

MBUA
Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2008

* **Called to order** at 10:12AM

* **Minutes** from March 9 meeting accepted Kehoe / Bentson

* **Financial Report** accepted Walker / Peters

* 'Post Game Handshake'

More involvement from the Site Directors, ADs or coaches during the handshake is needed

UIC (plate umpire) will determine from what vantage point the MBUA mechanic for viewing the handshake will be implemented

Discussion: DelGrosso, Martinelli

* Helmet rule

Leagues may adopt a 'helmet rule' for league play or coaches agree to helmet use for base coaches at the 'lineup card exchange', that umpires will enforce

Discussion: DelGrosso, Peters, Bentson, Walker, Martinelli, Mason

* "Curt's Pitch for ALS"

Event will take place August 30 and 31 - raffles for umpires as well - 11PM to 7AM will be manned by the SSUA

By July, 2 hour shifts of at least 4 umpires will be asked for - food will be available to umpires

Discussion : Bentson, Evans

* Interpreters Report

2008 season changes

Discussion: Walker, Evans, DelGrosso

* Dress Uniform

Bentson letter referenced - responsibility for monitoring proper dress code (Assignors? / local associations?)

Tabled for future Agenda Item Matthews/Mason

Discussion: Bentson, Martinelli, DiMare, Walker, Andrade, Matthews, Peters, Evans)

* Nominations

Steve Martinelli - VP

Chabot / Evans

Joe Peters - Interpreter

DiMare / Matthews

Bryan Andrade - Sec / Treas

Kehoe / DiMare

all accepted

- * Webmaster
Maintenance fees (from Dave Magee), Webmaster fees (we will need to determine)
Discussion: Dickinson, DiMare, Martinelli, Andrade, Kehoe, Bentson, Walker

- * Service Award
Discussion: Andrade, DiMare, Walker

- * Fee structure
3% increase was approved by the MIAA
Tabled for future Agenda Item Walker / DiMare
Discussion: Evans, Walker, Bentson, Andrade, Martinelli, DiMare, DelGrosso

- * Next MBUA Meeting date
Tentative September 7 and or October 26

- * Certifying Agent
Set standards by which all umpires are measured (evaluated / promoted)
Tabled for future Agenda Item Walker / Matthews
Discussion: Walker, Martinelli, Matthews, DiMare

- * Adjourn 11:47 Martinelli / Matthews