

2016 NYSBUA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Gabriel at 9:00am. It was held at the Chenango Fire station in Binghamton, NY.

1. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
 - a. The pledge to the flag was followed with a moment of silence for all deceased NYSBUA members. Recognition of all serving in the military was also observed.
2. ROLL CALL
 - a. Sergeant of arms Dennis Williams reported that all 34 chapters were represented and signed in. 8 chapters only had one delegate present.
3. PROOF OF MEETING NOTICE
 - a. The meeting notice was emailed to all chapter presidents and secretaries. There is a copy in the packet.
4. APPROVAL OF 2016 MINUTES
 - a. 2015 minutes were approved following a motion and second by Charlie Lingle and Nick Mele respectively.
5. REPORT OF OFFICERS
 - a. President's Report
 - i. Ron Gabriel acknowledged the 2016 tony DeVivo award winner Dick Lindamer from Allegheny County Chapter.
 - ii. Ron reminded all chapters for the need to have due process in their governing documents to handle disputes.
 - iii. The year 2016 was fairly uneventful in terms of the business of the association.
 - b. Secretary-Treasurer's Report
 - i. Eric Olsen read a written report on behalf of Mark Rothrock. (see enclosure)
 - ii. I want to thank Don Volk for all his help during the transition period.
 - iii. All mileage vouchers (one per chapter) must be turned in with the completed Chapter Update Form.
 - iv. The Tony DeVivo application is now being sent through email. Please sign the email sheet or email Chairman Joe Grady at umpire1154@aol.com with the information.
 - v. Speaking of email, as most of you are aware, I will be sending as much correspondence to Chapters via email so PLEASE be sure I have your correct email addresses.
 - vi. As you should know by now, last year we switched Insurance carriers. Paris-Kerwan Associates in Rochester, NY is the new agent. The contact person for obtaining a Certificate of Liability Insurance for chapter meetings and *events is April Keese* at aprilk@paris-kirwan.com or phone 585-473-8000. There is a handout in your packet as well.

- vii. Rule and Case books information will be emailed to the chapters at the end of November. I will start mailing books to chapters the first week of January. If chapters need books earlier, let me know and I will try to arrange it.
- viii. Please review the due process sheet in your packet and make sure you have due process in your constitution.
- ix. Please keep me updated on any changes to your chapter officer roster.
- x. Thanks to all the chapter secretaries and presidents for their co-operation throughout the year.
- xi. The NYSPHSAA test will only be available on line for 2017. Instructions are in your packet. Each Umpire will login with a unique Login (your email address) IMPORTANT: Each Umpire must put in his Chapter Name to identify his group so NYSPHSAA can properly bill the chapter for the number of tests taken. The cost will be 50¢ per test. Your chapter will be billed directly by NYSPHSAA. Test will be available (open) on line from January 15 THROUGH March 30th (Closed date).
- xii. A final thank you to Eric Olsen for filling in at the meeting during my absence.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Education Committee

- i. President Ron Gabriel reported that 11 pre-season interpretation clinics were supported by association chapters.
- ii. The NHSF rule book may move to a bi annual (every 2 year) print cycle.
- iii. A new bat, manufacturer Baden has come out with a new bat having an "ax handle". This bat is considered legal.
- iv. Ron will be working with chapters interested in hosting interpretation clinics to set up the 2017 schedule. A list was circulated prior to the beginning of this meeting.
- v. Eric Olsen thanked all the presenters for their informational seminars in Inter-Chapter Relationships, Concussion Mitigation and Enhanced training to Increase Member retention on Saturday, October 1. Chapters were invited to suggest topics for future presentations.
- vi. 5th Annual NY Umpire Clinic will be held on Saturday, January 7, 2017. There will be 4-5 minor league umpires in addition to the MLB staff umpires to conduct the clinic. All chapters are encouraged to tell their membership to attend this training clinic.

b. Tony DeVivo Committee

Joe Grady reported that Dick Lindamer was the 2016 award winner. Joe encouraged the chapters to invest the time to nominate worthy members from their chapters. This year's group of nominees was a combination of first time submittals and prior submitted nominations. Nominations are kept on file for 2 years. Applications for the award will be sent via email.

