

MBUA Meeting Minutes

Google Meet

10/22/23 10AM

** Called to order by President DiMare at 10AM*

** Secretary's Report*

Martinelli asked that the 1/18/23 minutes show Greater Lawrence attendance...He was in the minutes report...Accept with adjustment Thibault / Martinelli Approved

** Treasury Report*

Martinelli / Bryant Approved

** 'Ref Reps' update*

MIAA to offer one free license per each MBUA group...\$50 for anyone to take their course...They will have a mechanic module built into their course...Each MBUA group is still encouraged to conduct their own classes as well as have their own 'Mechanics Meetings'

(DiMare, Cacciatore, Vaschake, Crossman)

** Beacon Hill / Abuse Bill*

President DiMare asked for volunteers to contact their State Representatives to continue to support the 'Sports Officials Abuse' initiative...No one offered...Secretary Andrade offered to include a plea for support with the minutes email with the President's appreciation to those who will

(DiMare, Vaschak, Cacciatore, Crossman)

** MBUA uniforms*

No Summer MBUA patch-only high school games is what DiMare would like to see...Each association needs to police their members uniform dress...DiMare doesn't want to have to become involved-he will act if he has to...Some Summer League require MBUA patched people...Each board needs their own protocol

(Dimare, Vaschak, D'Andrea, Cacciatore, Martinelli)

** CMBUA author*

President DiMare asked all to consider MBUA members to purchase the CMBUA ,member, Randy Corwin's book 'Umpires, Unruly Coaches, Players and Fans'...Dimare will provide a link to the Secretary to send out with the minutes of this meeting

(DiMare)

** MBUA Constitution Revision Committee*

DiMare felt we likely need one and asked for volunteers...Bryant (HFBUA, Peters (SSUA), Unczur (NSBUA) and D'Andrea (WABUA) will comprise the committee

(DiMare, Andrade)

** Next and future MBUA Meetings*

President DiMare would like to take meetings to various associations...Conversation centered around just the 'Mechanics Meeting' because virtual meeting are better attended and the meeting should be spread out over the year...Dates need to be set

(DiMare, Bryant, Martinelli, D'Andrea, Crossman, Vaschak)

** Rule changes*

Interpreter Peters announced that there are two changes - 1)Play cards can only be worn on the arm 2)Electronic devices for the coach to speak with the catcher will now be allowed...There are two deletions - 1)UIC can no longer forfeit for unruly spectator; only site management can do that now 2)A softball rule whereby the player hands the umpire the baseball after the third out is now stricken

** Elections*

President DiMare announced that only one nomination was made for each position (Interpreter and Secretary / Treasurer) and so asked that one ballot be cast for each. .Joe Peters ,Interpreter and Bryan Andrade, Secretary / Treasurer Crossman / O'Dell Approved

** Old Business*

None

** New Business*

MIAA has announced that umpires can work back to back to back to back games - they want the best umpires in ALL their tournament games

** Adjourn*

Martinelli / Duffy Approved 10:55AM

Attendance:

Berkshire County – Singleton

Cape Cod – Andrade, Farman, Rabideau

Central – Dwyer, Mucciarone

Eastern – Cacciatore, Gulizia

G Lawrence – Martinelli, Simm

Hampshire / Franklin – Bryant, Pellan, Wall

North Central – Cutting, Thibault, T.Kennedy

North Shore – Unczur

Shrewsbury – Texeira

South Shore – DiMare, Duffy, Peters

Southeastern – Fraga, Kane

Southern – Crossman, O'Dell, Fredericks

Western – Vaschak

Worcester – Harrington, D'Andrea, Vantre, Sr.