

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

Motion to recommend MBUA associations to enroll only varsity level umpires 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 Gehrigs 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