- c. Audit and Insurance Committee
 - i. Chairman Dennis Williams reported the audit committee met on Saturday, October 1 and found the report provided by Secretary-Treasurer Mark Rothrock to be in good order. A motion and a second to approve the financial report as published was made by Bruce Izzo and Mike Salada respectively.
- d. Bi-Laws committee
 - i. No report.
- e. Advisory Committee
 - i. Eric Olsen reported the Advisory committee met on Saturday, October 1 to review 2 proposals submitted regarding uniforms. Schohanna chapter proposed a uniform change of pant from heather gray to charcoal gray. Syracuse chapter proposed adding a black shirt and charcoal gray pants as optional uniform items. The committee chose to develop the Syracuse proposal as follows:
 - 1. Black shirt, long sleeve and short sleeve permitted. Shirt is to have NYSBUA logo embroidered in traditional position on left breast pocket. Same manufacturers of currently approved shirts (Cliff Keen, Smitty)
 - 2. Charcoal gray pants using same manufacturers of currently approved pants (Fechheimer, Cliff Keen and Smitty)
 - 3. If the black shirt is worn, it must be worn with a black hat and ball bag.
 - 4. Chapters are to decide how to implement and police these optional uniform items among their membership.
 - ii. A motion and a second to approve the optional shirt was made by Joe Weaver and Ed Musa respectively.
 - iii. A motion and a second to approve the optional pant was made by Rich Lionetti and Tom Olley respectively.
 - iv. Specific models of pants and shirts will be disseminated following this meeting. The uniform code will be updated and posted online.
- f. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
 - i. None
- g. AGENDA ITEMS
 - i. Online Testing – Ron spoke to the handout in the packet describing the process for chapters to enroll and take the test. In the packet, Peggy Schindler is listed as a resource/point of contact if chapters need additional assistance. Test charge will be assessed \$.50 for each member taking the test. Each chapter will be sent an invoice for test charges following the testing period. Each chapter can determine whether to use part I or II for their test to be submitted to state.

1. A question was asked :
 - a. If a chapter can get a master list of all chapter member test scores.
 - b. The time frame for taking Part I and Part II.
 - c. Can Mark Rothrock send testing information to chapters who need to know the state ID # and dates?
 2. NYSBUA to investigate and report to chapters.
- ii. State Tournament
1. For 2017 a 2 day format will be used. Ron spoke to the impact on umpire assignments where 7 of 22 umpires would go home on Friday following the completion of that day's games. 15 umpires would be hosted with an overnight room for the tournament Friday night for Saturday assignments.
 2. 5 fields will be used on Friday with game times of 3:00pm and 5:30pm. Fields would be NYSEG stadium, Binghamton university, Conlon Field, Union Endicott and Maine Endwell High School
 3. 2 fields will be used on Saturday with game times NYSEG stadium of 10am, 1pm and 4pm and at Binghamton University at 10am and 1pm.
 4. Ron requested earlier notification of umpires assigned to the tournament. Suggestion to move up notification to May 17 from May 25 so umpires can be notified about assignments and to plan on working one or two days.
 5. Ron spoke to NYS baseball Chair Ed Dopp about state accommodations to putting up umpires in case of inclement weather delaying completion of games on Friday and allowing them to return to their homes following 1 day assignments.
 6. From the floor there was discussion to select only 15 umpires to work games and it would allow all umpires to work over 2 days and work each position. Discussion. Majority of delegates voted to leave the number of assignments at 23 alone, maximize giving more opportunity to work rather than fewer.
- iii. Summer Baseball
1. Ron reiterated that association boundaries are to be honored year round; high school and summer. Governance for territories is uniform and consistent.
- iv. Optional Zipper Jacket
- Eric Olsen reported that the Smitty jacket with insulated lining and zipper front, consistent in appearance with the approved pullover was approved as an optional uniform item.

v. Officer Contact Sheet

1. Ron reminded delegates of the Chapter officer handout in the packet if chapters have a need to contact other chapters. This information is also available online.

h. NEW BUSINESS

- i. Run Rule – each chapter can approach their section baseball chairman to present the idea of approving the run rule. The process for getting this to a vote is for the section baseball chair to bring it to the committee, from the committee to NYSPHSAA for a vote. There is a feeling among sections chairs to move towards making the recommendation to the state to vote on approving the run rule.
- ii. Membership recruiting – John Leadbeter, Binghamton chapter, outlined the activity his chapter initiated to recruit new members in 2016
 1. Created an information packet
 2. Put a chapter banner up at game sites
 3. Had a recruiting night a local AHL hockey game
 4. Had business cards printed and distributed
 5. Printed flyers and handed out at events.20 members joined and 7 were retained. Looking to increase retention in 2017.
- iii. Umpire Concussions – Matt Arcovio, Rochester chapter shared information from his presentation on Saturday on concussion mitigation.
- iv. 2017 NY Umpire Clinic – Eric Olsen reported that the clinic this coming January again at the Edge Sports Complex in Vestal, NY.
- v. 2017 Annual Meeting – Dates for the meeting will be September 29-October 1. Meeting arrangements will be planned for Binghamton NY. Ryan Raftery will also investigate alternate meeting sites and report back to NYSBUA in 60 days. Findings will be shared with chapters after this time.

7. Adjournment

- a. Motion and second to adjourn was made by Paul Pascucci and Nick Mele respectively. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10am.