



**Department of NH Baseball  
Fall Committee Meeting 11/15/15  
Hudson Post 48**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Harvey at 9:45

Members present:

Rick Harvey.....Committee Chairman/ Jr. Legion Program Director  
James Dupont.....Trophies and Awards  
Donald Holmquist.....Public Relations  
Ron Lemay.....District A Director  
Peter St. Pierre.....Department Baseball Committee  
Wayne Perra.....Department Baseball Committee

Guests in attendance:

Department Commander – John Graham  
National Executive Committee Chairman – Bill Roy  
General Manager/Head Coach – Randy Lacasse Raymond Post 90  
Ave Cate – Junior Legion Tournament Director

1. This following motion was passed at our last fall meeting on 11/16/14. I have had I had some discussions with teams about the age of 16. The argument being if a team is loaded with older players, they might have to cut a quality young player because there is no room for that player and they cannot get that player back. I am asking the Committee to change the age to 17.

Chairman Harvey informed the committee that National would allow departments to adjust waiver rule. A stricter waiver rule will reduce confusion and simplify the administrative process. Motion made by Jay Hunnewell to modify waiver rule to a one-time waiver for players age 16 and over at the senior program only. Gary Webster made a second. Motion passed unanimously. Players changing school or domicile will be permitted another one time waiver in accordance with National rules.

**This rule was modified as suggested. Motion made by Jim Dupont, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete St. Pierre. Passed by all**

2. A bid has been made once again by the Friends of Southern NH Youth Athletics of Nashua for the 2016 Senior State Tournament. The tentative dates for the tournament to be held at Holman Stadium from Friday 7/22/16 to Tuesday 7/26/16 including two rain dates, all depending on the Nashua Knights schedule. Part of our discussion today will be to go review our Senior Tournament Contract. I have had a meeting with Fran Ulcickas about the contract and costs within. I believe it is time we make some changes to that contract. The committee will be asked to vote on these changes.

**Motion was made by Jim Dupont and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Perra to accept this bid. Our state tourney senior bid contract was also adjusted after some discussion. Chairman Harvey will re-write contract and forward to committee members for final approval. Once approved, contract will be sent to next year's Tournament Director for consideration and will also be added to the web page under legion forms link. Dates of tourney are above and will be finalized in near future.**

**3.** I am seeking a Director of the junior legion state tournament. I have proposed to continue doing all the paperwork for juniors and still be its Director. If I can attain a tourney director it will allow us to run both state tourneys at the same time. If not, then the junior state tourney will be held after the senior tourney as in 2015. That being said, I have reserved two weeks in a row at Gill Stadium. If it runs same time it will be from Saturday 7/23/16 to Wednesday 7/27/16 with two rain dates after. If it runs after, it will be from 7/29/16 to 8/2/16 with two rain dates after.

**Former longtime Concord Legion baseball guru Ave Cate has volunteered to be our Junior Legion Tournament Director. He was very welcomed by all. Tourney dates will start one day after the senior tourney and will be finalized in near future.**

**4. Date change for rosters, national deadline:** At our national meeting, it was discussed and put to the baseball committee for approval to change the date from 6/30/16 to 6/25/16 for rosters to be uploaded and completed. This rule was passed. It also allowed each state to make the date earlier if we so choose. I made our state date to be 6/22/15 to give us a chance to make sure there are no mistakes with team rosters etc.

**As stated above, Chairman Harvey stated that our national board changed the deadline for submitting rosters from 6/30/15 to 6/25/15. We are allowed to make our own date. After explanation from our Chairman, motion made by Jim Dupont with a 2<sup>nd</sup> from Don Holmquist to allow the NH Chairman to set a deadline of 6/22/15 to have rosters submitted. This will allow three days for the district chairman and junior director to make sure all teams are complete and accurate. This will allow us to fix mistakes if they are found. Passed by all.**

**5. Date Change to be registered on line.** At our 3/1/15, meeting we passed a rule that all teams be registered on line by February 15, 2016. This date will be enforced. Along with this, Chairman Harvey discussed the idea that the scheduling meeting be eliminated in favor of an informational style meeting with teams closer to the start of the season. With the submission of team schedules via e-mail and teams having access to the website to confirm schedules, a meeting in April or May for Q&A could be beneficial. Rick will bring up suggestion at scheduling meeting for input from Managers/Coaches. This will be brought up for discussion. We would still have our committee meeting on first Sunday in March. **Next years committee meeting would be at TBA on Sunday March 6, 2016.**

**Discussion on the above was held.** It was determined that we will stick with our new registration deadline of 2/15/16. This will allow teams who are making schedules to have all contacts with teams that will be in program in 2016. At this time, we will still have teams participate in the scheduling meeting in March. A suggestion to have these new dates and announcements published in the NH legion newsletter by contact Joe Caoutte.

**ADJUSTED ON 11/19/15 – I had misread an email from our National chairman with regards to the above dates. There are no changes with these dates. The NH deadline to enter your roster online is June 25<sup>th</sup> of each year. The national deadline to have teams approve at national level and submitted by the NH Chairman is June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.**

## **6. New Team Formations:**

Discuss new team form for **Post 79**, which has re-applied to become a senior team or a junior team. If there is room, senior team is their preference.

