

2012 NYSBUA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 7, 2012

The 2012 NYSBUA Annual Meeting was held at Chenango Fire Station in Binghamton, NY on October 7, 2012. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Gabriel at 905 AM.

1. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

- a. The pledge to the flag by all attendees was followed by a moment of silence observed for deceased members.

2. ROLL CALL

- a. Sergeant-of-Arms Dennis Williams reported all Chapters were present.

3. PROOF OF MEETING NOTICE

- a. In attendees packets.

4. APPROVAL OF 2011 MINUTES

- a. Motion made to accept by Robert Clemens (Westchester) and seconded by Chuck Lingle (Lockport).

5. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- i. President Gabriel reported that the State Tournament went well and the umpires did an excellent job. Chapters are reminded to send their best officials.
- ii. The State Baseball Committee is considering a 2 day tournament in the interest of saving money. The losing teams on Friday would not stay overnight and lodging expenses would result in savings.
- iii. The clinics planned by the Education Committee on Saturday was impacted by inclement weather and had to be moved inside. Thanks to the Committee for this adjustment and providing the informative clinic.
- iv. There is a possibility of a clinic in January that will include umpires from the MLB staff. More details will be made available.

- v. Thanks to Eric Olsen for all his efforts in making arrangements for the Annual Meeting.

b. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

- i. Secretary-Treasurer reminded delegates to turn in their mileage vouchers for payment.
- ii. Any changes in individual chapter officers should be documented on the form provided in the packet. As changes occur throughout the year, please notify the Secretary/Treasurer. This is how information is sent to the chapters from the state officers throughout the year. So please keep your list current.
- iii. Liability Insurance information and Liability Insurance Certificates are available from Dawn Croft (Marsh & McLennan) at 716-648-5000.
- iv. 2013 Rule Books order forms will be mailed around December 1. Orders will be filled by January 10, 2013. Contact Don Volk, if this does not meet with your chapter's needs.
- v. Thanks to the chapters and officers for their assistance throughout the year.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- i. Chairman Gabriel pointed out that the weather made it difficult to plan a program.
- ii. Rule changes for 2013 are very few.
- iii. Clinician Ira Levine asked members to provide suggestions for the annual meeting Saturday clinic.

b. TONY DEVIVO COMMITTEE

- i. Chairman Joe Grady reported that Jim Guise (Western Suffolk) is the 2012 Tony DE Vivo winner. Joe pointed out that we need more applications. Many chapters have deserving candidates and applications are not being submitted.

c. AUDIT & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

i. Chairman Mark Rothrock reported that the checking account had a starting balance of \$44,864.00 and ending at \$46,460.00. This is an increase of \$1596.00 for this year. The liability insurance cost is unpredictable and this year had a slight decrease. Dues will remain at \$18.00 per member.

1. Motion made to accept report by Paul Pesavento (Mid-Hudson) and seconded by Nick Mele (Elmira).
Motion carried.

d. BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

i. Chairman Mark Rothrock requested that if changes are made to a local chapter's constitution, He needs to be notified of those changes.

ii. Local chapters should have a "Due Process Procedure". Check the sample in the packet for information.

iii. If there is an agreement for a chapter to go out of their territory, a written territorial rights agreement must be sent to Mr. Rothrock and President Gabriel for their records.

e. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

i. Chairman Eric Olsen thanked Bob Sitterley for his years of chairing the advisory committee.

ii. Anaconda is no longer supplying NYSBUA jackets. Cliff Keen and Smitty's are the manufacturers of jackets. The committee recommends each chapter choose either Smitty's or Cliff Keen to supply their jackets.

iii. Present NYSBUA Suppliers will be able to furnish jackets. There will be a one year phase-in period until 2014.

iv. Chairman Olsen talked about Participation in a National Alliance Program where purchase of Cliff Keen products would result in a rebate to NYSBUA.

v.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Joe MacCauley (Massena) had questions about fingerprinting since his Section (10) is currently in this process. President Gabriel said he would check on it at OCF meeting.
- b. Eric Olsen of the Advisory Committee would like the NYSBUA to consider a clinic involving Major League Umpires and others with professional umpiring experience. This would occur in January 2013, with an estimated cost of \$50 - \$100 per participant.

9. AGENDA ITEMS

a. JACKET CHANGE

- i. Chapters may purchase jacket from Smitty's or Cliff Keen. The Advisory Committee recommends that each chapter choose one supplier.
- ii. Ira Levine (Western Suffolk) made a motion to allow individuals to purchase an additional short sleeved jacket. Motion seconded by Ed Sullivan (Nassau) and passed by show of hands.

b. SLACKS CHANGE VOTE

- i. Change from heather gray to charcoal gray slacks. Roll call vote 32 – no and 22 – yes. Motion defeated.

10. 2012 MEETING DATE & SITE

- a. 2013 meeting date and site will be on October 6th in Binghamton. Motion made to accept by Nick Mele (Elmira) and seconded by Judd Foy (Cattaraugus). Motion carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Motion to adjourn meeting by Paul Pascucci (WNY) and Nick Mele. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.