

ArbiterSports

General Meeting Minute Archive

Friday, July 19, 2019

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

DATE: May 1, 2017

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: County Coliseum

TYPE OF MEETING: General Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chris Ramirez

Chris Ramirez- President

Arthur Loyda- Vice President

Raul Apodaca- Secretary

John Johnson- Treasure

Robert Flores- Board Member at Large #1

Trey Plummer- Board Member at Large #2

Wesley Johnson- Board Member at Large #3

Emilio Gutierrez- Board Member at Large #4

Richard Salazar- Board Member at Large #5

I.Call to order: Meeting call to order at 7:00PM

II.Meeting Minutes Approved via email:

III.Administrative Items: Trey Plummer and Matt Banales covered 3 and 4 man mechanics.

Signals

Coverage

Trouble ball

Rotation

Plate

The wedge

IV.Meeting adjourn

V.Next meeting- Scheduled for May 8, 2017- Election Day.

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: April 24, 2017

TIME 7: 00 PM

LOCATION EL PASO COLISUEM

TYPE OF MEETING: Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chris Ramirez

Chris Ramirez- President-**ABSENT**

George Clark- Vice President

Raul Apodaca- Secretary

John Johnson- Treasure

Adolph Varela- Board Member at Large #1

Arthur Loyda- Board Member at Large #2

Wesley Johnson- Board Member at Large #3

Emilio Gutierrez- Board Member at Large #4

Richard Salazar- Board Member at Large #5

I.Call to order- 7:00 PM

II.Meeting Minutes Approved via email

III.Roll Call- Vice President call meeting to order.

IV.Administrative Items- End of year banquet is May 17, 2017 at the Lunch Box-RSVP required association will pay for member in good standing plus 1 guest.

Nominations are now being accepted for President, Secretary, and Board at Large #1, 2, 3 and 5 for a total of 6 open positions.

Playoff selections are Thursday morning-Final roster will be sent to AD's Wednesday morning.

Recruitment incentives will be distributed at the banquet. 22 new officials have met the 15 game requirements.

30 members who met playoff criteria (listed on PowerPoint).

If you have questions on why you did not make the list reply to the President via email. (Criteria posted on PowerPoint).

With playoff eligible members not being available. The list looks more like 23 members who are available for the first week. At the very minimum we should be providing the AD's with 35 members with availability. Board will meet to resolve the lack of members unless membership has any ideas. State tournament roster was submitted to UIL, should hear from UIL by next week about the selection.

Arbiter profile picture will be needed for final playoff roster.

Umpires need to remain professional and focused. The next 2 days of games will determine the playoffs. Continue to work hard.

V.Treasure - Report

VI.Rules Interpreter-Crush Time!!

National Anthem
Hidden ball trick
Video discussion

VII. Training Chair- Matt Banales

Working the slot
Open gate-let the catcher work
Just to clarify-"C" position

VIII. Assignor- Trey Plummer

IX. Next Meeting- May 1, 2017

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: March 27 th , 2017

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Meeting Called to Order: by Vice President at 7:01pm

Administrative Items:

·Presentation by Athletic Trainers Association for Scholarship Golf Tourney on 04/23/17.

·Test II is open. Must score at least a 90% for playoff qualifications

·Post your photo in Arbitrator.

·New Policy:

o If you decline or failed to accept a game, you will be fined \$10.00.

o If you "turn-back" a game after accepting that game, you will be fined \$25.00.

An extended discussion was to clarify the difference between decline and turn-back games within 48 hour period.

·Scratch list is available through the Assignor on an individual basis reference by schools and partners (number only).

·Payday: 04/10/17, 04/24/17 and 05/17/17.

·Elections will be held on 05/08/17. Art Martinez will be the Chairman for the Elections and Pat Duarte will assist.

·Year-end banquet will be held on 05/17/17 at the Lunchbox.

·Remind all officials to use your professionalism while on-site. Dress and act accordingly.

·Arbitrator Pay. You must register especially if you are assigned a game with the Fabens School District.

Treasurer Item:

·Savings Acct: \$4662.39

·Checking Acct: \$12,212.52

·Propay Acct: \$139.55.

Assignor Item:

·Evaluations: please use proper and professional language when completing these forms.

·Accept your games as soon as possible when posted.

Training Item:

- Infield fly mechanics.
- Remember the Ball is the priority. Watch, Read and React to plays.
- Documenting events on line-up card (i.e. conferences, subs, etc.). A game tracker card is available.

Rules Interpreter Item:

- Balks.
- Being overly zealous on enforcing rules.
- Illegal slides

No new business.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 10, 2017. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room.

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DATE MARCH 6, 2017

TIME 7:00 PM

LOCATION COLISUEM

TYPE OF MEETING: Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: George Clark (VP)

Chris Ramirez- President-**ABSENT**

George Clark- Vice President

Raul Apodaca- Secretary

John Johnson- Treasure

Adolph Varela- Board Member at Large #1

Arthur Loyda- Board Member at Large #2

Wesley Johnson- Board Member at Large #3-**ABSENT**

Emilio Gutierrez- Board Member at Large #4

Richard Salazar- Board Member at Large #5

I.Call to order

II.Meeting Minutes Approved via email

III.Roll Call

IV.Administrative Items-

Test II will open on March 20.

