

MBUA Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2009

* Called to order by President Walker at 9:42

* Minutes from September meeting accepted Matthews / Bentson

* Financial Report

Discussion: Dues question about dues being paid a year early, ie: 2009 being paid in 2008, - withdrew question for Secretary / Treasurer

President Walker quoted MBUA Constitution that dues need to be paid by August 1 of the year prior.

Discussion: Dwyer, Walker

* Correspondence

Frank Neves - MBUA Clinic a possibility in the future - a need for a clinic was voiced by the body

DelGrosso

Handshake Rule - Letter from the MIAA referenced - letter to be placed on file

* Financial Report

Discussion: Dues paid traditionally over the course of the year

Motion to have annual dues paid by January 5 of each calendar year for that year Dwyer/

Point of order by DelGrosso that a by law change needs to be put in writing 30 days prior to voting

Discussion: Walker, Andrade, Dwyer, Peters

Motion to close discussion on the Financial Report and accept said report Matthews/Peters

* Old Business

MBCA Meeting

Tournament Re-entry Rule - Very well received by attendees - over one half (1/2) hour of discussion - time slot allocated not well attended

Discussion: Walker

* New Business

Communication with Bill Gaine (MIAA) in regard to being an active participant in tournament rules and with lineup card stipulation

Discussion: Walker

MIAA Enrollment

Letter from Bill McQirk (MIAA) referenced explaining that 100% enrollment would allow any officials association to pay a \$6 enrollment fee. By not selecting the option of enrolling 100% of any

association the fee would be \$12 for each enrolled official.

Self registration - tournament
assignors can use anyone who registers with the MIAA regardless of any association affiliation

associations to enroll only varsity level umpires
Motion to recommend MBUA Bentson/Panza Failed
Motion to table enrollment

discussion for March MBUA Meeting Matthews/Simm Passed

Discussion:
Walker, Andrade, Dwyer, Peters, Bentson, Panza, Cowdell, Galvin, Parker, DelGrosso, Dimare, Clews,

Matthews, Gouley, Quinn, Simm

* Tabled Items

"Curts Pitch for ALS"

71 MBUA umpires from 7 different associations - thanks to all who participated

\$53,000 raised through Walter Bentsons' Scholarship Fund - \$2000 to \$5000 scholarships awarded, 5 of whom had a parent who passed because of ALS - only requirement for scholarship is a 2.7 GPA

February 11, "Curts Pitch for ALS Meeting", discussion was to hold the event over the July 4 weekend this year to coincide with MLB recognition of 'Lou Gehrig's Disease' that same weekend

Motion to table remainder of agenda ('Tabled Items' B,C,D,E) Dimare/Panza Passed

* Adjourn 11:10

Dwyer/Cataldo Passed

Attendance: Central: Jeff Parker, Bob Dwyer, Mike DelGrosso
Eastern: Jim Walker, Tom Clews
Greater Lowell: Mike Hastings, Len Tatarouns
Greater Lawrence: Fred Simm
Merrimack Valley: Rick Galvin
North Central: Ed Cataldo
North Shore: Rich Cowdell
Shrewsbury: Ray Gouley
South Shore: Walter Bentson, Joe Peters, Bob Panza, Dom Dimare
Southern: David Quimby
Southeastern: Steve Vieira, Bryan Andrade
Western: Joe Matthews, Chris Kane, Bill Quinn