

## **NHVOA Business Meeting Minutes**

**Aug 4, 2013**

### **Treasurer's report – Donna Martineau**

Hand out – Beginning balance \$2243.11, balance on Aug. 4, 2013 - \$7035.44  
Moved, seconded and passed

### **Supervisor of Officials - Phil Mollica**

Go on Arbiter to let him know who is getting carded, coaches and players  
Had minor problem in spring with Boys volleyball coaches  
Let Phil know if you have any concerns about anything that happened during a match

Evaluations – VB committee wants coaches to have input into evaluations for officials  
Hope to get that in place this year

Regarding Peer evaluations, volleyball is the only one who still uses it, is it useful??  
Phil – not totally useful if there are no comments to help your partner improve  
A score of 8 for one official is good, for another it's not, varies by individual  
Don't want to scrap it all together, would rather have partners add comments  
Might change the ratings so they have standards – if you meet the standard, great, if not, above or below with comment  
Phil can look at overall evaluations of partners; don't know if simplified version might be better.  
It's hard for officials to decide how many points to take off.  
Valuable info can be obtained from the evaluations, but maybe only address areas where there was a problem, how the official handled the situation is what gets recorded or reported. Point value of a 6 or lower are flagged and must have comment with them.  
Moved, seconded and passed

### **Rule Interpreter – Rick Forge**

Testing online last year when fine, few minor problems, benefit for Rick, shows what questions are frequently answered wrong, due date was after 1<sup>st</sup> matches, season started earlier, test scores are up, average was around 94.

Items brought up at the NHIAA meeting -  
Some states charge \$100 per member to take the test online!!  
Ask the official is still up and running, ask Rick any question or discuss any situation that comes up during a match. Rick was asked about having a rules interpretation before the spring season for boys, he said that there is a PowerPoint online that can be reviewed.  
He didn't know if a review in the spring was necessary. All coaches must attend a rules interpretation in August, nothing is offered in the spring for boys' volleyball.  
Moved, seconded and passed

### **Assigners Report – Dick Dumais**

All of the assigning is done; some middle school and college games will be done soon. Working on setting up apprentices for watching and working matches with patched officials. There is still some minor tweaking, should be done soon.

If you are not paid for a match in a timely manner, please call the schools first to find out, then call Phil if nothing changes and you don't get paid.

Stevens is new this season, they have varsity only, no JV team.

Some school bought Arbiter Game, a program where they can set up their own schedule and Varsity and JV are separated into 2 listings, more schools will be doing it next year, so if you see it on your schedule, that is why.

Prep schools – some schools last year played best of 3 of 5 for JV??

Christian school and colleges pay differently?? Dick will look into this.

Moved, seconded and passed

### **Apprentice Chairman - Terry Dostie**

Terry is the new apprentice chairman – there are 8 new apprentices – 2 meetings have been held, one more to go. One apprentice is a female who played college, which is good to see, hope more former players join when they graduate.

The apprentices will be observing matches and working jv matches for the first time, like we've done in the past. Please help them out by answering their questions, as many are seeing volleyball for the first time.

### **Old Business – None**

### **New Business**

Dues for 2014 – \$82.00 (one varsity game fee) and are due by November

NHIAA dues is going up \$15 - \$30, could be as much as \$60 next time. They are also looking to change the enrollment date to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Part of this fee pays your Federation Dues and benefits, including the insurance coverage.

One of the benefits is NHIAA will provide Arbiter Mobile free for each official, it's an app that notifies you when you have a game on your smart phone. Federation insurance is also going up, another reason why the fee is increasing.

Everyone will pay again in April for 2014 coverage. You will be paying in advance, just like you pay your association dues for the following year.

### **Amendments to the Constitution**

Should Article V members be voted on instead of appointed – supervisor of officials, Rules interpreter, Apprentice Chairman and assigner, no term limit,

Amendments:

Motion made: Article V, II will be appointed by Executive committee officers - Passed

Motion made: Article X Change fiscal year July 1 to June 30

Article XII is now Article XI?? Next year

Constitution approved as discussed and amended – Majority voted yes, changes passed, one member opposed

\*\*Quorum needs to be defined and added, will get advice so it's done correctly

## **Amendments to the By-Laws**

Article 1 part 3: Discussion about dues being due earlier – dues are now due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. This way, members will pay during the season when they have funds available and not be paying during the holidays. Softball also has dues due at the end of the season. The late fee has increased to \$25.00 to encourage all members to pay on time. All dues and late fees must be paid by January 1<sup>st</sup> or you will not be a member in good standing.

A motion was made to:

Article I part 4: add JV & Varsity after NHIAA and add NHIAA after NHVOA assignor.

Article would now read: Members of the association will not solicit or accept NHIAA JV & Varsity matches from anyone but the NHVOA/NHIAA assignor.

Motion passed

There was discussion about not allowing officials to accept matches from schools that are not using our assignor.

A motion was made to remove the word “Accept” from the above amendment

The motion was defeated

Article 1 part 5: Discussion about membership transfer

We MUST accept transfer members that are NFHS officials. (NHIAA by-laws)

If they are registered through another association, they still have to take a closed book test and show competence during a floor test. They don't have to do the 2 year apprenticeship if they pass both tests.

It's was brought up that it is not clear what a new member would have to do to become a volleyball official, it needs to be articulated better. It will be worked on for next year.

Article I part 6

Complete online peer evaluations in a timely manner, usually within 1 week of the match.

Motion made to accept By-Laws as amended

Motion Passed

## **New Business**

It was discussed about having a business meeting breakfast buffet before the annual meeting. The executive board will look it into. We might not be able to do this being that the meeting changes each year from Gilford to Manchester.

## **Election of Secretary-Treasurer –**

Donna Martineau re-elected

## **Meeting adjourned**