Arbiter Profile Picture.

Classifications are available if you would like to know your classification please ask Matt or Trey.

Please review the policies before inquiring.

Arbiter App instructions have been posted. Please take advantage of the App.

Please check you emails regularly.

V.Rule Interpreter-

Time between innings.

Plate conferences.

Balks

VI.Training Chair

Time between innings

Protective Cup

Warm-up pitches

VII.Assignor

Fines-Q&A

VIII.New Business

Q&A

Feb. 20, 2017 Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. by George Clark (VP).

Announcement of 84 members were in good standing.

126 scrimmages were covered and congratulated the membership. Job well done. Over 300 scrimmage credits will be applied to next year's local dues.

He announced that Chris (Pres) wanted rotation of two man mechanics be used during the remaining scrimmages called.

Everyone took the test and the association average was 91. George had everyone give a round of applause and again congratulated everyone fore a job well done.

Background checks have been completed.

George announced tournament rules were posted on the website and all members assigned games needed to read the rules affiliated with each tournament or check with site manager before games are started.

He announced that those not having a picture posted on Arbiter needed to do so as soon as possible preferably in the issued shirt.

He reminded everyone to check their emails and Arbiter at least once a day more as needed.

He reminded everyone again of non acceptance of games and turnbacks and such irresponsible actions will not be tolerated.

Grievance requirements procedures are listed under the Forum then click on Operating Procedures and follow the procedures set forth. He also stated that venting to a board member is OK to do but said if a grievance is to be filed then do so by the current Operating Procedures.

George went over the JV pay rates as established by UIL section 1204 as follows:

Type A-includes 4A's JV and freshman level games will be \$60. No new inning started after 1 hr 50 minutes of play. Finish the current inning. NOT DROP DEAD.

Type B-Includes 6A & 5A \$70 Regular NFHS Rules. Timed 90 minute tournament play will be \$50.

George tried to answer questions about split assignments whether travel pay would be paid or not.

He stated in the past that only one travel pay was paid. He would get back to the members on that issue. Members wanted to ask Trey questions concerning on these assignments. George stated Trey

was out of town.

Meeting was turned over to Mat Banales for training. He discussed pitching requirements, lineup cards and pre pitch communication signals. He also mentioned umpire information cards to be used. Victor Malanado filled in for JJ on rules interpretations and one topic of discussion was jewelry and Jim Graham showed his concern of consistency. Victor said he needed to use good judgement on applying the rule.

Under new business the use of Robert's Rules of Order needed to be put in place. George stated he would talk with the President on this matter.

George made a motion to adjourn the meeting Emilio second the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm with the announcement of the next meeting is scheduled for March 6 at 7 on

Feb 13, 2017 Meeting Notes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

George announced the following during the meeting:

86 members were currently in good standing.

Scrimmages would end Feb. 18, 2017.

2 man mechanics were to be used during the scrimmages and partners needed to rotate. Also have an open mind for critique and suggestions of improvement.

Make up clinics were scheduled for Feb. 13, 2017 at 5:30 pm. 16 members attended the first make-up clinic. The next make-up would be scheduled for Feb. 15, 2017 at Triple S, 5:30 pm. He also stated those that do not attend would not be eligible to be assigned games during the 2017 season

Background checks have been started. He reminded the members that they need to make sure their SSN and DOB on Arbiter were correct.

He stated the first exam would close Feb. 18, 2017 at 11:59 pm and those that had not taken the exam needed to do so and pass with a 70 in order to be eligible to be assigned games. He also announced approximately 21 members have not taken the exam. He reached out to those that needed assistance to get with him and he would assist them on the test.

He announced shirts needed to be picked up and signed for after the meeting for those that haven't picked up their shirts.

Turnbacks were a big concern. He reminded everyone that they know their own schedule and needed to block out accordingly. He even took the members step by step in the block out procedures.

He reminded all members after the scrimmages ended, Trey will start sending names to the board for required action. He also stated that the season was starting out on the wrong foot of not accepting assignments and turnbacks.

The mentioning of Ascarate Park entrance fee of \$2 or \$5 paid at the gate. John Johnson was talking with the city and Cathedral High School on the related fees being charged. George also stated if members don't want to pay then block themselves out from officiating at Ascarate Park. More news would come at a later date.

Meeting was turned over to the Training Chair Mat Banales on umpire non verbal pre pitch

communication and other related training subjects.

JJ Garracho covered questions on rules interpretations and questions asked by the members clarifications.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

DATE JANUARY 23, 2017

TIME 7: 00 PM

LOCATION EL PASO COLISUEM

TYPE OF MEETING: Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chris Ramirez

Chris Ramirez- President-**ABSENT**

George Clark- Vice President

Raul Apodaca- Secretary

John Johnson- Treasure

Adolph Varela- Board Member at Large #1

Arthur Loyda- Board Member at Large #2

Wesley Johnson- Board Member at Large #3

Emilio Gutierrez- Board Member at Large #4

Richard Salazar- Board Member at Large #5

I.Call to order- 7:00 PM

II.Meeting Minutes Approved via email

III.Roll Call- President absent due to MBA commitment

IV.Administrative Items- VP George Clark began the meeting by welcoming the membership to a new baseball season. He explained that the President would not be able to attend the Monday meetings due to his professional commitments. Ramirez is starting his MBA program at UTEP.

