

## **2013 NYSBUA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 6, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by President Ron Gabriel at 9:07AM. 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.

**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 2012 MINUTES**

- a. 2012 Minutes were approved following motion made and seconded by Nick Mele and Paul Pascucci respectively.

**5. REPORT OF OFFICERS**

**a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- i. President Ron Gabriel reported that the clinic held at Broome Tech on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> was well done. Thanks to Matt Arcovio, Ryan Bealo, Andy Draper, and Lou Bonacci for their efforts in conducting the clinic and making the necessary arrangements for the day. The on-field participation by NYSBUA members from various chapters was excellent. It was noted that we need to make sure we are in proper uniform when we are representing NYSBUA.
- ii. Congratulations to Joe Grady on his induction to the NYSPHSAA Hall of Fame.
- iii. Chapter representatives are reminded to sign up, if they wish to host 2014 clinic.

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

- i. Secretary-Treasurer Don Volk thanked chapter presidents and secretaries and for their support and cooperation throughout the year.**
- ii. Don gave updates on his change of address and phone number.**
- iii. The packet includes information on how to obtain a Certificate of Liability Insurance for chapter meetings and events. The packet also includes information regarding the signs and symptoms, and behaviors of a possible head trauma. A recommended return to play protocol is also provided.**
- iv. Please be sure to complete chapter officer sheet accurately, also notify me of any changes throughout the year.**
- 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. Hand in mileage voucher and chapter officer forms before you leave today.**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a. EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

- i. President Gabriel reported that Matt Arcovio and Lou Bonacci have been appointed to the Education Committee.**
- ii. Eric Olsen spoke about the January 2013 clinic for NYSBUA. This clinic included major league umpires Lance Barrett and Rob Drake as instructors. NYSBUA members also served as clinicians.**
- iii. Eric Olsen, Clinic Chairman, is planning a clinic for January 2014. Chapters are encouraged to have their members attend. A website will be provided for umpires to get a clinic overview and register to attend. This clinic is designed for 100 participants. Plans are to have major league umpires to provide instruction. This has the approval and support of the NYSBUA Executive Board.**

**b. TONY DEVIVO COMMITTEE**

- i. Chairman Joe Grady reported that Robert Van Allstyne of the Schenectady chapter won the Tony Divivo award for 2013. Chairman Grady pointed out the need for more applications. There were only 5 applications from 34 chapters. There are excellent candidates out there in all chapters. Many more should be submitted.**

**c. AUDIT & INSURANCE COMMITTEE**

- i. Chairman Mark Rothrock reported that the starting balance was \$46,440. And the ending balance in the NYSBUA account is \$45,863. This puts the organization in good financial standing.**
- ii. The liability insurance costs remain stable. That is a factor we cannot control but it seems to have stabilized at this time. The dues will remain the same at \$18.00 per member for next year.**

**d. BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

- i. Chairman Mark Rothrock requested that if you made changes to your local constitution, please inform Mark of those changes.**
- ii. Every chapter constitution should have a due process procedure in their by laws. There is a sample of one in your packet.**

**e. ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- i. Chairman Eric Olsen would like a survey on purchase of umpiring pants. We want to assure that all umpires are buying the appropriate pants from approved vendors.**
- ii. If there are any issues that the Advisory Committee should be working on, please contact Chairman Olsen .**
- iii. Rick Smith has been appointed to the Advisory Committee.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. VP Mark Rothrock pointed out that some chapters send only one delegate to the annual meeting . Chapters are permitted two voting delegates and should exercise their right to have two votes count at the meetings.**

- b. It was suggested that only three-man experienced umpires be assigned to the state tournament. President Gabriel pointed out that this is not really possible because some sections do not use the three man system in their play off games.**

**9. AGENDA ITEMS**

**a. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- i. Officer Nominees were presented with no opposing candidates is as follows:**

- 1. President – Ron Gabriel**
- 2. Vice President – Joe Grady**
- 3. Vice President – Mark Rothrock**
- 4. Vice President – Eric Olsen**
- 5. Sergeant of Arms – Dennis Williams**

**This slate of officers was elected after nominations were closed.**

**10. 2014 MEETING DATE & SITE**

- a. Vote carried for 2014 Meeting to be in Binghamton. Motion made by Nick Mele and seconded by Bill Dyer. The Meeting will be on October 5<sup>th</sup>.**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Motion made by Paul Pascucci and seconded by Jud Foy to adjourn the meeting at 11:10. Motion carried.**