

3/19/17 VHSSUA Business Meeting

Richard Long called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Pledge of Allegiance was conducted. New umpires were asked to stand and be recognized.

Motion made by Steve Howe, seconded by Leon Johnson, to accept the minutes of 2016 as written. Correction made to the date. So moved

Motion made by Dave Christianson, seconded by Leon Johnson, to accept the secretary/Treasurer's report. Member from Bristol asked the question pertaining to any breakdown of income. Richard was on the phone with Steve and relayed the questions. Dues and late fees were stated. Member from Bristol asked to have fees next year at \$50.00. Richard asked Steve what the balance was. \$5830 is the balance. Motion carried to accept the report.

Old Business

Ron Larose asked if activities from last spring fell under old business. His district lost a young official this past year due to an issue involving conflicting opinions. A coach's opinion was the only concern brought up. This issue was discussed at our fall meeting. Richard explained we would be looking for a new interpreter. Joe Teegarden denied ever dressing someone down for making the call. The coach that called Time to question a call was present and addressed the issue. The coach did not dress down the plate umpire.

New Business

Interpreters position is now open. Anyone interested should write by June 1st to Richard. Bill Chamberlin asked if a policy is in place if an official is not in attendance can they still officiate. Richard explained the appeal process for missing a meeting. Bill stated that he was not going to fly back from Florida. Craig interjected anyone can attend an NFHS clinic showing proof of attendance.

7. No real changes

8. Go online to take the test. Deadline of April 5th to take the test

9. Game fees are the same. The best umpires should do 3 member crew from quarters on to finals. Mari Miller stated it was up to the districts if they want 3 member crews. This was discussed at the meeting with VPA. Milt has done that over the past few years. Some schools will do it while others do not. Mike Clark soccer officials were not used to a 3 member crew and had to receive training prior to doing the game. Craig stated the rotation is in the Umpires manual.

10. Let Richard know if you want to do North/South game.

11. 9:00 to start the play date at Mississquoi and Poultney. Craig stated they would be allowed to use inside rooms in case of in climate weather. Tim Hess asked about the roster. Richard will address later.

13. 3 stations with everyone included to participate. This will count as the mandatory 4 year clinic. Assignors should communicate if umps are working across districts. Mari stated at 11:00 sharp the stations would begin. Districts are to meet and elect reps and officers as seen pertinent.

Motion made to adjourn, Seconded...so voted at 10:41

12:28 meeting after the annual meeting

Richard discussed the duties of the secretary. Feeling was that there are exceptions to the rule, but Steve holds that position until our fall meeting. Richard will convey the consensus of the Board pertaining to the need of having the position attending the annual meeting. Richard thanked the Board for the help and wants input into how the clinic can improve. Districts will meet prior to the start of the season.