There are currently 73 members in good standing.

State and Local dues must be paid prior to receiving games.

Scrimmages are due to start on Feb. 6

If you have referred a new member please continue to motivate him or her and encourage them through their first year.

Meeting dates posted on the website.

Clinic scheduled for January 28, 2017 at the Burges High School cafeteria.

Background checks through Arbiter have started.

Test #1 will close on Feb. 18 at 11:59 PM must pass with a 70% to call games.

Shirts have been ordered and should be arriving shortly. Approved shirts are listed on the website

please refer to the website for compliance.

2017 Treasury Report discussed. Complete report is on the website.

Liability insurance- Emilio Gutierrez addressed the membership about the topic advising to table for next meeting.

Make up Clinic TBA

Training Chair- addressed the membership

Assignor- addressed the members about assignments process and blocks.

Rule Interpreter position still vacant.

V.New Business- Question and Answers

VI.Next Meeting- Feb, 6, 2017

VII.Adjourn

Members,

First off, I'd like to thank all of those members who have paid their State and Local Dues, Thank you! As the President of EPHSUA I would like to inform you of some personal news that will have no impact to you as a member for the upcoming season but you should be made aware of.

I'd like to announce that I have been accepted into the Accelerated MBA Graduate program at the University of Texas – El Paso set to start this Spring. My cohort will be meeting Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 to 9:30 pm every week for the next 2 years. Instead shifting what has become an El Paso Officials tradition of having general meetings on Monday, I have decided to keep them on Monday.

Your elected Vice President, George Clark, will conduct the meetings in my absence. I will still be putting the meeting agendas and power points together so nothing is expected to change as far as our rules and training emphasis. I have informed the board to assist George Clark to be sure nothing changes as far as how the meetings are conducted. In addition to this we will be utilizing our recently purchased GoPro Camera to record every meeting and make them available for replay.

As for the operations of the association I will continue to oversee all operations as I have done since my first day as President, so nothing is expected to change.

What I ask of you...

All I ask of you is to continue your professionalism on and off the fields, represent EPHSUA to the best of your abilities and keep up with the events calendar.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns with this announcement or anything else related to EPHSUA feel free to call, text, or email me.

First general meeting is Monday January 23, 2017 @ 7:00pm at the El Paso County Coliseum.

Remember this association can only be as great as your efforts so let's work hard to have a great season!!!!

Best regards,

Chris Ramirez, President

915-540-3422

www.ephsua.com

***This message was sent via EMAIL through the Arbiter system.

Membership,

I'd like to thank all 33 members who were in attendance last Monday. As sent out by election committee chair, Art Martinez, the members of EPHSUA have decided to remain independent. In the coming weeks clarifications on the matters discussed will be added to the association website members only section as there are a lot of misinformed opinions circulating throughout the membership. As your elected President it will be my personal goal to make each and every member better informed as you all already know I am a firm believer of transparency and Monday night enlightened me on additional items you all are interested in.

Looking forward, all applications for Assigner are due December 1st, 2016. The board will be meeting December 3rd to decide on who the assigner will be for the 2017 season.

For more information on important dates visit the association website. www.ephsua.com

Best regards,

Chris Ramirez

***This count and image were received in 2 forms. A verbal acknowledgement from the election committee at the meeting, and a follow up email from Art Martinez sent to the general membership from his email.

Independent: 17

TASO: 16

* This message was sent via EMAIL through the Arbiter system.

**Note from Webmaster: Please see Board minutes from September 24th 2016 for motions that pertain to this message.

Hello Membership,

On November 7th at 7:30pm at the El Paso County Coliseum, EPHSUA will be holding a special

meeting. During this meeting 2 individuals will be presenting on the benefits of joining TASO. Please welcome these individuals with an open mind. Once the 30 minute presentation is completed the Board has approved a vote take place amongst members in good standing to determine if EPHSUA will join TASO.

As your elected President of EPHSUA it is my best interest to keep an open mind of the opportunities and support organizations available to us. Joining TASO would greatly assist us in meeting our association objectives. For some of you it is getting selected for the State Playoffs however for me personally it is seeing that our Members have the support and backing required in this day and age of officiating.

If you would like to research TASO prior to Monday's meeting please visit <http://www.taso.org/sports/baseball> .

For those of you who plan on attending but have not paid your local dues. Please do so prior to Monday's meeting. Only members in good standing will be allowed to vote.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to email, text, or call me.

Sincerely,

chris ramirez, EPHSUA President
chrisramirez@gmail.com

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

DATE: February 8, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: El Paso County Coliseum

TYPE OF MEETING: Board Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Arthur Loyda

Chris Ramirez- President-**Telephone conference**

Arthur Loyda- Vice President

Raul Apodaca- Secretary

John Johnson- Treasure

Robert Flores- Board Member at Large #1

Trey Plummer- Board Member at Large #2

Wesley Johnson- Board Member at Large #3

Emilio Gutierrez- Board Member at Large #4

Richard Salazar- Board Member at Large #5

I.Call to order: at 7:00 PM

II.Meeting Minutes Approved via email: Minutes approved

III.Roll Call

IV.Executive Reports (Treas, Sec, VP, Pres): John Johnson provided the membership with a budget report.

