

# COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL UMPIRES ASSOCIATIONS

Minutes from the 2018 board meeting

Meeting Date – 1/28/18

The meeting was called to order and President Wallie Weld first welcomed all members and took a roll call. Members then went around the room and introduced themselves and mentioned what area they represented.

## Financials

Wallie then turn over the floor to Terry Angell the current Association Treasurer went over the financial reports, presenting each member with copies of all financial reports. Terry discussed in detail the Profit & Loss statement and explained at the request of any member any item on the detailed expenses. Terry spoke to tax reporting and also presented the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget. The discussion went in to many directions about proposed budget items:

Dues – Many were wanting to know what the breakdown was for how the dues are calculated. Terry had provided a cost breakdown in his presentation that Area Directors can furnish or discuss with members. There was a lengthy discussion on how to save on the cost of postage and there were plans to have the Area Director pick up their packets at the annual Master Clinic or at the very least have one larger shipment mailed to the Area Director who then could dispense the individual packets to his area umpires. There was a motion in respect to this discussion and it was seconded and passed unanimously.

There was also a discussion about moving or creating another semi-annual meeting sometime before the season in order to have dues be in the same fiscal year as they are collected. This will be tabled and studied as a viable option. The post-season incentive program was discussed as a budget item and no changes were presented at this time.

The budget was accepted by the CHSBUA board that was present.

## 2018 Testing

Discussion was held about which test to use this year and going forward. There was a consensus in favor of using the NFHS test for the regular season certification and then for post-season add several elements in video form that qualifies your understanding of 3 Man mechanics and also a post-season rules review. Looking for some consistency in our testing it was suggested to form a committee to bring a plan for testing for both new umpires, regular

season veterans, and then post-season. Tyler \_\_\_\_\_ from Area \_\_\_\_ was appointed the committee chairman and will be looking for people to help with this committee to help

#### Clinics for 2018

Discussion was about which clinics we will accept to certify that an association umpire has had the proper 3 Man training. There were several that were discussed and some were accepted as others were left open to additional discussion and acceptance.

Pueblo Summer 3 Man training – accepted and approved to continue

Area 1 Clinic in February – approved

UNC showcase – pending

Durango June clinic – as a possibility

Others were discussed and will and should be brought up again at next meeting.

The floor was opened to see if anyone had suggestions to modify or improve the format that this year's Master Clinic followed. The only suggestion verbalized was to not only speak to certain training but also give live demonstration as part of presentation. Ex. – The discussion on balks would have been improved by adding demonstration of the various balk moves.

There was also discussion about when doing training at the area level maybe video and send as a YouTube that can then be added to the website.

John Juranek also suggested as a condition of giving a scholarship for training at different professional clinics that the umpire receiving the scholarship come back and contribute what he learned to help train other umpires in the area. This would follow the philosophy of the gaining from the scholarship also means you give back.

#### CHSBUA Scholarships/Tracking

This item was presented with a full list of all scholarships that were given and who received the scholarship. Discussion was around is this an effective tool and a positive use of the funds for training.

At this point Funds for training were presented as an action item which meant we needed to take a vote to add it to the agenda for the day. The motion was made, seconded, and passed to add to agenda.

The point of the discussion was what is the procedure for requesting funds for equipment and/or other items from state funds for training? The consensus was that there didn't need to be an overly structured procedure. We do not need to impose a dollar limit or limit the

allotments per area but simply area presents the request to the board and the board either approves or denies request. It will be important to have a tracking device for all request.

#### HOF Dinner and Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Initial question for discussion was do we need the golf tournament to make money? The answer was mixed. There was a suggestion to offer alternatives to golf for create interest from non-golfers (ex. Poker tournament). The discussion also included the point that the intention of golf tournament or any other activity to raise funds or was meant to build attendance for the HOF banquet which was the highest priority of the weekend as we honor those who have made significant contributions to CHSBUA and High School Baseball. Further discussion was given toward making an announcement during the season statewide for nominees to the HOF and then also forming a committee to vette the different candidates based on a specific criteria. This committee would work on the criteria and then be responsible each year to compare the nominees to that criteria.

#### CHSBUA Logo

The new logo was discussed with the direction of how to implement its use as part of the approved uniform. All of the following was decided and will be added to the next agenda as an action item so it can be voted on by the Board.

1. Phase in the new logo over the next 2 years
2. Logo on Hats only – Shirts to be left blank( all other uniform items to be left blank)
3. Remove Navy blue shirt from umpire required list
4. Add Powder/Black to umpire required shirt list

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes

The discussion about changes to the constitution and bylaws has been ongoing since last year with the final intention is to make sure they are written in a way that they can be accepted as we apply for 501C3 non-profit status. There was discussion that some did not feel like they had enough time to read and understand the changes and that final changes had not been provided at this meeting. There was discussion that the ongoing process and conferences had covered the changes and that we needed to vote because it had been presented as an action item for this agenda. The vote was taken and appeared to be tied with abstentions. There was a call for a roll call vote and the final vote 8 yes votes to accept the changes and 11 no votes to accept the changes. The measure failed and it was agreed that we would make sure everyone be given a copy with the most recent changes and then we would meet electronically to vote again to ratify.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Election of Officers to Executive Committee**

**This item was tabled due to the vote on the proceeding vote to accept the changes to the Constitution and Bylaws was not accepted and there were specific changes to terms for Executive Committee members in the changes. It will be added to an agenda as an action item in the future.**

**These minutes were made from notes during the meeting and do not claim they are all inclusive. If any person in attendance desires to recommend changes to these minutes before they are accepted they are encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary with that request.**