

NHVOA

New Hampshire Volleyball Officials' Association

Business Meeting Minutes
Sunday, August 3, 2008
Gilford High School
Gilford, NH

1. Approval of 2007 Business Meeting Minutes
Minutes approved
2. Treasurer's Report - Donna Martineau
A handout was available with breakdown of expenses; balance on hand is \$3926.91, which is approximately \$700 more than last year.
Everyone must register with NHIAA for \$20, which covers tournament fee and Federation insurance coverage. Go to www.thearbiter.net and click on NHIAA to register.
Report approved
3. Apprentice Chairman's Report - Jerry McDougal
8 new apprentices, 2 year mandatory program, in the 2nd year, apprentices will work some JV matches with patched officials to gain game experience. There is 1 holdover from last year. There will be 2 jamborees on Aug 23 & 30 at NHTI, Jerry needs 1 or 2 patched officials to help on Aug 23rd. The second one on Aug. 30th is for anyone who wants to work, email Jerry if interested.
Report approved
4. Supervisor of Officials' Report - Bill Tirone
No real problems, there were a few coaches questions during the past season. New this season, during the Prelims & Quarter finals, Rick will be available by phone for any protests that may come up during the match.
Report approved
5. Rules Interpreter's Report - Rick Forge
Go to the website to check for rule updates during the season, there are also powerpoints on ball handling, libero, etc. Points of emphasis this year is for all officials to be doing the same things.
Last year was a good year, with minimal complaints, mostly procedural.
Report approved

6. Assigner's Report - Dick Dumais

All assignments are out, Sept 8th is a tough and busy day, if you are available but blocked that day, let Dick know and go to the Arbiter and unblock it. Sometimes Dick goes to make a change, but it doesn't work out, you will still get an email from Arbiter that you have been removed from a game, but then you might get reassigned back to same game. Check blocked dates to see if you can open up any dates, then let Dick know by email or phone. Prep school fee change to \$78, some officials might get 2 matches on the same day, not enough officials on Mon, Wed & Friday to cover all the matches. Remember prep schools use NCAA rules, not Federation, check website www.nhvoa.net for rule differences. Dick tried to keep assignments within the 40-mile limit and only 3-4 games at any one school.

Girls - Dover is a new school this season and they have both jv and varsity.

Wilton girls are the only known school without a jv team.

Boys – Coe Brown and Souhegan are the only known schools without a jv team.

Report approved

7. Old Business

Who are the 25 year members?? Are we going to acknowledge them?

Fred Jasinski, Pierre Belanger, Jerry Lesage, Rick Forge, Bill Tirone, Dick Dumais, Larry Flint, etc. This will be looked into and recognition will be forthcoming.

A discussion about evaluations followed, discussed were the supervisory eval rating part, is it necessary, should it be eliminated until a full eval can be done for everyone. Not everyone turns in peer evals, is it fair to use only those that are turned in, maybe only eval new members. Maybe reduce the weight the supervisory eval has, currently 2 to 1 over peer eval.

How does the rating effect how many games you get, does it effects both quality and number of games you get. Members think the executive board should look into this.

Some partners rate others a peer higher than they should and there is a penalty for not turning in evals. The top 10-12 officials get assigned approx. 25 games, next group gets 22, lower level get 15+ matches, but then get turn backs,

It's also hard to evaluate all officials because some get only 1 or 2 matches as ref, making it hard to get a real rating, especially new officials. That is one of the reasons we changed to 1-10 rating. Some officials only rate others low, some rate everyone high, we are a small organization, but the rating is not the main factor of how many games you get, high and low quality games, still in the same order if we change the weight,

Some comments are not subjective and right now we don't have anyone to eval every official, which would be ideal. Maybe we should look into having someone do an eval on everyone. No one has appealed his or her rating in last 2 years. Every official should be rating his or her partner after each game. How do you feel you they did? What could you improve on for the next match?

8. New Business

Dues for 2009 will be \$60.00.

We would like to order new jackets before the 2009 season, we need to order 100 jackets and charge members a maximum of \$20.00 to cover the extra cost that the treasury can't cover.

NHIAA rumor - A statewide commissioner for 2009-2010, we do not support this and will give John Fulton a letter from the executive board stating this to take to the meeting.

Chet Martel asked about returning the business meeting to a dinner at the end of the season. Discussion leaned toward making it a social meeting and members would pay for their own meal. Chet was put in charge of checking into this and finding a place and date to have it. A motion was made to set aside money (\$250 – \$300) to reserve a room. After discussion, the motion was tabled until next year.

9. Election of Officers – Vice President

Tom Monson was nominated, there were no other nominations, the secretary-treasurer cast one vote for Tom. Congratulations Tommy

Reminder

Dues for 2009 will be \$ 60.00

payable to NHVOA by January 1, 2009.

After January 1, 2009 a late fee of \$10.00 will be imposed.

Send dues to:

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Respectfully submitted by Donna Martineau, NHVOA Sec./Treas.