V.Administrative items:

A.State dues closed late fee of \$10.00 imposed.

B.Make up clinic 50-question exam with a \$50.00 Administrative fee.

C.Approve background through Arbiter-all members.

D.State Test #1 closes February 18, 2016.

E.Scrimmages- Start on February 19, 2016 and members need three to qualify for playoff.

VI.Training Committee

A.Attendance

B.Coaches Clinic Review.

C.Pre-Game Umpire Conference

D.Pre-Coaches Conference

VII.Assignor

A.Assignment Process

B.Blocks- advised if members need help navigating Arbiter please let the board know.

VIII.Adjourn 8:00 PM next General Membership Meeting February 22, 2016

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

General Meeting

DATE: January 18, 2016

TIME: 7:00 PM

LOCATION: County Coliseum

TYPE OF MEETING: General Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chris Ramirez

Chris Ramirez- President

Arthur Loyda- Vice President

Raul Apodaca- Secretary

John Johnson- Treasure

Robert Flores- Board Member at Large #1

Trey Plummer- Board Member at Large #2

Wesley Johnson- Board Member at Large #3

Emilio Gutierrez- Board Member at Large #4

Richard Salazar- Board Member at Large #5

I.Call to order: Meeting call to order at 7:00PM

II.Meeting Minutes Approved via email: Minutes of last meeting approved January 4, 2016

III.Administrative Items: Chris Ramirez (Pres.) provided the membership with a power point presentation of the Classification System for clarity. The Classification System is partial based on test scores, years of experience and evaluation by the Training Committee. Members Classification can go up or down based on performance and test scores and all classification can be appealed upon written request.

· State Dues are closing on January 31, 2016 and for those Members who have paid their state dues they will receive an Umpire Mechanics manual and NFHS Preseason Guide.

Test 1 now available online through Arbiter via Central Hub. Test will close on February 19, 2016.

Hats and Shirts- Shirts will be handed out at the Clinic. Hats will be handed out later possibly at the next general meeting.

Scrimmages begin February 8th and go through February 20th.

The regular season and tournament games begin February 23th.

Tournament and lower level rules are available on the website. WWW.ephusa.com.

IV.Treasury Report: John Johnson reported: Checking= \$7,060.23, Saving= \$12,208.25, ProPay= \$553.71 for a total of \$19,822.19

V.Rule Interpreter- JJ Garrocho provided the Membership game scenarios and rules interpretation in preparation for the state test. Garrocho will post videos and power point presentation on the website and any questions concerning rules interpretation can be posted on the website as well.

VI.Training Committee- Trey Plummer gave some good tips for the coming season such as mask removal-left hand, stay set-don't follow the catcher and read steps- no longer an advance mechanic. Plummer also provided information on the Clinic scheduled for January 23, 2016.

VII.Constitution Update- Art Loyda (VP) provided the membership with updates on the constitution.

MOTION by Chris Ramirez to accept the updated Constitution. Motion was 2nd by Jim Graham.

Motion was put to a membership vote, 47 members voted "Yea" 3 abstain. Motion passed.

VIII.Q&A- (comment) Gil Cartagena advised wording on the Operating Procedure and Constitution redundant. Art Loyda knowledge and noted the same.

(Q) Jim Graham stated that the Board should have a mechanism in place for Board Members who miss 80% of the meetings. (A) Chris Ramirez (Pres.) there is such a mechanism-recall election.

IX.Meeting Adjourned 8:00 PM

X.Next meeting February 8, 2016 at the El Paso County Coliseum.

50 members were present for the meeting out of approximately 78 members.

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Jan. 4, 2016

TIME: 7: 00 PM

LOCATION: El Paso County Coliseum

TYPE OF MEETING: General Meeting

Meeting Facilitator: Chris Ramirez

Chris Ramirez- President

Arthur Loyda- Vice President

Raul Apodaca- Secretary

John Johnson- Treasure

Robert Flores- Board Member at Large #1

Trey Plummer- Board Member at Large #2

Wesley Johnson- **Absent**

Emilio Gutierrez- Board Member at Large #4

Richard Salazar- Board Member at Large #5

I.Call to order- 7:00 PM

II.Chris Ramirez (Pres.) began the meeting by welcoming the membership to its first meeting of the season. Ramirez presented a power point presentation (which has been down loaded onto the website for review) on the board's offseason activities and accomplishments. The power point included an Expense Report, Budget Statement, Implementation of a Classification System, Appointment of a Constitution Committee, Appointment of a Grievance Committee, and Appointment of an Assignor.

- State dues- a link will be posted on the website and an email with the link will also be sent to the membership. State dues close on January 31, 2016

Test 1 opens January 8, 2016 and closes February 18, 2016.

Budget will be posted on the website.

III.John Johnson (Tres.) presented a financial report of Checking Account = \$5,877.69 (as of Saturday) and Saving Account = \$12,208.25 to the membership and help explained the 2016-2017 Budget.

