

October 4th, 2018
NHAA BOARD MEETING - MINUTES
NH Library

CALL TO ORDER: 6:05pm

Roll call: Jim Filisky – Present; Christina Lepri – Present via phone; Marc Sprang – Present; Dann Jasko – Present; Randy Outward – Present; Dave Hermann – Present; Andy Papile – Present; Scott LanzaLotta – Present; Bobby Revile – Present; Mike Brumfield – Present; Joel Streby – Present

- Reading of Minutes from September 2018:

Financial Report:

Marc Sprang:

- Account Balance: \$8795 (represents a \$2k surplus over FY17)
- Outstanding Balance:
 - \$500 due for field dragging (Fall Ball C. Bulanda)
- Payments made:
 - All paid/collected: Collected Twinsburg Fees for NHAA Players (\$1350)
- Management of Books Going Forward:
 - All receipts to be kept and files or scanned
 - Enter in to QuickBooks for accounting for taxes
- Met w/Chad Lahrmer to review 2017 filing
 - QuickBooks (Marc and Jim are set up)
- Transition of Travel Accounts to NHAA Blanket
 - need to set date for setting up accounts (meeting set for Saturday, Oct. 6)
 - Update from marc: _____ (Date)

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bobby Frankish is voted off the BOT
- Assignment of new Positions on the BOT
- Calling local organizations regarding umpires and cost
- Obtaining and scheduling fields for 2019
- Scheduling for 2019
- Working with local organizations for registration NYFB, NYB

Umpires:

- Courtney resigned
- Recruit head Umpire to teach class
- Sub-contract out to other umpire communities
- Jim Called:
 - Aurora (no return call)
 - Brecksville, Independence, Hudson (Jim Called)
 - Twinsburg: (Jasko: they keep in-house; certification means paying double)
- Umpire Associations:
 - SUA Suburban Umpire Association
 - Northeast Umpires Association
- Local NHAA Umpires:
 - Ideal to keep local and have NHAA Head Umpire

- Need an umpires' meeting soon; schedule during first half of Nov. 8 meeting and move it to the Middle School café.
- Christina: Ray update: No answer from Ray
- Hudson travel coach can provide additional names
- Email umps who previously worked under Courtney to see if there's interest

Fields:

- Longwood and possible cost for fields
- To set up meeting with Macedonia Parks and Rec and Mayor
- Need to prep numbers on dollars spent in 2018 prior to meeting
- Meeting 10/3 was not for us to discuss. Mayor wants separate meeting (TBD)
 - Committee: of Jim, Marc, Dan, Christina, Randy, and Mike
- Fields being redone this fall: not started yet
- Mac Parks/Rec – took all plugs out for new fences
 - Jim found and Jasko placed in Storage
- Removal of NHAA Equipment from fields before winter
- Jasko started to clean out the Longwood Umpire Equipment; will finish up weekend of 10/13&14
- Will get specifics on equipment needs at that time for bulk purchase

June Guy – seeking her Gold Star Award for Girl Scouts:

- She is looking for support of her Dad's blind baseball team; we will send email marketing blast to NHAA families to encourage participation in this event
 - Scrappers are the only blind baseball team in Ohio; are participating in the 2019 All-Star Game in Cleveland
 - Play is with two bases (1st and 3rd) which use sound to locate; Pitcher/catcher are sighted players
 - Interested individuals can play the modified version using either blindfolds or eyes closed
- October 9th, Middle School – Practice for anyone interested at 6pm.
- October 21st, Sagamore Hills field at 2pm.
- Schedule on the website (Dave)

Schedule for the following year:

- Set calendar for important events and dates. (UPDATED)
 - Jan. 7, 2019 – Go Live email announcement
 - Jan. 21, 2019 – Registration go-live on website
 - Feb. 19, 2019 – First general meeting
 - Mar. 19, 2019 – Second general meeting
 - Mar. 23, 2019 – Registration closes
- Partner with NYB and NYFB to send out reminders for registration
- Scheduling (contract with outside source vs internal)
 - Jim will reach out to Arun to gauge interest in scheduling games/umpires
- Field prep and maintenance
 - Put out for bid (receive back by end of year)
 - Brian James
 - John Puscian
 - Securing the fields for the 2019 season Sagamore and Longwood

- Jim and Randy will secure in Jan. 2019
- Have to get 191 (Sagamore Rd.) by the old psych hospital
- St. Barnabas field?
- Can we move T-ball to the High School? Frees up four ball fields for other games
- Go live – Registration Sign Up
- Mock Schedules and Seasons
- Equipment: Jasko / Mike
- Inventory update:
- \$2500 to redo a field (thinking about Rushwood and/or Smith)
- Marc is working on spring clinics – 2 for softball, 2 for baseball.

By-Laws and Rule Book Review:

- Updates to rule book – Current, as of 9/13/18
 - Combine manager's handbook and Rules Book
- Include code of conduct
- Add check box for accepting Code of Conduct during registration for all:
 - Coaches. (All Coaches must register as a Coach and sign COC)
 - Parents (sign Code of Conduct Check box to finalize registration)
 - Code of Conduct for Umpires
 - Write Code of Conduct
 - Volunteers: Draft New Code of Conduct for umpires to sign
 - Umpires conduct added to existing Manager's Handbook

Trustee Updates:

- Motion to buy 2 tool boxes (6ft. x 3ft.) from Lowe's for \$179 each
- Jasko to conduct an equipment box inventory first to verify condition of current boxes and determine how many need replaced

Travel:

- No Updates

Important Dates:

- Next Meeting: **November 8th**

Open Forum:

- Nothing to discuss

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm