

**MBUA Meeting
January 27, 2013
Algonquin HS**

* President Simm called meeting to order at 10:05 AM

* Minutes from 10/14/12 Approved Crossman/Mello

* Treasurers Report Accepted Duffy/Matthews

* Correspondence

Frank Carey, HC, N. Reading called to inquire about the Strike One implementation. Strike One Policy is still in place and encouraged to be used
(Discussion: Simm)

Letter we received from the Angel Fund (ALS, 100 Inning Baseball Game) thanking us for our \$100 donation to their cause. (Discussion: Andrade, Bentson)

* GOC and Baseball Committee

In Mike DeGrossos' absence he asked that Bob Dwyer and, or Don Fredericks speak to the matters of interest along with the correspondence that he forwarded to the MBUA. GOC - Bob Dwyer spoke about concussion certification needing to be done annually. NFHS web-site contains the course for free - follow the links on the site. CORI discussions continue. MIAA received legal opinion that said officials function as independent contractors, thus they would not be responsible to undertake this task. Most at the GOC agreed that it's up to local school districts to make the decision, but may be too cumbersome to manage.

Baseball Committee - Don Fredericks spoke of the Super 8 Division being proposed for MIAA tournament play for select Division 1 schools. No information on how umpire selection for Super 8 tournament play (special game competition with the champion finally being decided in a best of three format) would be handled other than the tournament assignor being the entire selection process.

* Old Business

Shirts purchased under Steve Martinellis' tenure as President of the MBUA, for outstanding attendance and participation during his tenure as President, were distributed.

AAU issues in Worcester addressed and given advice by the MBUA as to how to handle the matter. (Discussion: Hamilton, Stelluto, Simm, Andrade)

* New Business

Balk Rule change - brief discussion on the MLB Balk Rule change/at date still unsure if the rule was going to be contained in the official rules. The March 10, Interpreters Meeting would have more detail. If any more information is had, the local associations

would be made aware through the Secretary or Interpreter, between now and said Interpreters Meeting.

(Discussion: Martinelli, Simm)

Worcester, Shrewsbury and North Central, MBUA, are concerned about exam taking, transfers being executed and game assignments. A subcommittee consisting of Fred Simm, Ron Musk and Bryan Andrade was formed to research and report back at the March 10, MBUA Business Meeting, on their findings and /or recommendations.

(Discussion: Simm, Parker, Bentson, Stelluto, Gaitane, Vantre, Sr. ,Andrade, Musk, Dwyer)

As per the MBUA Constitution, President Simm asked all associations to forward a copy of their local directories to the Secretary/Treasurer, by April 1, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Andrade
Secretary/Treasurer, MBUA

Attendance:

Cape Cod: Ron Musk, Ron Braga

Central: Jeff Parker, Bob Dwyer

Greater Lawrence: Dave Toto, Fred Simm

Greater Lowell: Mark Wood, John Hansbury

Merrimack Valley: Rande Chabot, Steve Martinelli

North Central: Bob Stelluto, Ray Racine

North Shore: Dick Newton, Steve Carroll

Southern: Skip Crossman, David Quimby, Don Federicks

Southeastern: Steve Vieira, Derek Mello, Bryan Andrade

South Shore: Walter Bentson, Moe Duffy

Western: Joe Matthews

Worcester: Bill Hamilton, Steve Vantre, Sr., Rich Gaitane