IV.Training Committee Trey Plummer and Matt Banales briefed the membership on its activities and the Clinic scheduled for January 23, 2016 tentatively at Pebble Hills High School. The Training Committee focus for this year's Clinic will be "ZERO Change Calls"- slowing down the game/timing. Mechanics will continue to be the main goal. An update on the new hat was also presented. Please note the new vendor for the official hat:

- MT Needles Embroidery 9900 Dyer St. El Paso, TX 79924

Phone: 915 821-4340 Email MTNeedles@gmail.com

WWW.MTNeedlesEmbroidery.com

Tracey Benson

Michael Benson

V. Rules Interpreter Jesus Garrocho provided the membership with the new rules changes for the coming year and provided guidelines when issuing warnings to the head coaches, (written), prior to ejection. Garrocho advised he will post videos on the website to assist with rule interpretations. Also, encourage members to leave questions concerning rules on the website for further discussion.

VI. Art Loyda (VP) gave an update to the membership on the Constitution/Grievance Committees. The DRAFT version of the renewed Constitution is available on the website for review.

VII. Q&A

Chris Ramirez (Pres.) fielded questions from the membership

- George Clark asked if rulebooks were going to be distributed?

A. ONLY umpire manuals once the individual pays state dues, since this is not a rule year. The Rules Interpreter will answer any concerns along with the Preseason Guide for 2016.

- Ernesto Rios asked when the scrimmage games would be assigned.

A. The Assignor has not received the scrimmage schedule.

- Jim Graham asked about the recruiting efforts.

A. A total of 5 new recruit and 3 returning members attended the fall training for total of 8 individuals.

- Sergio Cox asked about the Van Horn mileage issue.

A. The Board voted the association follow the 1204 UIL rule.

VIII. Meeting Adjourned

IX. Next meeting: Monday January 18, 2016 El Paso County Coliseum.

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: MAY 4, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas); J. Graham; E. Gutierrez; W. Johnson; T. Plummer; R. Salazar

Board Members Absent: NONE

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 6:05pm

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve April 27, 2015 minutes. Motion was 2nd. Motion carried.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

- President:

- o Umpire selections may be held off until May 6, 2015. Split crews are in consideration by playoff teams. Coaches will make their selections for officials will take place at 9am. Playoff games will be posted Wednesday evening. Officials on the playoff roster need to contact assignor if they are unable to travel for out of town playoff games immediately. 6A schools will play out of town and 5A schools will play in town. Due to lack of eligible officials playoffs for bi-district will use 2-man crews instead of

the proposed 3-man crews. Out of town crews will use 4-man mechanics. Ysleta and Burges will play Friday, May 8 in a one game playoff.

Next pay day is May 18, 2015. Checks can be picked up at Smokey's BBQ on Viscount.

Bernie Del Hierro asks umpires that travel out of town to take a W-9 form as well as a pay form. This will take care of getting paid for out of town games. Officials are asked to write the names and contact number of person filling out the W-9 and pay form for payment purposes and to give to Bernie or the President upon return from out of town games. Van Horn split was not resolved and should be discussed amongst the crew working those games.

Middle school have various time limit rules:

§ Clint MS: 90 minutes drop-dead during school week. 2 hours drop-dead on Saturdays.

YISD: 90 minutes finish the inning. 6 runs scored in any half-inning will result in a switch-out of defense/offense. Run rules are 15 after 3 innings and 10 after 5 innings.

Anthony/Fabens: 90 minutes drop-dead during school week. 2 hours drop-dead on Saturdays.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

- Rules Interpreter

- o Discussion of forfeits took place. Officials were asked to use forfeits as the very last resort and to keep the game going using positive, yet enforcing game management. Officials are to enforce the legal slide rule on a force play should a slide take place.

Trash talking is to be stopped immediately. Warnings should be seen and audible by both teams.

Document issuance of warnings so both teams/head coaches know you have made it clear of proper game management. If a situations deems warranted an official may use appropriate judgment in ejecting a player/coach, i.e. pitcher throwing at a batter after both teams have been warned.

Suggested method to maintain control is to restrict teams to their dugouts and speak to head coaches about their role in controlling their players' demeanor. Send the message that no further misconduct will be tolerated.

Art Martinez:

- o Elections:

§ Chris Ramirez was elected as the new President of EPHSUA. Arthur Loyda retains his position as Vice-President.

Raul Apodaca was elected as the new Secretary of EPHSUA.

Robert Flores, Richard 'Tokyo' Salazar, and Wes Johnson were elected Board members at-large for positions #1, #3, and #5.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

- The new classification/evaluation system will be sent to the membership for their viewing.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14pm

Next Meeting: Meetings for the regular HS season has concluded. There will be no further general meetings for 2015. Thank you for working to make EPHSUA an integral part of the El Paso baseball community.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: APRIL 13, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas);
E. Gutierrez; W. Johnson;

T. Plummer; R. Salazar

Board Members Absent: J. Graham

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 6:07pm

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

· President:

o Official game balls should be Diamond D1-Pro baseballs with the NFHS stamped logo. Any ejections should be reported within 48 hours of incident with a copy sent to the President and UIL. Last pay check will be distributed May 4, 2015. The state umpire list has been submitted as of last week. Nominations/running for open Board positions will be April 27, 2015, and elections will be May 4, 2015. If any member is available to help out for Saturday, April 18 games to notify the assignor. If members wish to have their local dues for next season to be deducted out of the May 4 paycheck should contact Bernie Del Hierro.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

· JJ Garrocho:

o Ground rules. Coaches can designate what ground rules to be considered, but umpires should determine what constitutes dead ball area(s) and the enforcement of such ground rules.

