

## 2007 NYSBUA Annual Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2007

1. Pledge to the Flag
2. Roll Call- all 34 chapters present and represented by delegates
3. Proof Of Notice Of Meeting-Copy in Packet
4. Approval of 2006 Minutes
  - 4.1. Correction of the word mesk to mask
  - 4.2. Motion to accept Clemens 1<sup>st</sup>, Manning 2<sup>nd</sup>
5. Report of Officers
  - 5.1. President's Report
    - 5.1.1. President Gabriel reminded delegates that all chapters must be represented at the NYSBUA Annual meeting and a chapter representative must attend one of the interpretation clinics. Uniform requirement changes at the Federation level have made shirt color choice more lenient
    - 5.1.2. Territorial rights issues continue to be a problem. Chapters should respect territorial lines in all aspects of baseball including summer baseball. Paperwork should be completed if permission is granted to cross territorial lines .
    - 5.1.3. Independent chapters are also working in some areas and some NYSBUA members are joining these independent chapters. President Gabriel as the existence of these chapters and chapter policy as to their members joining their independent chapters.
    - 5.1.4. President Gabriel also reported on the empire games and state tournament.
  - 5.2. Secretary/Treasurer Report
    - 5.2.1. Secretary/Treasurer Don Volk encouraged members to report changes in the chapter officers to the secretary/treasurer as they occur. We will be using the NYSBUA website as the primary source for chapter officer information. Chapters wanting a hard copy may receive upon request. Annual meeting minutes will also be posted on the website and not mailed to individual chapters. 2008 rule books should be available by January 1, 2008. Order forms will be mailed to each individual chapters. Thanks to all chapter presidents and secretaries for their cooperation throughout the year.
6. Report of Committees
  - 6.1. Education Committee
    - 6.1.1. Chairman Ron Gabriel thanked Education Committee members , Eric Olsen, Warren Bumpus, Joe Grady and Ira Levine for their work on the Education Committee. Special thanks to Ira Levine for his presentation to the delegates on Saturday October 6, 2008. Chairman Gabriel attends the Federation meeting in Indianapolis and also presents to NYS coaches at their meeting in Cooperstown. The Federation now provides an instructional manual as well as rule books.

## 6.2. Tony Devivo Committee

6.2.1. Chairman Jack Guinan announced Tom Petroff (Syracuse Chapters) as 2007 Winner of the Tony Devivo Award. Jack thanked committee members Warren Bumpus, Joe Grady, Robert Clemens, and Dennis Williams for their assistance. All chapters are encouraged to send applications for deserving members. Please resubmit applications for deserving candidates.

## 6.3. Audit and Insurance Committee

6.3.1. The financial report was given by Audit Chairman Joe Grady. Beginning balance was 26,266.00. Deposits totaled 53,227. Expenditures were 51,652. The balance as of Sept 1, 2007 was 27,841.00. Joe said a dues increase is necessary because of an increase in liability insurance.

## 6.4. By-Laws Constitution Committee

6.4.1. Chairman Mark Rothrock supported that territorial maps are being prepared showing boundaries of surrounding chapters. The schools serviced by the chapter are also noted. All chapter constitutions should be updated for due process. Please send copies of your updated constitutions to Mark Rothrock.

## 6.5. Advisory Committee

6.5.1. Chairmen Robert Sitterly indicated that 3 chapters have requested the use of the light blue shirt (Cliff Keen) with NYSBUA patch for high school baseball. Collar is red, white and blue. Motion to pass made by Tim Joyce (Eastern Suffolk), seconded by Robert Clemens (Westchester). It passed by voice vote.

6.5.2. Advisory Committee is proposing red shirt (Cliff Keen) for high school baseball season. Motion to pass made by Lon Thrasher (Mohawk Valley), seconded by Randy Myers (Watertown). It passed by voice vote.

6.5.2.1. Umpires must wear matching shirts and have chapter approval to wear the light blue and red shirt for high school games.

6.5.2.2. Advisory Committee chose not to propose the cream colored shirt for wear.

6.5.3. Vince Bitonte, advisory committee spoke about Doug Renoud Anaconda representative will be sending flyers to chapters. The SS124 shirt is no longer available. Jackets should be ordered as a chapter. Order must be in by February 1<sup>st</sup> for March delivery. Eric Olsen, advisory committee spoke in favor of working with Anaconda to continue purchasing jacket from them.

6.5.4. Logo on hat-must be white letters with NYSBUA logo and 2 inches or less. Motion made to pass by Bruce Walcott (Schenectady) and seconded by Dennis Galka (Capitol). Motion passed by voice vote.

6.5.5. Chairman Sitterly thanked members Mickey Gregg, Eric Olsen, Ira Levine, Robert VanAlstyne and Vince Bitonte for their work on the committee.

## 6.6. Nominating Committee

6.6.1. Acting Chairman Paul Pesavento presented the following candidates for re-election.

- 6.6.1.1. Ron Gabriel-President/Interpreter
- 6.6.1.2. Jack Guinan- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- 6.6.1.3. Mark Rothrock- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- 6.6.1.4. Joe Grady-3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President
- 6.6.1.5. Eric Olsen- Sergeant -at-Arms

## 7. Unfinished Business

7.1. Cattaraugus withdrew their appeal for not attending 2006 meeting. They will miss their next turn to umpire at the state tournament.

## 8. New Business

8.1. Request to increase dues to \$15 passed voice vote.

8.2. Ira Levine (Education Committee) requested that chapters sending umpires to state tournament need to make sure umpires are familiar with 3-man mechanics.

## 9. Agenda Items

### 9.1. Uniform Issues-Executive Board

9.1.1. Incorrect uniforms at the state tournament continue to be a problem. Updates of the code with recent changes included are being done the Constitutional Committee. Be careful about ordering from suppliers. Their uniform supplies may be incorrect.

### 9.2. Territorial rights- Executive Board

9.2.1. Chapters are reminded to observe territorial rights at all times. This includes summer baseball. Please use proper paperwork if you are working in another chapter's territory.

### 9.3. Liability Insurance Increase- Executive Board

9.3.1. President Gabriel reported that he received a letter from Paul Weatherup citing changes in liability insurance. Major changes are a \$.60 per man increase in liability and a \$15,000 deductible. Past President Robert Lang reviewed past lawsuit cases he had been involved in as president the executive board has decided against developing a lawsuit fund through chapter assessment.

### 9.4. Territorial Rights-Lockport/WNY Chapters

9.4.1. President Ron Gabriel gave reasons why the NYSBUA Executive Board ruled against Lockport. Lockport chapter umpired a high school game at Dunn Tire Park which is in WNY Territory. Jason Dool (Lockport Chapter) explained why Lockport felt they should be allowed to umpire the game. . The Executive Board decision to fine Lockport \$140 for territorial rights violation. Motion to uphold made by Nicke Mele (Elmira) and seconded by Robert Clemens. Motion passed with 41 yes and 10 no.

### 9.5. Endicott chapter requested a resolution of their grievances

9.6. Election of Officers

9.6.1. Paul Pesavento nominating acting chair presented the following slate of officers:

9.6.1.1. Ron Gabriel-President/Interpreter

9.6.1.2. Jack Gunan- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

9.6.1.3. Mark Rothrock- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

9.6.1.4. Joe Grady-3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

9.6.1.5. Eric Olsen- Sergeant -at-Arms

9.6.1.6. With no nominations from the floor the secretary cast one ballot to elect officers.

10. 2008 Meeting Site

10.1. Binghamton October 5, 2009

11. Adjournment

11.1. Motion to adjourn made by Paul Pascucci (WNY), seconded by Dennis Galka.