

MBUA MEETING
January 31,2010
Celtic Tavern,Northborough

* 11:05 *President Walker called the meeting to order*

* *President Walker made opening remarks about the poor health of Leo Avilla (Greater Lowell) and the unfortunate accident that Jim Simpson (North Shore) was involved in. He asked that we keep both men in our thoughts and prayers.*

* *Minutes from the past meetings were read and accepted Chabot/Matthews*

* *Financial Report was read and accepted Chabot/Dimare*

* *President Walker asked that any association that has not yet paid their 2010 dues be notified. He mentioned/reminded everyone that all dues for the coming year are to be paid by the month of August of the preceeding year.*

* *Correspondence*

Worcester board member asking about the possibility of dual membership - must take an MBUA exam to become a member but otherwise a dual membership works

(Discussion:

Walker,Dimare,DelGrosso,Bentson,Quinn,Rondeau,Andrade,Martinelli,Quimby)

Letter from Dave Toto (Greater Lawrence) in conjunction with Joel Saren (Merrimack Valley) asking about the possibility of association secretaries having some kind of open communication especially in cases of transfers. The possibility of standardized forms containing necessary/ pertinent information for transfers.

(Discussion:

Martinelli,Dimare,Quimby,Andrade,Rondeau,DelGrosso,Caron,Hebert,Silvia)

Phone call to President Walker about the loss of assignments for ISL schools

(Discussion: DelGrosso,Rondeau,Quimby,Bentson)

* *Old Business:*

Web-site: Class links to each association for 'new candidates classes' that has a web site has been achieved

The possibility of a password sensitive portion to the MBUA web-site that would allow only those members with a password to enter. The need for the webmaster to be present was brought to the forefront and therefore the discussion was tabled for the March,MBUA Meeting.

Motion to table: (Martinelli/DelGrosso) Passed

2010 MBUA Exam distributed

October 20,2009 Baseball Committee: President Walker referred to the letter he sent to the MIAA concerning the wording of the helmet rule and the subsequent change to the wording in the MIAA Handbook that has taken place. Further examination of the MIAA Handboool elicited commentary about the catchers wearing masks while warming up any pitcher and any coach wearing a mask while doing the same.

(Discussion: Rondeau,Matthews,DeIGrosso,Martinelli,Hebert)

** New Business:*

Substitution Rule for tournament concerns as well as lineup cards

(Discussion: Caron,Walker,Hebert,Martinelli,Andrade,DeIGrosso)

Motion: An official scorer be assigned to all tournament level games and that standardized lineup cards be submitted to all tournament qualified schools - with this motion being carried by President Walker to the MIAA in the form of a request.

DeIGrosso/Martinelli Passed

The discussion also requested that Presdient Walker speak to the issue of 7 and 9 inning fees in the tournament - to either make all games 7 innings or bring the 9 inning fee 'up' for all 9 inning games as opposed to a flat fee for all games without a 9 inning caveat. Also the matter of three man games for all tournament games was a concern.

January 20,Baseball Committee discussion:

The substitution rule defined from the 2010 Baseball Format - the penalty for an illegal substitute - the new Tournament Director for Western Mass - sites and dates for the 2010 tournament - roster sizes

(Discussion: Andrade,DeIGrosso,Rondeau,Tierney,Walker,Martinelli)

100 Innings ALS Game:

Walter Bentson spoke of the success,once again,of the ALS event and that the coming years game was in the planning stages

MBUA Secretary:

Bryan Andrade asked for an affimitive for the Secretary/Treasurers stipend - President Walker announced it was in the by laws an an affimitive.

Presentation for past presidency:

President Walker presented Past President,Mike DeIGrosso a plaque in honor of his two years of

service as the MBUA President

Meeting was adjourned at 1:02PM

Chabot/Bentson

In attendance:

Cape Cod: Jim Rondeau, Doug Mason

Central: Mike DeGrosso

Greater Lawrence: Jack Gilhooly, Fred Simm

Greater Lowell: Mike Hastings

Hampshire/Franklin: Doug Tierney

Merrimack Valley: Steve Martinelli, Rande Chabot

North Central: Ed Cataldo

North Shore: Paul Caron

South Shore: Walter Bentson, Dom Dimare

Souther: David Quimby

Southeastern: Bryan Andrade, Jeffery Silvia

Western: Joe Matthews, Chris Kane, Bill Quinn, Mark Hebert