

**Minutes of Department of New Hampshire Baseball  
Committee Meeting of  
March 12, 2023 - Hudson Post 48**

Chairman Rick Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:39 and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance were Chairman Rick Harvey, Vice Chair Jim Blake (remotely), and committee members Brian LeVeille, Gary Wayman, Pete St. Pierre, Wayne Perra, Craig Walfield, Dan Griswold, Steve Hernandez, and John Bly. Also attending were Social Media Director Julia Lavigne (on zoom), Gary Noyes - Asst. UIC (on zoom), Frank Saia – Umpire (on zoom), and Kevin Thatcher – Post 4 (on zoom), Chris Tutt Sr. – Post 27 and Lisa and Dave Charette Post 46.

Minutes of our last meeting on November 6, 2022, were reviewed and approved.

Julia Lavigne gave an update on her efforts since joining us to establish and stay current with a greatly expanded social media presence. She discussed plans for the upcoming season to coordinate a daily flow of information and publicity both within our program and to external baseball communities in the media, high schools, and colleges. Critical to this will be the use of GameChanger by every team in each of our 3 divisions.

She also encouraged everyone to follow us on:

Twitter at NHlegionball, Instagram at nhlegionball, and Facebook at New Hampshire American Legion Baseball

Our annual Showcase will be held at Holman Stadium on Tuesday, July 18. We will be using the “Pro Style” format of evaluating players followed by a 9-inning game between the 2 districts. It will feature uncommitted seniors and juniors. We also may invite some talented sophomores.

Schedules for all of our 46 teams in all 3 divisions are just about completed. District alignments, tournament schedules, and complete information are all on our website.

Senior Program: Steve Drescher and Frank Ulcickas will co-chair this tournament from July 21-25 at Holman Stadium. Once again, Frank will again donate a portion of the proceeds to our tournament winners to help them defray their costs of playing in their regionals.

Junior Program: the tournament will be from July 28 – August 1 at Gill Stadium. The Junior Regionals will be in W. Warwick, RI, from August 4-6. Keith Bowen will be the Junior Tournament Director starting in 2024. This will allow the senior and junior tournaments to be run at the same time so that our resources may be available for ensuing regional tournaments.

Prep Program: we now have 12 teams in 2 districts. The top 2 teams in each district will play in a 4-team double-elimination tournament from August 7-10 at the Robbie Mills Sports Complex in Laconia.

Tournament help: We will ask in advance for volunteers to assist our committee members in running all of our tournaments as well as the Showcase.

Steve Hernandez once again will manage our Background Check and Awareness Training efforts. Both must be completed by all volunteers every year using the Protect Youth Sports programs. Steve has access to the updated status of every volunteer.

Insurance and Fees: Starting to roll in. There is no need to forward your certificates to our Chairman. He receives reports from our National office every two weeks that include which teams have purchased their insurance. He uses those reports to check off who has purchased insurance for the 2023 season from NH.

Umpires: Gary Noyes reviewed the new fee structure with special attention to doubleheaders and the third game between the same 2 teams during the season. Our detailed rules for these situations are on our website. The new fees are: \$90 per umpire for senior games, \$80 each for junior games, and \$70 each for prep.

Rules and Regulations: the website has complete and updated information on all things related to American Legion Baseball. It should be the main source for everyone to use.

The committee voted unanimously to approve the following changes to all rosters:

**4. Dual Rostered Players:** There is no national rule for the number of players a team may dual roster. It is up to the individual state to adopt its own policy. This NH rule is as follows and was amended and adopted on 3/12/23:

Teams may dual roster up to five (5) players as long the remaining team(s) rosters do not fall below eleven (11) rostered players.

So, teams who dual roster 5 players cannot carry less than a total of 16 players on their rosters (prep, junior, senior).

Regional Bid Update: Brian LeVeille detailed his and Sweeney Post's efforts to host the 2024/2025 regionals.

GameChanger: all teams at all levels must use this so that complete statistics and results may be easily available throughout the season. It costs very little (\$60 or so per year) for a team to use it.

Emblem and Marketing Update: the crossed bat emblem may still be used this season. Patches must be on all uniforms and coaches' pullovers, especially during tournaments. This will be strictly enforced.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35.

Respectfully submitted by Jim Blake, Vice Chairman