Perception carries weight. Overly conversing with one coach can lead to a certain perception between that umpire and the coach. Strive to be neutral on the field.

Umpires should handle confrontations with a player/coach one-on-one. If a warning is issued and player/coach continues to argue/confront umpire discretion to restrict or eject. If the player/coach uses "you" in their argument it is grounds for ejection.

Asking for help is a matter of having missing information that you can provide your partner or vice versa for correcting a call.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

· Discussion to have the mileage split for out of metro games specified to Van Horn games. Also, it was discussed this should be brought before the membership for approval. Membership majority not present to vote.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:08pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 20, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room at 6pm.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 30, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas) J. Graham; E. Gutierrez; ; T. Plummer R. Salazar; W. Johnson

Board Members Absent: NONE

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 6:02pm

Reading/Approval of Minutes: Motion by Secretary to accept 3-23-15 minutes. Motion 2nd and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

· President:

o Positive feedback regarding umpires officiating at SWUP games was given by various sources. A possible 3-man clinic by training committee may be given for May playoffs. Tobacco use is prohibited at game sites before, during, or after the game. Policy is as written with regards to dealing with violators of this rule. Reminder of what the end game rules are for lower level games (time limits). If there is a tie, continue play until a winner is determined. There will be no games on Friday/Saturday this week due to Easter holiday. Middle school games begin the first week of April. Payday is April 6. Check pickup will be a Smokey's BBQ on Viscount with the Treasurer. Cut-off date for checks is March 29. No general meeting on April 6. Reminder if you are not available for games to block yourself out on Arbiter. Test #2 will close Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 11pm. 90% must be achieved to be considered for post season. State selections to be sent in by April 10, 2015. April 28, will be the stat's selection for officials.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

· JJ Garrocho:

o Discussion on 'ball 4' ball bounces out of play; batter-runner awarded first base. Handling coaches to stop them from bouncing from umpire to umpire when disputing a call.

Restrict coach to dugout once they begin to show you up. Disallow arguments regarding balls/strikes, but be open to listen to coach's concerns regarding events of a play.

DH rules discussed and when the DH is no longer in use for the remainder of the game.

Protests on judgment are not allowed for protest, only rules. If officiating crew accepts protest it must be documented on home team book and on lineup card, noting #outs, what runners on base, who is at bat, the count on the batter, inning, what the protest is about. Notification to the President must be made immediately following the game. Protests must be done before the next legal/illegal pitch.

Infield fly criterion to remember for proper application: 1) is infielder comfortably under the ball, and 2) will the offense be in jeopardy for an unwarranted double play (protect the offense).

As per NFHS in the 3-man system the umpire in 'B/C' position will not go out on fly balls that are in the 'V'.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

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Meeting Adjourned: 7:16pm

Next Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room at 6pm.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 16, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas) J. Graham; E. Gutierrez; ; T. Plummer R. Salazar

Board Members Absent: W. Johnson

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 6:06pm

Reading/Approval of Minutes: Motion by Secretary to accept 3-2-15 minutes. Motion 2nd and carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker: Bernie Del Hierro

- First pay check would reflect dates up to the 7th of March. He is able to withdraw money for dues via proper signatures. Anticipated next pay check is three weeks from today, April 6, 2015.

Discussion of game fees between a 'no-show' vs. 'solo' game assigned.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

- President:

- o Scrimmages spreadsheet handed out for verification of scrimmages done by each member.

Discrepancies to be discussed with assignor. Information of UIL insurance coverage is on the UIL website. Members are not to call UIL for insurance question. Officials are to refrain from calling AD's in regards to inclement weather. It was recommended that officials visit Arbiter website often to see any possible changes to individuals' schedules. Reminder of test #2 to be taken for eligibility for post-season. Test is closed on March 31, 2015.

Bernie Del Hierro will hold on to checks for this pay period while Treasurer is out of town.

Developmental EPISD is 2hours drop-dead. All other districts is 1hr30min finish-the-inning. All developmental games are to follow NFHS rules. EPISD JV 1-5A has a 2hr drop-dead provision.

Potential no-show's are to notify assignor as soon as possible.

Secretary:

- o Shared BASE information for their youth league program. Email of flyer will be sent for those interested in helping out. Kristi Borden is the point of contact. Officials may wear a black long sleeve shirt under their game jersey. Both officials do not have to have long black sleeve to match; only the jersey colors must match.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

- JJ Garrocho: discussion under shirt sleeve color. NFHS does not restrict players (other than pitcher) of having same color under sleeve only the length must be same on both arms. A runner is not required to slide, nor give himself up.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

- Motion by Vice President: to adopt amendment change to Constitution that President may form any committee except Grievance Committee. Motion 2nd and carried.

Motion by Vice President: to approve Grievance/Appeals Committee and to add it to the Operating Procedures with changes that all grievances will be forwarded to Grievance Committee directly.

Motion 2nd and carried.

Breakdown on what grievances and appeals document entailed and how process to resolve each was discussed.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:24pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 23, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room at 6pm.

