

MBUA

Note from the President

Summary of Google Meet 10/26/21

I just want to thank you all for your attendance and apologize for how abruptly the meeting ended. Bryan is going to summarize the meeting in a correspondence that he will send out tomorrow morning with a few key points that we can digest. Now that we are in the age of remote meetings I'd like to meet again shortly after the Thanksgiving holiday where we can pick up where this discussion left off.

Enjoy the World Series - Go Braves #ChopOn!!

Bob Cutting

President, MBUA

MBUA Meeting

10/26/21 GoogleMeet

Summary

The MBUA Meeting was called to order.

From the agenda the Secretary's Report and Financial Report were heard and

looked over (provided in an earlier in the day 'Meeting Reminder' e-mail). Both were approved. Motions by Cacciatore / Spears and McGonagle / Kane Both Approved

Conversation ensued about finances and the fact that the treasury had no outstanding expenses with the pandemic and there may be funds available for noteworthy purposes. Dues, Marketing recruitment, a MBUA function were things spoken about without a resolution found. Recruitment with Little League entry level was the most talked about matter. State wide class involvement (SMBUA) produced a minimal amount of candidates in Spring 2021. Matter 'Tabled'. (Cutting, Dimare, Andrade, Crossman, Farman, Couture, Bryant, Rabideau, Fredericks)

*'Uniform Cap Sub Committee' member, Chris Kane explained that he has had discussions with Purchase Officials about the cap / logo design. The two logo options are attached to this e-mail for your perusal and further discussion on the logo will take place at our next scheduled meeting. **TABLED** (Kane, Cutting)*

A summation of the Spring '21 season was offered by President Cutting. He felt strongly that we had 'answered the bell' and was proud of the way our umpires performed through the regular season and the extended playoffs. A large 'Thank You' was offered across the sixteen member boards.

Berkshire County member had spoken to his constituency about a list of past members or some sort of honor list of past members. It spawned discussion about MBUA forefathers...original founding members...the possibility of the MBUA honoring those people somehow. (Pothier, Cutting, Andrade)

The virtual meeting time expired at this interval which left us with three topics unexplored:

The Interpreters Report (Joe Peters, MBUA State Interpreter) had provided us a PowerPoint Presentation that he was going to show last night...that presentation is an attachment provided with this e-mail

New Business

Old Business

President Cutting is going to carry the three unexplored topics to another virtual meeting that he is scheduling on Tuesday, December 7, at 7PM. We will not have a time limitation. Also carried over will be the 'Tabled' finance matter, the recruitment issue and the logo design. Please take the time between now and then to consider options and be ready to discuss the proposed, mentioned agenda items. Thank you.

Thank you for your patience, understanding and commitment. Stay on guard and safe.

December 7, 2021 (10/26/21 meeting continued)

**President Cutting called meeting to order at 7:01PM*

**MBA Interpretor, Joe Peters addressed the Power Point he supplied on the '21 exam*

9 of the 16 associations utilized the online exam – 315 respondents – average score of 84%

2022 Two and Three Man Mechanics will be addressed

Pre Game will be a focal point

Rule change regarding pitchers delivery will be taught

Celebrations and bucket use outside dugouts will be stressed

'22 exam should be completed around January 15

**Google Meet discussion*

Phil Albert from the SSUA was instrumental in facilitation

Google Meet will charge us 7.99 on December 17...Giving this meeting essentially for free (we can cancel without cost)...9.99 a month moving forward if we decide to keep using it

Motion to pay for Google Meet Cacciatore/Rabideau Approved

**Recruitment (Topics discussed relating to)*

Advertisement agency involvement (Texiera)

Home Page of MBUA site...Geographic locator for interested parties directing them to proper association...'How To Become An Umpire' notice...Webmaster to spoken with (Peters,Cutting,Crossman,Andrade,Rabideau)

Little League / Summer League utilizing umpires that could be high school (Cacciatore,Farman,Crossman,Spears,Vaschak)

**New Logo*

Caps,Uniforms maybe a three year out proposition

Exclusivity to the MBUA on the logo is extremely important

(Cutting,Cacciatore,D'Angelo,Vaschak,Meehan)

*New Logo topics were **TABLED ITEMS***

**New and Old Business*

Tournament will have neutral sites beginning at Semi Finals

Local umpire assignments until then (Cacciatore)

**Adjourn 8:55PM Crossman / Duffy Approved*

Respectfully submitted,

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Combined Attendance:

Berkshire - Pothier, Hassett, Meehan

Cape Cod - Farman, Rabideau

Central - Dwyer, D'Angelo, Mucciarone

Eastern - Cacciatore

Greater Law – Martinelli

Greater Low - V. Kenndey, Spears

Hampshire/Franklin - Bryant, Pellan

Merrimack Valley - McGonagle, D. Kennedy

North Central - T. Kennedy, Cutting

North Shore – Carroll, Likins

Shrewsbury - Texeira

South Shore - Duffy, Peters, DiMare, Martin, Morelli, Barbuto

Southeastern - Fraga, Couture, Andrade

Southern - Crossman, O'Dell, Fredericks

Western - Vaschak, Kane, Welch

Worcester - Vantre, Hilton, Gaitane, Harrington, D'Andrea