

Midcoast Umpire Association Spring 2015 Business Meeting Draft Minutes

Medomak Middle School
Waldoboro, Maine

Sunday, March 1, 2015
6:00 pm

- Call To Order & Roll Call: 6pm (24 in attendance)
 - President's Report: Paul Berube:
- Bob Paskal having open heart surgery Monday 3-2-15. Send Get well card, to MMC. Spend \$35 on flowers, motion by Mark Potter, second by Chris Barstow, *all in favor, none opposed.*
- went to SMUA mtg, 1) state hat is dead issue, no action will be taken by SMUA. 2) all officials will be fingerprinted, in near future, probably 2016. Dennis Crowe, SB ump, generating data base of all ME officials, on one data base, for all sports, so multi sport officials only have to do once. Expense not determined yet.
 - Secretary's Report: Chris Ferguson
- Approval of 2014 Fall Business Meeting Minutes: Motion by Mark P, second by Chris B., *all in favor, none opposed.*
 - Treasurers Report: Dave Bailey:
- Treasurer's Report distributed to members. Can we distribute ratings on line in email to individuals, vs. post office, to save money? (Secretary will investigate)
- Accounts in Five County Credit Union, name change has not been made from KLV to Midcoast, so make checks payable to KLV still, bank can't find tax exempt form, waiting on state to submit exempt form. Greg Dugal offered to track down, as he is in Augusta for work often. Need copy of By-Laws, which are on website, to get exempt form.
 - Assignor's Report: Dennis Wooster:
- Block dates on Arbiter ASAP for April, May, June. Has varsity schedules, Busline won't adopt schedule until next week at earliest. Check emails regularly. If change sport selection, i.e. dual to single, or vice versa, let Assignor know. If not paid by school, contact Assignor, not school. April 18 is MVHS SB Playdate. No playdate for BB this year. Sign up sheet passed around. Reviewed BB and SB online Arbiter Peer eval online forms to aid umps completing during season. Keeps running tally during season. Had multiple umps perform test peer evals, and both BB and SB systems work. Changes to system can be made prior to first game evaluated.
- Handing out historical game fee structure.
 - Softball and Baseball peer evals on line for 2015 season, no more paper forms .

- Interpreters' Reports:

- Mike Stailing SB: only one makeup SB MPA clinic, so send dates to Mike to arrange. Mark Potter has info on fingerprinting.
- Dennis Wooster BB:

- Ethics Committee Report::

- Dennis Wooster (Assignor), Bill Kulbe (At Large), Alex Arau (At Large). Nothing to report.
 - Old Business
 - Lincoln Academy update: Pres. Berube sent out email previously, will stay with last year's board.
 - New Business
 - Game fees for this year: Assignor handed out game fee structure.
 - Vinalhaven games (parking fee and ferry tickets?) currently have no SB field on island. Have one Friday/Saturday game, Rangeley may not have team, TBD. Schedule in flux.
 - Medomak softball play date: April 18.

Mark Potter: handing out SB MPA Bulletin. SB Ratings system. ASA has background check, 2 forms, one similar to ours, one no fee currently, but will be once we fingerprint. Need on March 22, MPA Clinic. copy of drivers license as well. MPA will administer fingerprinting. ~\$75 each. SB Jacket uniform picture displayed. If not have SB Rule Book, let Mark P. know. If SB only, contact Mark P re: ASA hat for uniform, Bd will purchase hat for SB only ump, (Bd. purchasing "M" hat for BB ump) Mike S. please invest in new uniform if worn out. Mike S. will be no tandem assigning of ump during season. Will have different partners.

Dave Bailey has new books for new ump at clinics: tradition to charge \$10, then balance if pass exams.

- Announcements

- Gathering of information for baseball hat purchase.
- 2015 Meeting & Clinic Schedule information located at www.midcoastumpires.com.
 - Sunday, March 8th, 4 p.m. Baseball M.P.A. and Mechanics Clinic (Medomak M.S.)
 - Sunday, March 22nd, 6 p.m. Softball M.P.A. Clinic (Miles Hospice, Damariscotta)
 - Sunday, March 29th, Baseball Part I Exam Review (hand out March 8 if we have it, return March 29 at mtg.) (Medomak Middle School)
 - Sunday, March 29th, Online Baseball Testing begins and continues until April 12th.
 - Sunday, September 27th, Fall Business Meeting (Medomak Middle School)
- Softball peer evaluations online are in effect this season.

If work Play date for free and other ump's work paid games, will balance with extra paid game in regular season. Board fee will be re-negotiated with MVHS, no longer "training day" but revenue generator due to number teams involved. Puts strain on Bd availability.

- Other:

- BB exams will be online, send email to Assignor, Secretary with score. Have from March 29 to April 12 (first game April 8) First year officials will take exam in person, on paper. Link will be sent from SMUA to MUA to members.

Hats: BB hats use Block "M" on navy blue. Dual ump's will get "M" hat, BB ump's will get "M" hat, SB only will get ASA hat. Small/Medium sizes 7-7 3/8: 4 ump's (Paskal =+1 = 5). Medium/large sizes 7 1/4 to 7 3/4 : 13 ump's (includes Roland Cyr). Chris Barstow will contact absent ump's. Board will purchase 40 Combo Style (6 stitch) hats, total for BB and SB, not 40 BB hats. 8 SB only hats/ump's. If ump's purchase Plate Hats on their own, hats need block "M" as well.

- Meeting Adjourned: 1900.

*Dues are \$65. **Make checks payable to K LW** for \$65.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Ferguson, Secretary/Ratings Officer