

3/3/2024

Business Meeting – MALBUA

9:01 a.m. Open Position

Eastern District Rep combined or left alone discussion.

Motion by Lance to combine the Eastern district into one, Jarod Sampson will be the District Rep for the Area, seconded by Wayne, motion to be put forward to member vote. This will be a by-law change and the, Vice president will not vote when the board needs to make a decision.

2023 post season review, all tournament went well.

New to post season, in the West Chris Atkison. Kaine Bernadelli, and Shad Chrisman in the North, Skylar Criscollo and Bryce Maxson in the South, no report for the East except they had to go with 5 umpires as we let coaches dictate who did that tournament.

Discussion on having a game administrator for the State tournaments

Is it the local umpire that would do this?

Is it a paid position?

Is MALBUA responsible for the cost? Can we share the cost?

Does this go out the the membership for additional Ideas and brought back to the board?

Nick – Financial Standing report – 2023

Alec is going to find out about the 503-C

Craig motions to accept the Financial report, Tim R seconds and the vote is unanimous to accept this report, will not go to the general membership.

New Business

2024 Season discussion

- Glacier and Belgrade moving to AA (if and when)
- How to make sure all games are covered by MALBUA umpires
- How to get donations into MALBUA to cover some costs we would like
- Open door to the board throughout the State and Provence
- MHSA umpires vs MALBUA umpires, several that are not MALBUA, how to recruit
- Canada has a great relationship with HIGH Schools and all umpires pretty much do both
- Please enforce Skull cap for Coaches (Craig)
- Enforce the arm sleeves, must have both non grey or white or NONE
- Only one player on Deck not matter what at a time please enforce
- Reminder no dues for first year MALBUA umpires.

- Putting together a starter kit for new umpires to purchase and possible make payments to purchase.
- Getting all coaches and or admin on an email chain for enforcement of rules and discussions we have as an organization
- Post Season tournament will go exactly as the by-laws say
- District Reps to have Standards needed for post season selection
- Brent Radlinsky to get us the Standards that are used in Canada
- Getting new guys into post season but always being honest with them about getting an assignment
- Ideas to make sure to get best guys to the post season
- Can we pay for travel for a guy that comes from another district when there is not enough
- Post season Master plan for post season pay and travel
- Create a MALBUA MOU with the state Legion that governs things that would apply to all districts, all while maintaining all local MOUs to cover local situations.
 - State MOU ejection reports and consequences
 - Ejection reports to have recommendations
 - Pay and mileage for post season to be better
 - Accommodations for each umpire

->Motion made by Matt, seconded by Craig for 2024 only MALBUA will contribute to get umpires from out of district only if the selection committee cannot get the tournament filled with reasonable travel. This will go for a membership vote

->2nd motion by Keith Crush Seconded by Seth to Make a proposal for 2025 and beyond a formal proposal for umpires traveling to locations that are out of district and what contributions will be from MALBUA vs Legion. This will also go for a membership vote

->Add PDF of American Legion rule books to the Web site

->Wayne makes motion to purchase rule books for all members immediately Seth seconded go to membership vote.

->Brian makes a motion Tim seconds that each member receive a hat each year. MUST BE VOTED that dues are paid this will go for vote but some stipulations will need to be made as far as when to order hats and when each member can expect them, Hat design needs to be determined

->By-law changes need to be discussed about adding in “umpire Conduct” idea by Craig

->Matt motions Tim seconds and by-law change that says the District Reps are the nominating committee, this goes to member vote

-> Motion made by Nick seconded by Lance do we want to have our own logo to start adding to clothing and other things, must go to member vote.