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EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: MARCH 23, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas) J. Graham; E. Gutierrez; ; T. Plummer R. Salazar; W. Johnson

Board Members Absent: NONE

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 6:01pm

Reading/Approval of Minutes: Motion by Secretary to accept 3-16-15 minutes. Motion 2nd and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

· President:

o Officials calling at SWUP should review guidelines for officials on their website. Officials are to use the VIP parking area for pregame preparations at the intersection of Durango St. and Franklin St. There have been game changes for officials assigned to Parkland HS. Officials assigned to that site should see updates on Arbiter. It was advised to the President by school officials that the field is on a 'week-to-week' basis. Test #2 is due March 31, 2015. This is for post-season eligibility. A 90% is required. Officials working at Ascarate Park are advised that there may be a \$2 park entry fee.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

· Vice President:

o Five names have been submitted for the formation of the Grievance/Appeals Committee. The committee is to meet and select a chair person and give that name to the Secretary. All grievances are to be filed with the committee and not the board.

JJ Garrocho:

o Discussion on unreported substitutions. They need to be reported, but no penalty if not reported. Post game ejections should be relayed to the President immediately and a written report submitted within 48 hours of incident. Accurate statement and exact wording/language is crucial for reporting to proper persons. Any confinement to the bench is also required to be relayed to the President.

Training Committee:

o Review of proper 'B' and 'C' positions. Pre-batter communication is crucial for fluidity of games. Hand signal for double-tag reviewed and when to apply; runners at 1B and 2B with less than two outs.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

· April 27, 2015, 3-man training was discussed for those interested in learning the fundamentals for

playoff games.

Rider fee discussion for officials when traveling out of town. Motion for a proposal was tabled.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:02pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 30, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room at 6pm.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 23, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas)
J. Graham; E. Gutierrez; W. Johnson ; T. Plummer; R. Salazar

Board Members Absent: NONE

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 6:04pm

Reading/Approval of Minutes: Motion by Secretary to accept 2-16-15 minutes. Motion 2nd and carried unanimously.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

· President:

o Reviewed tournament rules for dates of 2-26 to 2-28. Adjustment made to SWUP tournament; a run rule of 10 runs after 5 innings will be applied. Umpires working games with time limits should keep official time or sync times with official time-keeper. Games scheduled to be played at Parkland HS have moved to Ascarate Park or Blackie Chesher. Teams in Socorro tournament may use wood bats and will follow NFHS rules. Host team is home team if both teams within the same district are playing each other. There are no drop-dead time limits at any of the tournaments

Developmental baseball: during regular season EPISD developmental games will have a 2 hour drop-dead rule imposed. All other developmental games will play 90 minutes-finish the inning (or run rule).

Secretary:

o Coaches' clinic data was presented and discussed. Training Committee offered feedback and breakdown of the information provided by coaches. Committee asked coaches not to submit scratch lists in efforts to show improvement and quality of EPHSUA officials. Scratch lists are the lowest returned in recent years. Other areas of discussion: game film proposal showed high interest, coaches were willing to do crew evaluations on Arbiter, and officials they felt were 'top 10' they have seen or had at their games.

EPHSUA clinic survey data shown and discussed. With 82 members on the official roster 54 members attended the clinic while only 25 responded to the survey. Overall satisfaction of the clinic was evident based on survey results.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

· Training Committee: discussion on pre-pitch preparedness. Most observed errors made at clinic were discussed. Top 3 errors that can be improved: timing, communication, proper positioning for

plays.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

- Make-up Clinic: date set for Monday, March 2, 5-7pm at Coliseum conference room. Attendance and mandatory online test must be completed by Monday, March 9. Test must be passed with minimum of 75%. Failure to attend make-up clinic will result in a lower level game fee of \$50. Members will not be in good standing until fee is paid. General meeting will follow at 7pm.

Grievance proposal: postponed until later date

Meeting Adjourned: 7:11pm

Next Meeting: Monday, March 2, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room at 7pm.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 16, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Graham; W. Johnson ; T. Plummer; R.Salazar

Board Members Absent: J. Johnson (Treas)

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 6:04pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept 2-9-15 minutes. Motion 2nd and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

- President: Suggested to keep using 2-man mechanics when 3 umpires are assigned to a scrimmage game. Officials working 3 games on Saturdays need to report to the assignor for proper billing to schools. Members need to complete state tests within the time period allowed. Games for the week of February 24th are scheduled to be finalized by Saturday, February 21, 10pm. There will be games each day beginning Tuesday, February 24. Reminder to block one's self on Arbiter by Thursday, 10pm. Contact person for game situations will be the rules interpreter. Administrative concerns are handled by the president.

Secretary: Part of coaches' clinic data presented and discussed. Time constraints limited the complete breakdown of the survey. Data will be addressed at a later meeting.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

- JJ Garrocho
 - o Reviewed game situations. Reviewed email regarding ejections of players on certain instances and/or restrictions of coaches on certain instances. Other topics discussed: appeals, runners lane, field conditions, infield fly, 'gorilla' arm, hybrid stance, head coaches attending pre-game.

