

2019 NHVOA Business Meeting Minutes

Approval of 2018 business meeting minutes – moved, seconded and approved

Treasurer's report – Donna Martineau

See hand out with breakdown of expenses and income. Error at the bottom of the handout, change the date to Aug. 4, 2019. - moved, seconded and approved

Supervisor of Officials report – Phil Mollica

Criminal background check are on hold, but will be coming down the road sometime.
Tournament games – trying to limit travel, if you are open and receive a match, you need to be willing to travel if needed. Tournament dates for 2019 are on the NHIAA website. Report to Phil if you give out any yellow or red penalty cards. Please send rules questions to Rick Forge and assigning issues to Dick Dumais.

Rules Interpreter Report – Rick Forge

Mid-Season Clinic will be held Sept. 15th at NHTI, not sure of the time yet, the emphasis will be on Line judges. Call or email Rick with any rules issues or questions you have during the season. Online testing has been going very smoothly, Arbiter is helping with that. Donna Plumb is on the National Rules committee, so she can bring issue to the National meeting if we have any.

Question: Anything brought up about players standing at the bench? Minor discussion last year, need to keep order with players and not block the view of fans.

Question: When you go to a school for a match, how do we find out who is in charge/host management before the match?? Ask the coach to find out who it is before the match. Also find out who is in charge when they are not here?? Some AD's are busy with other sports, so there needs to be someone else.

Question: What can you do if the fans are intentionally trying to distract the other team during play? The noises they were making were obviously made to distract the players. R1 got down out of the stand and spoke to the students and when they fans continued to make noises, the R1 told AD he needed to remove the fans from the gym before the match could resume. The R1 should have gone to the game administrator/host management first, instead of warning the fans themselves as an official. The AD needs to keep the fans under control.

If you have an issue in the middle of the match, stop the match and signal to R2 to get the host management.

Assigners Report - Dick Dumais

All varsity schools are assigned, still waiting for Christian schools and middle schools. He will be adjusting schedules for schools that you are assigned more than 3 times. R1 & R2 assignments will also be tweaked.

Question: What do we do if schools are not arriving on time for matches?

Email Dick if your match doesn't start on time, especially if a school is late getting there, not because of traffic, etc.

Question: There should be a late fee penalty for schools that send their schedules in late. March is when all schedules are done, Dick should get them then.
Pierre – NHIAA already has that on the books, it's just never enforced, June 1st is when schedules are supposed to be due to all the assigners.

Question: Can you access the schools ScheduleStar account?

Dick: No, but he'll look into it with Donna Plumb

Apprentice Report - Terry Dostie

Scrimmage at NHTI - Trying to recruit new officials, have 7-8 new ones registered for this year. Please put a bug into coach's ears about anyone who wants to become an official. We have 20 newer officials and it would be great if we help them out if they are doing the freshman match. Give them 1 or 2 things to try, fix or work on after their match is over. Give them positive, constructive pointers. Call or email Terry with suggestions to help new officials out. They are assigned to work with veteran officials, so you can help them. Help out the apprentices when you can!! You will get more games as you improve, it depends on you and how hard you want to work to get better.

Question: The website says the Apprentice Program is a 2 year program, should it say that it might be only 1 year for those that know the game and can show it at the jamboree?
Some new officials are not as good as they think they are. Terry encourages all of them to take the floor test after the 1st year to see where they are and if they are ready to be patched. People are fast tracked if they can be. It was suggested that it should say that on the website.

Old Business:

Question – Is it possible to get cotton shirt?

Piche's said they can get them, but the water you wash them in could discolor them. The current shirts we wear pull too easily. Other shirts are much more expensive. Rick will look into dry fit shirts that don't pull as easily. He will try to get samples for the mid-season meeting.

Question – Will evaluations be done again this season? Yes, it normally takes 2-3 years to get everyone evaluated. You can reach out to Dick if you want to be evaluated this season and he will do his best to set it up.

Question: Do you let officials know what they need to work on? Yes, you get constructive feedback on what you need to work on and what you are doing well.

Question: Are there any unknown numbers that are used for the evaluations?

Your evaluation score is arrived at by using all of the available information for the evaluator.

Kingswood HS is using Arbiter Pay this season. More schools will be going that way. You get paid much faster from the schools using this. You can set up an account by logging into the Arbiter.

New Business:

Question: Any thoughts of having our own NHVOA flipping coin. Donna Martineau will look into it.

Your dues for 2020 is \$58.00 and needs to be made out to NHVOA and mailed to Donna Martineau, 23 Cross Wind Lane, Rochester, NH 03867. We always pay dues a year ahead. Dues need to be paid by November 1, 2019. After that, a \$25 late fee will be imposed.

We will have less income from dues next year because we are deducting \$10 off your 2020 dues for the Ball Handling Video that you have to pay \$10 to view.

It is **mandatory** for all officials to view and take the Ball Handling test this year after viewing the video. The video is open for viewing for 360 days after you sign in and pay, so you can view it as many times as you want to during the season. This might become a mandatory video for all officials to view and take the test every other year.

Election: Secretary/Treasurer

Nominations: Donna Martineau, 1 vote cast by John Fulton.

Business Meeting was adjourned at 11:14am