Discuss new team form for **Post 84 White River Junction Vermont**, which has applied to become a junior team.

Discuss new team form for **Milford Post 23**, which has re-applied to become a junior team.

Discuss new team form for **Weare Post 65**, which has applied to become a junior team.

Discuss new team form for **Jutras Post 43**, which has applied to become a junior team after dropping down from being a senior team these last two years.

Discuss new team form for **Goffstown Post 16**, which has re-applied to become a junior team.

**Explanations for each new team application were put forward by Chairman Harvey. Motions as follows:**

**Motion made by Pete St. Pierre with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Lemay to accept Post 79 into the vacant senior District A slot. This slot was vacated by Jutras post 43. Passed by all.**

**Motion made by Pete St. Pierre with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Dupont to accept White River Junction Post 84 in the Junior District A-1 division. Passed by all.**

**Motion was made by Pete St. Pierre with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Perra to accept Milford Post 23 back into the Junior District A-2 division. Passed by all.**

**Motion made by Jim Dupont with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete St. Pierre to accept Weare Post 65 into the Junior District A-2 division. Passed by all. Stipulation that a new team completed form has to be in by 12/15/15 or they will not have a team next year.**

**Motion made by Pete St. Pierre with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Lemay to accept former senior team Jutras Post 43 into the Junior District A-2 division. Passed by all.**

**Motion made by Jim Dupont with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pete St. Pierre to accept Goffstown Post 16 back into the Junior District A-2 division. Passed by all. Stipulation that a new team completed form has to be in by 12/15/15 or they will not have a team next year.**

## **7. Steve Hernandez – Updates and discussion of last year and Background check.**

Although Steve was absent he did send along the following requests and suggestions for next year with regards to background checks:

- 1. All coaches and volunteers that have regular contact with the players must submit to a background check each year.**
- 2. The process will stay the same for 2016.**
- 3. He will create a “cheat sheet” for the process that will be posted on our website.**
- 4. Do not submit a background check until that coach or volunteer is added to your team on the registration website. No personal “rogue” submissions until you are part of your team roster on line.**

## **8. Steve Drescher – Update and discussion of last year and our umpire organization.**

**Although Steve could not make it, our Chairman relayed some information to the committee with regards to changing the way umpires are assigned for tournaments so no umpire will have to stay overnight, therefore spreading the wealth and tourney experience for more umpires each year and also saving hotel bills for the Committee.**

## **9. Continued discussion of Legion Elite Travel Team.**

**Again, we will try and put this team together for the summer and fall of 2016. More discussion to be held.**

10. Legion Showcase day to be held in early July two 7 inning games on same day – discussion

**This is an idea which came from another state that our chairman thinks is a great idea. We would hold a showcase for our players who will be entering into their junior year of high school in the fall of 2016. We would pick 20 players from each district to play two seven-inning games some time in early July. That date would be frozen and no team would be allowed to schedule on that day. We would hope to play at either Gill or Holman Stadium starting at 4:00pm that day. Our Chairman would invite New England College coaches to this showcase.**

**Our Chairman thinks it would be a great tradition to start this annual showcase for our legion program to help our potential college players and get some exposure for them.**

**(Please this is important an email with your thoughts would be greatly appreciated because we would have to pick a date before our scheduling starts – Thanks!)**

11. Budget questions – is our budget amount okay? Do we need to raise our fees?

**After a bit of discussion with Jim Dupont, who handles our budget and paying the bills in Concord, it was decided at this time to leave our fees at the present amount.**

12. Insurance & Fees for 2016. No changes same as 2015.

**As stated above, S.A.VanDyke has again frozen our fees at the rates that we were charged last year whether you sign up as a nine month team or a year round team.**

13. Junior regional rotation set. An updated tournament rotation has been established by the Northeast Legion Chairmen. This rotation will be Quincy, MA in 2016, Maine in 2017, Connecticut in 2018, New Hampshire in 2019 and Rhode Island in 2020.

**This request was made by our Chairman at the national meeting during the Region 1 caucus. NH wanted to know when it was their turn next just in case we host a Senior Regional in 2017 & 2018 (see below).**

14. Bill Roy – Discussion of possible bid for 2016/2018 Senior Regional Tourney

**Bill Roy led a small discussion about the possibility of Sweeney Post 2 hosting the 2017 and 2018 Northeast Region 1 - Senior Tournament at Gill Stadium. Chairman Harvey acquired the proper paperwork for Bill to fill out if Sweeney decides to proceed. There is a \$30,000.00 commitment required from National to allow a team to host a regional. It is understood that gate proceeds and 50/50 raffles alone will not cover this fee. Bill is in talks with a company who provides the work to put together a moneymaking program book. Bill will be looking to making \$25,000.00/year with the program book company keeping the rest of the profits from the potential program book. Deadline is in early February 2016. Bill will let us know what Sweeney decides.**

15. Recognition of our Scholarship Winner Justin Jewel from Rochester.

**Justin was our NH Scholarship winner this past year. He also became one of only 8 players in the US to get a National Scholarship. Please check out the link I created to honor just with his accomplishment on the front page of our website.**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15

Respectfully Submitted by: Rick Harvey – Baseball Chairman