressed to the advisory committee.**
- vii. 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. None**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. None from the Board or the Floor**

## **9. AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) On-Line Testing – Peggy Schindler (518-690-0771) is the NYSPHSAA contact for the Federation Exam. This is optional for 2016. Ron Gabriel stated we have no news on how this is going to work and we have received no information on the cost to take the on-line test or who will administer the testing. There was much discussion from the delegates with many questions that still need to be answered. Ron suggested we stay with the paper test until the “bugs” are worked out for the on-line testing. NYSBUA will not take the on-line test in 2016 due to lack of available procedures and cost information.**
- b) State Tournament – Ron Gabriel reported that NYSPHSAA is considering a 2 day format for next year. The 2 day option passed so the 2017 semi-finals will be held on Friday with 5 finals on Saturday. Schools who lose a semi-final will be expected to go home after their game on Friday. We expect they will ask the same of the umpires who work 2 games on Friday as well. NYSPHSAA is very happy with the quality of our officials. More details to follow.**
- c) Summer Baseball – Ron Gabriel read the constitution section regarding territorial rights of Chapters for summer games. Ron mentioned a written agreement between Chapters to agree on permission to work games in another Chapters area should be signed by both chapter presidents and kept on file. Ron reminded the Chapters to support each other and respect bordering Chapters territorial rights.**
- d) Cold Weather Jacket – Please see Advisory Committee report for more information. This option was passed for 2016.**
- e) Election of Officers – Nominating Committee Chairman Dick Lindamer thanked his team for helping with the candidates interviews. Jud Foy, Mike Salada and Mark Rothrock were interviewed for the Secretary/ Treasurer position left vacant by the retirement of Don Volk. Mark Rothrock was recommended to the membership by the Nominating committee. At this point the other two candidates withdrew their names from consideration and President Ron Gabriel cast 1 ballot for Mark Rothrock as the new Secretary/Treasurer. Election for Vice President to fill the position vacated by Mark Rothrock’s election to Secretary / Treasurer – Candidates were Rick Smith and Mike Salada. Nominating committee recommended Rick Smith to the membership. 55 votes were**

available to be cast. Final vote: Smith 29, Salada 24 with 2 no votes cast. Rick Smith (Westport Chapter) was elected as Vice President. The remaining slate of officers ran unopposed for their respective positions. Ron Gabriel – President, Joe Grady – Vice President, Eric Olsen – Vice President and Dennis Williams – Sergeant at Arms. Secretary cast 1 ballot for remaining slate of officers.

#### **10. 2016 MEETING DATE & SITE**

- a. Vote carried for 2016 Meeting to be in Binghamton. Motion made by Nick Mele and seconded by Mike Salada. The Meeting will be on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Chenango Fire Station #1 86 Castle Road Binghamton, NY 13905

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Motion made by Paul Pascucci and seconded by Jerry Paladino to adjourn the meeting at 10:45. Motion carried.