

MBUA Meeting Minutes

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October 20, 2024

* Called to order by President DiMare at 10:05

* Secretary's Report

Motion to Accept Unczur / Brichta Approved

* Financial Report

Motion to Accept Vantre / Rulli Approved

* Patches - Pricing - Postage

Discussion on: Vendors, Grandfathering old patches, Hats, Location on shirt
Duffy, Dayton, Cacciatore, D'Angelo, O'Dell, Peters, DiMare, Rabideau, Andrade

Motion to charge \$1 for patches and MBUA pay postage Rulli/Crossman

Original motion rescinded then amended. 'NEW' Motion to send 1 Large Navy Blue short sleeved game shirt to each board with patch affixed to left sleeve 4" from the seam on the left arm shoulder...Also include 50 new patches to each group from the 1000 ordered...Patches to be sold for \$1 to member boards in the future with MBUA paying for postage to mail Rulli / Crossman Approved

* Constitution Revision Committee

Many meetings have occurred...Members in good standing issues among many 'loopholes' that have been investigated with hopeful remedies being presented at next MBUA Meeting Bryant

* Re-New 'Google Meet' account

It was decided to keep the account (priced at \$10.61 a month) for virtual meetings if needed Peters, DiMare, Cutting, Andrade

* Baseball Committee

Cacciatore asked what we wanted brought to the committee meeting this week Discussion on: 7% increase / fees paid more timely, Leagues are deciding to pay more to entice umpires to work THEIR leagues, Lack of school finances, Ask coaches to adopt foul line restrictions for discussion, Pitch clock, Dugout enforcement - many items are assigner matters...Joe Peters to develop a presentation for the membership

Cacciatore, Rulli, Brichta, D'Angelo, Duffy, Bryant, Peters, Dayton, Rabideau

* MBUA webmaster stipend

\$500 proposed as has been paid in the past Vantre / Cacciatore Approved

* Dave Magee uniform remembrance

A uniform indicator honoring the passing of MBUA founding father Dave Magee...Discussion centered on arm bands and lapel pins...Lapel pins were decided upon...Mark Rulli will work with the Secretary / Treasurer about the purchase of pins

Discussion: Andrade,Peters,DiMare,Rulli,Cacciatore,Rabideau

* Hockey officials

IHSHOA has reached out with information about their boycott from working high school games due to lack of pay increases from the MIAA...

Discussion on: Did they ever support us,7% MIAA pay hike for all officials in 2025,Letters received by the MBUA from members hoping for our support to hockey...It was decided to take the 7% increase in 2025 and let hockey officials make their own decisions

* Old Business

State Rep Mike O'Day is pushing forward with District Attorney's to heavily prosecute 'Officials Abuse' when it happens as a solution to the spectator abuse problem Rulli

* New Business

Recommendations to Constitution Revision Committee to be sure that umpires match game uniform and to tighten uniform code Dayton,D'Angelo,Unczur,Duffy,Rabideau

* New Vice President

Because attendance didn't give us the 75% needed to vote for a new VP it was decided to handle the VP selection electronically. Greg Unczur (North Shore Baseball Umpires) asked to be nominated for the position,so we have a candidate...Secretary /Treasurer will conduct the process via email with Greg being on the 'ballot'...Three (3) days will be given for submissions for nominations and the election (two separate emails),via email (electronically) for the position

DiMare,Cacciatore,Cutting,Duffy,D'Angelo,Peters,Bryant,O'Dell,Andrade,Crossman,Rabideau

* Past President's Awards

Past President Cutting awarded Past President Rabideau

President DiMare awarded Past President Cutting

* President's outgoing remarks

President DiMare thanked the group...Considered it an honor...Worked with an open mind and saw and heard from many...Welcomed the incoming President,Mark Rulli

* President Rulli

January 19,2025,first meeting at the SSUA (South Shore)...Wants to have local groups host MBUA Meetings...Wants to break walls down so that the MBUA becomes everyone's board

* Adjourn

Duffy / Unczur Approved 12:05

Attendance:

Cape Cod: McQuay,Brown,Rabideau

Central: D'Angelo

Eastern: J.Cacciatore

Hampshire/Franklin: Bryant

North Central: Cutting

North Shore: Unczur

South Shore: DiMare,Duffy,Rulli,Peters

Southeastern: Dayton,O.Fraga

Southern: Brichta,Crossman,Quimby,O'Dell

Worcester: Vantre,Sr.