

## MBUA Minutes

Date: October 21, 2018

Location: Framingham Elks, 450 Union Street Framingham, MA

Call to Order: 10:05AM – President Moe Duffy

Secretary's Report: Approved Dom DiMare (South Shore); 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fred Simm (Greater Lawrence)

Treasurer's Report: Approved Steve Martinelli (Greater Lawrence); 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Myles (CMBUA)

Old Business:

ALS 100 Inning Baseball Game – Moe would like to thank all umpires who volunteered for the event.

New Business:

### NFHS Rules

Directory Board for the MIAA has voted to institute NFHS Rules starting for baseball with the spring 2020 season. Coaches and umpire associations may look to delay the switch to NFHS rules by 1 year for training purposes but either way the NFHS Rules have been passed and will be adopted in Massachusetts. This will obviously cost umpire associations various costs related to training their respective boards on the rule changes. This change will come at a cost; Rule Books, Case Books, Training Materials, etc. Questions were posed on how boards will be expected to cover these costs and can the MIAA aid in any way. A suggestion was made that the MBUA use the institution of the NFHS Rules as a means to increase umpire wages by \$2 to cover for the additional training and purchasing of new materials.

It was discussed that the overall decision by the MIAA to switch to the NFHS Rules was a litigious one as the MLB rule book is solely catered to the professional athlete and does not have any provisions specifically for the high school athlete.

Motion to Table Federation Talk: President Moe Duffy; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dom DiMare (South Shore)

### Unauthorized Umpire Officiating 2018 MIAA Tournament Games

Email correspondence was distributed to all MBUA Associations by MBUA President Moe Duffy outlining the incident(s) and how the MBUA and MIAA followed up. The umpire in violation had not had a background check.

### MBUA Constitution Revisions

Revisions to the MBUA Constitution were implemented and submitted to President Moe Duffy by Kevin Myles (CMBUA) and Bob Cutting (North Central) however the revisions were not received 15 days prior

to the meeting on 10/21/2018 (They were received 13 days within the meeting date). The executive board does have the revisions and will review them and distribute the revisions to the associations' representatives with ample time to discuss prior to the January 2019 MBUA meeting.

Vice President Election

President Moe Duffy nominates Kevin Myles (CMBUA), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dom DiMare  
 Vice President Mike Rabideau nominates Bob Cutting (North Central), 2<sup>nd</sup> by President Moe Duffy  
 Motion to Close Nominations: Dom DiMare (South Shore), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Martinelli (Greater Lawrence)

Fred Simm: Announced new Vice President to be Bob Cutting (North Central)  
 Motion to destroy ballots: Vice President Mike Rabideau, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Martinelli (Greater Lawrence)

Motion to Adjourn: 11:45AM - Steve Martinelli (Greater Lawrence), 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dom DiMare (South Shore)

Respectfully,

Bob Cutting (North Central) for Bryan Agrade, Sec/Tres MBUA

ATTENDANCE

<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Association</b>	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Association</b>
Joseph Cacciatore	Baseball Committee	Bob Dwyer	CMBUA
Fred Simm	Greater Lawrence	Jim Byrne	CMBUA
Mark Spears	Greater Lowell	Mark D'Angelo	CMBUA
Joseph Smith	Greater Lowell	Rich Luccarelli	CCBUA
Linda McCarthy	MVUA	Joe Gill	NSBUA
Steve Martinelli	Greater Lawrence	Greg Unczur	NSBUA
Joseph J. Hilton	WABUA	Brian Driscoll	EMBUA
Steve Vantre	WABUA	Ed O'Dell	SMUA
Nick D'Andrea	WABUA	Don Fredericks	SMUA
Joe Matthews	WMBUA	Dom DiMare	SSUA
Kevin A Jourdain	WMBUA	S. Crossman	SMUA
Steve DePaco	SMBUA	Mike Rabideau	CCBUA
Kevin Myles	CMBUA	Bob Cutting	NCMBUA
Mike Whalen	CMBUA	Moe Duffy	SSUA