

MBUA Meeting Minutes

Sons of Italy

January 19,2025

- * Called to order by President Rulli 10AM*
- * Secretary's Report McQuay/D'Andrea Approved*
- * Financial Report DiMare/ Bryant Approved*
- * Possible second umpire gear supplier*

*Rulli provided a short Ump Attire video presentation-discussion centered shirt price,patch availability,referencing MBUA catalog pictures,other suppliers selling our patches (producing them themselves)without our blessing,local groups asked to not buy from suppliers who are not buying patches from us...Change MBUA caps **TABLED** to next meeting agenda(D'Andrea,DiMare,McQuay,Bryant,Barbuto,Duffy,Unczur,Andrade,Crossman) Motion to have Ump Attire as a second supplier Crossman/DiMare Approved*

- * Constitution Revision Committee*

Document is 95% completed-MBUA E Board final draft approval and then local board dissemination for examination DiMare/Crossman Approved

- * 50 patches distributed to each association in attendance*
- * Short sleeved games shirts with new patch affixed*

Coming from Gerry Davis Sports (arrival Thursday 1/23)- will be mailed to each group upon arrival (DiMare,Rulli,Unczur,Andrade)

- * Magee remembrance pins*

Commemorative pins will now be ordered with Rulli knowing a party to order from (Rulli,Andrade)

** Baseball Committee*

Fee increase coming is \$3 this season and 7% the three years to follow...Rulli and Cacciatore attended the most recent (1/25) Baseball Committee Meeting and proposed to Tom O'Brien (Haverhill HS) and Keith Broulliard (miaa) that the fee increases go to only Varsity level umpires as an incentive matter to Sub-Varsity umpires as well as Sub-Varsity umpires receiving a fee and half for working alone in a game is a higher fee than Varsity umpires receive...Discussion-Babe Ruth,AAU, Little League fees will be higher, may lose umpires, equipment costs remain high, recruitment concerns because of low Sub-Varsity fees, how does miaa calculate fee structure, a need to act soon because of the season beginning soon...Rulli will continue to pursue only Varsity fee increases (Cacciatore, Rulli, DiMare, D'Angelo, Hilton, Barbuto, Duffy, Bryant)

*Baseball Committee Representative from the MBUA to the miaa because of the new policy that the miaa has instituted-miaa has said that they will strongly consider using the MBUA person (Joe Cacciatore) although they can now essentially appoint whomever they choose-Rulli and Cacciatore asked that there be silence about this matter with the miaa until the process is completed and Joe is appointed (February 24 or 25).
(Rulli, DiMare, Cacciatore, D'Angelo, Hilton, D'Andrea, Duffy)*

**Old Business*

State House refiled 'Officials Abuse Bill' after Foxboro hockey incident last week-State Rep, Bob Gonsalvo feels there is more traction to have the bill pass (Rulli, Duffy, Cacciatore)

**New Business*

MBUA Training Committee-twice before the beginning of the season-MBUA needs to firm up both exam and mechanics-MBUA deliver to tournament assigners a list of MBUA recommended umpires to work tournament games to replace the 'good ol' boy' network that has been implemented in the

past...Assigners concerned about being 'hamstrung'-miao is pressuring assigners for 'best' umpires every day even if it's the same umpires every day-sub-committee to meet to form recommended umpires list just before the tournament starts.

Training Sub Committee formed consisting of volunteers comprised of:

Mike Barbuto,SSUA,Skip Crossman,SMUA,Ed Duff,SSUA,Moe Duffy,SSUA,Gary Martin,SSUA,Rob McQuay,CCBUA,Mark Rulli,SSUA,David Treska,EMBUA,Kevin Walsh,SMBUA

(Rulli,Young,Cutting,Bryant,Duffy,D'Angelo,Cacciatore,D'Andrea,DiMare,Treska,Martin)

**Upcoming meeting dates*

February 23 (virtual),March 16 at HFBUA,April TBD after the Baseball Committee Meeting

**Adjourn*

Parker/Duffy Approved 11:45AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bryan Andrade,Secretary/Treasurer,MBUA

Attendance:

Cape Cod: Brown,McQuay

Central: D'Angelo

Eastern: Cacciatore,Treska

Greater Lawrence: Brito,Young

Hampshire Franklin: Bryant

North Central: Cutting

North Shore: Unczur

South Shore: DiMare, Duffy, Barbuto, Martin, Parker, Rulli

Southeastern: Walsh, Vieira

Southern: Quimby, Crossman

Worcester: Goldstein, D'Andrea, Harrington, Hilton