

2010 NYSBUA ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 3, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER

- a. The meeting was called to order by President Ron Gabriel at 9:05 AM.

2. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

- a. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Tom Nocera – Niagara Falls, Charles Gibson – Binghamton, and Mike Manning – Westport.

3. ROLL CALL – completed.

4. PROOF OF MEETING NOTICE- in packet

5. APPROVAL OF 2009 MINUTES

- a. Motion made by Nick Mele of Elmira and seconded by Paul Pascucci of WNY. Minutes approved.

6. REPORT OF OFFICERS

a. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- i. President Gabriel reported that he had a few calls during the season on game problems and complimented the chapter interpreters for doing an excellent job.
- ii. There were questions about territorial rights.
- iii. Uniform issues continue to be a problem with reports of umpires wearing illegal uniforms. Chapters are reminded that these violations can result in a \$50.00 fine. There was a uniform violation at the state tournament.
- iv. The EMPIRE Games were held in Buffalo. Thank you to the WNY and Niagara falls Chapters for providing additional umpires for the event.
- v. President Gabriel appointed Dick Lindamer – Allegany to the Nominating Committee and Mike Salada – Niagara Falls to the By-Laws committee.

b. SECRETARY/TREASURER’S REPORT

- i. Secretary-Treasurer Don Volk reminded chapters to report changes in the chapter officers. These changes should also be reported to the www.nysbua.com website.
- ii. Changes in insurance were noted. The meeting packet contains a certificate of insurance, if needed.
- iii. Delegates are reminded to turn in their mileage vouchers and their chapter information sheets.
- iv. Thanks to all for their cooperation throughout the year.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- i. Interpreter Ron Gabriel reported that the clinics around the state went well during the spring. Ron cited there is an emphasis on the occurrence of concussions and how to handle these in a game situation.**
- ii. The committee presented a clinic at Broome Tech on October 2nd, included was on-field experience in special situations and participation by NYSBUA members. Thanks to Ira Levine-Western Suffolk, Lou Bonacci-Binghamton, Rich Maggio- Nassau, Warren Bumpus- Syracuse, Eric Olsen - Endicott and Rich Leonetti-Western Suffolk for their efforts for providing this excellent clinic.**

b. TONY DEVIVO COMMITTEE

- i. Chairman Jack Guinan reported that there were 7 candidates for the award. The winner for 2010 is John Cataline of Geneva. All chapters are encouraged to submit/resubmit candidate qualified candidates.**

c. AUDIT & INSURANCE COMMITTEE

- i. Met Don Volk on October 2nd. The treasury has a balance of \$46,111.50. This is an increase of \$12,314.00 from the previous year.**
 - 1. Chairman Mark Rothrock-Genesee Valley reported that there had been changes in our liability insurance policy. The Committee recommends a reduction in dues to \$16.00 since the goal was to establish liability insurance fund has been met. This will be voted on under *Agenda Items*.**
- ii. Motion made to accept report by Nick Mele and seconded by Casey Jones-Cattaraugus to accept report. Carried.**

d. BY-LAWS CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

- i. Chairman Mark Rothrock reminded chapters to update their constitution and by-laws. Be sure that the constitution has a *Due Process Procedure*.**
- ii. Send any updates online, if possible.**
- iii. Territorial maps are available online. There were six changes requested for territorial changes. Paperwork is required to officially change. All changes should be reported to Chairman Rothrock.**

e. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

- i. Chairman Bob Sitterley – Mohawk Valley reported that there are Chapters/members that are not following the dress code. The chapters should take the responsibility to enforce the dress code.**

The state organization can also enforce it. Dress code is different for three-man. The plate umpire has different options but base umpires must have the same uniform.

- ii. Eric Olsen pointed out that communication between umpires before arrival to the field can prevent these problems.
- iii. Some chapters have requested to add a cream colored shirt but the Committee is not recommending this.
- iv. Eric Olsen spoke about the process involved in including grey pants. The committee is looking for a manufacturer that will provide a consistent product. Bob Sitterley pointed out that charcoal grey pants are not an option for next year.
- v. Mr. Sitterley has received reports regarding the slow delivery of jacket orders from Anaconda. Ryan Raftery - Genesee Valley pointed out that Lester's Sports had difficulty in getting the jackets. Eastern Suffolk did not get their delivery in a timely manner.
 1. Anaconda reported that they have solved the problem. The company has been sold. President Gabriel will investigate how that will impact on future deliveries.
 2. Paul Pascucci reported that Honig's has an excellent jacket and matching service as well. He will provide a sample to the advisory committee. They will look at the sample for a possible change.
- vi. Motion made to close the discussion by Nick Mele, seconded by Casey Jones, motion carried.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Sullivan County Delegates – the correction of bullpen problem is being addressed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. No new business items.

10. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. CHARCOAL GRAY PANTS – See Advisory Committee report.
- b. DUES & INSURANCE – EXECUTIVE BOARD
 - i. After discussion, a vote to decrease dues from \$20.00 to \$16.00 was passed by show of hands.

11. 2011 MEETING DATE & SITE

- a. October 2nd, 2011 – Binghamton.

12. ADJOURNMENT – After motion by Paul Pascucci and seconded by Nick Mele, the meeting was adjourned.