

**Minutes of Department of New Hampshire Baseball
Committee Meeting of
March 13, 2022 – Sweeney Post #2**

Chairman Rick Harvey called the meeting to order at 9:52 and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was a moment of silence to honor the memory of late committee member Adam Gureckis of Nashua.

In attendance were committee members Chairman Rick Harvey, Jim Blake (remotely), Brian LeVeille, Gary Wayman, Pete St. Pierre, John Bly, and Steve Drescher. Others present were umpire Marvin Meinz, Dan Griswold of Lebanon, and Nick Koravos of Sweeney.

Pete St. Pierre made a motion and Brian LeVeille seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2021, meeting. It was approved.

Showcase Update: Our annual Showcase will take place on Tuesday, July 19, starting at 1:30 at Gill Stadium.

Senior Program: Frank Ulcickas and his committee will host the tournament at Holman Stadium in 2022, 2023, 2024, and if needed 2025. This year's will be from July 22-26 with rain dates on the 27th and 28th. District A teams will play 18 district games this season, and District B teams will play 17.

Junior Program: All teams will play 17 district games this season. Chairman Harvey is working with John Ryan to secure Michele Park in Salem as the site of this year's tournament. It will be from July 29 through August 2 with rain dates on August 3 and 4. Because of a conflict, Gill Stadium cannot host the entire tournament.

Prep Program: Seven prep teams will play an expanded regular season from June 1 to August 3. They will play an 18 game regular season schedule. The top four teams will play in a double-elimination tournament from August 8-11 at Gill Stadium.

Background Checks and Awareness Training: Both Protect Youth Sports programs must be completed every year by every volunteer in our program. Steve Hernandez is managing all these activities.

Insurance and Fees: There is a May 15 deadline for all programs to buy insurance and pay all fees. Teams that miss that deadline must pay a late fee of 200.00 and have the insurance purchased by June 1st or cannot compete in state tournaments and beyond.

Umpire Update: Umpire-in-Chief Steve Drescher presented his update. All the 2021 umpires are expected back, and the fees will be the same as last year.

Umpire Fees and Baseballs: All home teams are to pay fees for both umpires and provide the baseballs for all their home games. However, teams may agree to handle these things differently at the time of scheduling. Please see rule as written in NH Rules and Regs.

NH Rules and Regulations: Once again this year, paper copies of our NH Rules and Regulations will be printed . We will also print pitching rules and other reminders of our National Rules that are important with game management and team management. Our national office is not printing our national rulebook. It will be to cost prohibitive for us to print. To all our volunteers and umpires, please make sure you read these rulebooks. Thank you!

Date Change of Spring Committee Meeting: After being brought up by our Chairman with reasons behind it, a motion was made by Pete St. Pierre and seconded by John Bly to change our annual spring meeting to the first Sunday of April. In the future, district game schedules for all teams will be due no later than March 17.

Other Business: there was no other business voted upon, but wide-ranging discussion did take place.

It was moved by Steve Drescher and seconded by Brian LeVeille to adjourn the meeting at 10:52.

Respectfully submitted: Jim Blake, Vice Chairman