WNYUA Board Meeting 11/11/21

PRESENT: President Norb Schmalfeld, Treasurer Jerry Clark, Secretary Russ Medina, SGT at Arms Ed (Edju) Michalek, At Large Members: Mike Wozniak, Justin Barleben, Tom Naeger, Gary Klumpp, Brady DeVore, Rick Antonio

REMOTE: VP Deb Dourlain

Agenda: Oath of Office, Arbiter Issues, Recruiting, Training Staffs & New Candidates School, Premier Officials, NYSBUA Meeting Notes

Meeting held at 6501 Transit Rd. Bowmansville at 6:00 PM

1. Norb started the meeting at 6:15 PM with the swearing in of all officers.

2. Norb informed the board about a meeting he had with the Baseball Chair

of Section 6, Niagara Falls, Cattaraugus County, and Lockport Baseball

groups. New Mandate: All Umpires must send proof to Section 6 that

they are vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated, you must be tested

weekly at your expense. You will have to send that result to the Section

by Monday of that week. If you are late the Section will remove you from

all games that are assigned to you for that week. The Section stated that

they will bring in neighboring associations to do Varsity games. They will

do game with one ( 1 ) Umpire if they have to.

They talked about possibly giving some assignments back to WNYUA and

giving ability to change assignments if necessary. ECIC must give

WNYUA approval to do assignments. Baseball ratings must be perfect for

all Baseball Umpires.

We will send two ( 2 ) Baseball Umpires to the State Tournament in

2022. The tournament will be a Friday & Saturday. The uniform for the

Tournament will be Black shirt with state logo, Charcoal Gray pants,

Black Shoes, Black Jacket with State Logo, Ball bags TBD.

The Uniform for High School Baseball will be Charcoal Gray Pants, Shirt

will be Black as Primary, Navy, Red, Light Blue with State Logo.

3. Arbiter Issues: Norb states that the paysheet issues are his fault. Norb

and Arbiter are having issues dealing with paysheets. No one at Arbiter

can give a straight answer. Norb is not good with this program. We need

to get this year closed.

Jerry Clark makes a motion to eliminate the 3% umpire game fee to an

appropriate fee. Second by Mike Wozniak. In Favor 11, Oppose 1. Motion

carried.

4. Recruiting: We need people. We need to get our people to work games.

Gary Klumpp is going to try and recruit Vets from the VA to become

Umpires. Tom Naeger is going to contact HS and College Students. Try to

recruit at Buffalo State, Canisius, Hilbert and ECC.

Norb would like to have a Recruiting Committee.

5. Training: Baseball – Justin is going to reach out to Pat Bishop to help out

out with the New Candidate School. Rules will be done on zoom class.

Will need support with field mechanics and indoor facility.

Softball – Russ will need classroom and possibly indoor facility for field

Mechanics.

6. Premier Officials: He is undercutting our business. He is picking up the

contracts that we cannot handle. He is charging umpires 10% game fee.

Our members are working these games wearing WNYUA uniforms.

What do we do to keep our members from working these games? Do

we penalize them for wearing the WNYUA uniform?

7. Treasurer: Inferno $88, Canisius owes over $4000. Canisius the

umpires information. Norb is going to resend the information.

8. Motion to adjourn: Tom Naeger

Second: Rick Antonio.