

Department of NH American Legion Baseball

Minutes Spring Committee Meeting & Scheduling Meeting

Sweeney Post #2 Manchester NH

March 11, 2018

Committee Meeting-Minutes

Chairman Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:39. Chairmen Harvey opened the meeting with the pledge of allegiance.

In attendance: Committee members Rick Harvey, Jay Hunnewell, Norm Gravel, Peter St Pierre, Wayne Perra, Ron Lemay and Steve Hernandez.

Chairman Harvey provided the committee with an agenda and a copy of the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion was made with a second to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

Chairman Harvey discussed new teams participating in the 2018 program. Jutras Post #43 will sponsor a team in place of Post #79. North Conway will not field a team in the upcoming season. The Windham application for a Senior team was withdrawn as it came in late and after further research at the local level it was determined that there would not be enough players to field a team. Windham will look towards 2019 with an interest in starting a Jr program.

Chairman Harvey discussed district alignments, game schedules and season start dates. Season start date of June 13 through July 20 for teams to get in their games leaving the remaining days up to the State Tournament left open for final week rain make-ups.

Chairman Harvey reminded the committee of the rule changes that were adopted by National at the Fall meeting. Seven inning games, the re-entry rule and courtesy runners will now be permitted in Department regular season play. Rick also reminded committee that players will have forms #76 and #77 options twice only their career. Once a player has exercised either option twice they will be frozen to previous team unless player changes High School or domicile.

Umpire in Chief Steve Drescher was unable to attend. Chairman Harvey discussed the reduced suggested fee schedule for umpires to \$65 based on the reduction of innings played from nine to seven.

Steve Hernandez informed the committee that the background check program is in place and that no approvals have been performed and will be done later as the background checks are submitted.

Chairman Harvey stressed the importance of teams purchasing their insurance early to avoid delays from insurance carrier. The insurance carrier becomes inundated with purchases from teams nationwide as season begins. As a result, teams could experience delay in receiving their insurance binder. Rick will update website with rule changes and additional information moving forward as schedules are uploaded. Pete St Pierre shared with the committee the success Lebanon is having with their website as a fundraiser for the team with the sale of advertisements.

Chairman Harvey met with management at Fisher Cats stadium to discuss potential use of the facility. As details were discussed in regards to field use, concessions and gate etc. it was determined that use of the stadium at this time was not practical from a financial standpoint.

Chairman Harvey informed the committee that he invited abd will attend the Region 8 tournament in Colorado this year and will serve as Assistant Tournament Director. The experience will be a learning opportunity that will serve us well as NH is in the rotation to host a regional tournament in a couple of years.

Chairman Harvey discussed the need to relocate the senior state tournament from Nashua to Manchester. Holman Stadium will not be available for the dates we needed for the State tournament due to Silver Knights schedule. Sweeney Post #2 has stepped up and will host the State Tournament at Gill Stadium. The Junior Tournament is unaffected and will be hosted by Portsmouth and Chaired by Matt Gladu.

State tournament start times were discussed due to reduction from nine to seven inning games. Game #1 will start at 11:00am, Game# 1:30, Game #3 4:30, game #4 7:00. After brief discussion a motion was made to allow host team to play the 7:00pm game on day one only, motion passed.

Chairman Harvey informed the committee that Exeter Post #32 had dropped their Jr program and has new staff in place to run the senior team. Rick also stated that Exeter has paid all fines associated with the 2017 season rules violations.

There was no other business to come before the committee and the meeting was adjourned at 10:32am

Scheduling Meeting Minutes

Chairman Harvey welcomed teams in attendance to the annual spring scheduling meeting.

Rick provided an overview of the adopted rule changes for the upcoming season relative to innings, re-entry rule and courtesy runners. Chairman Harvey also provided information discussed at the morning committee meeting.

Chairman Harvey voiced his concerns over 6:00pm start times at fields without lights. Rick encouraged teams to start earlier in an effort to get complete games in.

There was no business acted upon and team representatives in attendance verified their submitted season schedules with their respective district directors.

Chairman Harvey will post schedules on the Department website. Team managers were instructed to confirm schedules were posted to website correctly and to notify Rick of any discrepancies'.

Meeting adjourned at 12:04.

Both Sets of Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Jay Hunnewell

Vice Chairman NHALBB