

## *MBUA Meeting Minutes*

### *Google Meet*

*January 14,2024 10AM*

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

*\* Secretary's Report*

*Minutes from the last meeting of October 22,2023 submitted-a motion to 'Accept' followed Martinelli/Duffy Approved*

*Secretary reminded everyone that annual dues were due by January 30th of this month-fines and penalties go into effect if not received by the due date...Also 'Principal Officers' from each association need to be filed with the Secretary by January 31st...Membership rosters need to be filed by March 31...'Transfer Forms' need to be filed by the transferring board to the to new board and the MBUA Secretary,for association members changing MBUA groups at any time.*

*\* Treasurer's Report*

*Report submitted for this meeting received a motion to 'Accept' was heard Cutting/Dangelo Approved*

*Treasurer alerted all that there were patches ordered late in the week leading up to the meeting so an expense of about \$350 would need to be deducted as well as postage (\$15 to \$20) to mail the patches to groups. Also,four associations paid their dues (\$400) and patch payments for patches ordered (\$150) arrived after the report had been filed. The patch and dues payments (\$550) would need to added to the balance on the submitted report as well.*

*(McGonagle,Andrade)*

*\* Interpreter's Report*

*State Interpreter,Joe Peters thanked Joe Vaschak (WMBUA) for his help in putting this years MBUA 'Veteran's Exam' together. That exam should be ready around the 1st of February. Joe will send it to the Secretary for dissemination to all MBUA groups. Also,Interpreter Peters will have a presentation on '2024 Rules Changes and Points of Emphasis' that will be sent at around the same time to all groups.*

*Interpreter Peters also stated that his college baseball schedule will not allow him to do an 'In Person' Mechanics Meeting this year if it is scheduled on a Sunday,so he asked for a weekday night instead,virtually. The group agreed to the request and the date will be determined ASAP with a notice going out from the Secretary to make everyone aware so that they will be able to plan for it. Interpreter asked for requests about what to include in the Interpreter's Meeting.*

*A brief conversation began about 'RefReps' with a few groups offering suggestions or ideas about how they had,or were going to try and implement it. No firm plan was decided upon.*

*(Peters,DiMare,Martinelli,Bryant,Crossman,Farman,Andrade)*

#### *\* Future MBUA Meetings*

*President DiMare asked again for feedback with regard to meeting places if a meeting were to be In Person. None were heard.*

*(DiMare)*

#### *\*Old Business*

*Vice President Rulli announced that he had spoken with his state rep about the 'Officals Abuse Bill' that we have strongly endorsed. He was told the bill is 'Starred' (sitting idly) and it has not really ever become active. He again asked for support from our membership to reach out to their local state representative and advocate for passage of this bill.*

#### *\* New Business*

*Mike Muchmore (NSBUA) asked about tracking 'Dual Memberships' for fear of taking in a member that may be a member 'Not In Good Standing' from another MBUA group. The concerned answer lies in member boards submitting their membership rosters. Currently,on a yearly basis,we receive a percentage of them. Membership can not effectively be tracked unless all groups do their due diligence. 'Transfer Forms' not being submitted is another concern with regard to tracking members from group to group-some do them others do not. The 'Revision Committee' has been apprised of the complications.*

*(Muchmore,DiMare,Andrade)*

#### *\* MBUA Patches*

*We have not ordered patches in two years. The patch price increase to produce them needed to be passed along to the membership effectively hiking the cost of buying patches from the MBUA as well. Add to that the paucity of candidates coming in allowed us to sell our inventory that we had without spending to keep up with the demand until this month. When our supply dipped below 100 patches in stock this week we called to order 300 patches and to open dialog again about changing our patch design to allow members not to have to remove the shirt pocket and re-attach it...A patch that would be displayed above the pocket...Our supplier will have 'mock-ups' for us in the coming week, or so...When we have all the information about their 'mock-up' we'll pass that along. President DiMare offered a 'grandfathering' period of time that would need to be discussed if this were to come to pass.*

*(DiMare, Martinelli, O'Dell, Crossman, Singleton, Andrade)*

*\* Ajourn*

*O'Dell/Martinelli Approved 10:50AM*

*In attendance:*

*BCBUA - Singleton*

*CCBUA - Farman, Andrade*

*Central - D'Angelo, Mucciarone*

*EMBUA - Cacciatore, R, Cacciatore, J*

*GLaw - Brito, Martinelli*

*GLow - Byrne, M, Hansbury, D*

*HFBUA - Bryant, Wall*

*MVBUA - Kennedy, D, Clifford, Regan, McGonagle*

*NCBUA - Cutting, Thibault*

*NSBUA - Muchmore, Carroll, Tremblay*

*SSUA - DiMare, Rulli, Peters, Duffy*

*SMBUA - Fraga, Kane, Walsh*

*SMUA - Quimby, Sarnie, Crossman, O'Dell*

*WABUA - Goldstein*

*WMBUA – Vaschak*