

MBUA Meeting Minutes
Morrisette American Legion Post 294
October 26, 2025

- *Call to order President Rulli at 10AM*
- *Secretary's Report*
Minutes from March MBUA Meeting Approved (McQuay / Parker)
- *Treasurer's Report*
Report Approved (Duffy / Crossman)
Discussion: \$150 dues payment question and 43 patches were gifted to MBUA attendees at Tufts Clinic (Crossman, Andrade)
- *New MBUA Caps*
TABLED *(Duffy / Hilton)*
Discussion: VP, Unczur, overseeing hats, unable to attend (Rulli)
- *Constitution Revision*
Voting quorum not attained...An electronic voting option will be explored inclusive of the revised nine page document...
Discussion: Cutting, Bryant, Crossman, Rulli
- *Board Recruiting*
'Dick's Sporting Goods' offers 20% discounts (recruiting enticement), QR Codes (intelligently located), relaxation of dues for members recruiting candidates, social importance (grant writing)
Discussion: Cutting, Duffy, Hilton, DiMare, Finn, Vantre, Sr
- *MBUA 'Training Clinic'*

3 Man Mechanics was original plan but 1 – 3 year people dominated attendees...7 stations developed for plate work and base mechanics...NCAA instructors along with a minor league umpire...Personalized instruction...Positive experience

Moving forward an indoor facility(?) – Tufts, Harvard or a Western Mass site – locals should speak to their groups about it

Discussion: McQuay, Newton, Finn, Bryant, DiMare, Parker, McDonald, Rulli

- *Tournament Assignments*

Assigners (DiMare) try to ‘target’ good umpires, they only have their schools home games – Umpires need to invest in themselves...No longer any maaa tournament pre-requisites...Recognize state tournament umpires locally or on the MBUA site (Treska and Finn will investigate how to ‘honor’ finals, or post season umpires)

Rulli will explore a meeting with tournament assignors (Zoom) to talk about umpire evaluation process with criteria to be attained for umpires to be assigned tournament games

Discussion: DiMare, Vantre, Sr, Duffy, McDonald, McQuay, Cutting, Rulli, Andrade

- *Secretary read letter from the Elder Services of Worcester Area thanking the MBUA for our generous donation to their organization in the name of Past President, Rich Gaitane’s mother, Marilyn Gaitane, passing earlier this year*

- *New Business*

We should try to add virtual availability to meetings so we can have a quorum to vote if needed...Possible problem that people will not come personally...Rulli will look into equipment

Discussion: Cutting, McQuay, Bryant, Duffy, Parker, Rulli

- *Adjourn*

11:01AM McQuay / Duffy Approved

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Andrade, Secretary / Treasurer, MBUA

Attendance:

Cape Cod...McQuay

Central...McDonald

Eastern...Treska, Finn

Hampshire/Franklin...Bryant

North Central...Cutting

South Shore...Duffy, Parker, DiMare, Newton, Rulli

Southeastern...R. Vieira, S. Vieira

Southern...O'Dell, Crossman, Quimby

Worcester...Vantre, Sr, Hilton