Agenda #3: New Business

- None

Meeting Adjourned: 6:59pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 23, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room at 6pm.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING: FEBRUARY 9, 2015

EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas); J. Graham; E. Gutierrez; W. Johnson T. Plummer, R. Salazar

Board Members Absent: NONE

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 7:04pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept 02-02-15 minutes. Motion 2nd and passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

- President: scrimmages have been assigned up to the 13th of February. Trainees will be sent to sites where trainers (Matt Banales and Chris Ramirez) will be. Reminder to block out on Arbiter by Thursday 10pm. Recognition of The Base for their facility usage. Recognition to various members who contributed to clinic.

Secretary: Training Committee is in the process of analyzing data from the coaches' clinic and will share data when breakdown is complete. Surveys will be sent out to participating members of the clinic for their formal feedback and will be analyzed and presented to the membership.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

- JJ Garrocho unable to attend meeting.

Date for make-up clinic is TBD.

Agenda Item #3: New Business

- Website: Armando Aguilar was introduced as the webmaster for association's website. A rundown of what the website contains and its navigation were demonstrated. A suggestion to insert links to school districts for purposes of gaining a coach's contact information or scheduling was offered. A suggestion to provide an icon as a bookmark was offered. A calendar of events should be referred to often due to its consistent updating. Print capabilities allow nearly every page to be printed.

Gil Cartagena: had asked the board to review its operating procedures to reflect the decision regarding not having board members present at annual coaches' clinics. Comment will be taken into consideration by the board.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:03pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 16, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room at 6pm.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

Feb 4 2015

To all,

There is a lot of information to cover.

- Burges HS and The Base will be the locations of the clinic.

- o Burges: 7800 Edgemere Way

- o The Base: 6801 Commerce Ave #7b

Saturday's clinic is scheduled to begin at 8:15am in the Burges cafeteria. Please be prompt. It is scheduled to end around 1:30pm.

Anyone 100% sure they are NOT going to be in attendance shall email the secretary, Matthew Banales, by Friday, 5pm. An accurate head count will make the trainer's job more efficient.

A waiver to participate at The Base is required and need to be filled out upon entering the Burges cafeteria. You will keep this waiver and hand it to the trainers at The Base.

Exit Tickets will be given as you enter the cafeteria. Do not lose this as it will be your proof of attendance at both sites for the completion of the clinic. You will give your Exit Ticket to the trainers at the afternoon site that you are at.

Bring your BLACK jersey uniform tops as there may be a picture taken to be posted on the website. Bring your **full gear**. You will be wearing your chest protector and shin guards over your clothing for quick change-outs.

Attire is charcoal pants, black t-shirt, and EPHSUA hat.

Members will be split into 2 groups; 1 at The Base, 1 at Burges Field.

- o Around 10:45am there will a transition of the groups from each site. We are working to finalize providing lunch at each site as you transition. Travel time is no more than 10 minutes with traffic.

Those attending The Base in the morning may want to consider carpooling as there is limited parking on Commerce Ave. The afternoon group heading to The Base may want to take their vehicles, if they are not purchasing from Stripes Plus.

Tony Cabrera from Stripes Plus Sports is scheduled to be at the clinic around 1:30pm at Burges. Exact location is TBD, it may be the cafeteria or parking lot as he does have many items to carry and account for. I think he has a CC reader, but not sure if is in working order, so bring other forms of payment just in case.

- o Those wishing to purchase from Tony in the afternoon that started at Burges field and heading to The Base may want to consider carpooling with those in your group also wishing to purchase items. This may alleviate the limited parking issue on Commerce Ave. This will also allow you to pick up your vehicle at Burges at the end of the day.

If anyone knows of a former player (such as your son, a friend's son...) who is willing to be a catcher at The Base for a few hours would be a help to us. They would need to fill out a waiver as well and if they are under 18 they would need a parent/guardian signature. Let one of the trainers know if this is feasible by Friday,5pm.

- o If there are no catchers available we will be doing the catching. Gloves will be provided for our members. If you have a catcher's mitt please bring it.

Our time is limited throughout the training day, so please adhere to sticking to protocol as mentioned in the presentation on Saturday.

We are all professionals and here to work on our profession. Please conduct yourself in a professional manner.

If an item was omitted there will be a follow-up email. Until then rest up and we will see you Saturday.

EPHSUA Training Staff-Matt Banales, Trey Plummer, Chris Ramirez, JJ Garrocho
EL PASO HIGH SCHOOL UMPIRES ASSOCIATION
GENERAL MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2015
EL PASO COUNTY COLISEUM

Board Members Present: A. Sanchez (Pres); A. Loyda (VP); M. Banales (Sec); J. Johnson (Treas);
J. Graham; W. Johnson T. Plummer, R. Salazar

Meeting Called to Order: by President at 7:11pm

Reading and Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept 01-19-15 minutes. Motion 2nd and passed
unanimously.

Agenda Item #1: Officers Reports

· President: Will look into compatibility issues regarding mobile devices.

Secretary: Asked membership to update contact via roster. New members asked to fill in
membership information sheet.

Treasurer: Financial update regarding 1099's. Any changes in personal information are to be
reported to treasurer for accurate recording.

Agenda Item #2: Unfinished Business

· Training Committee:

o Coaches clinic will be held same day as association clinic. Points of Emphasis will be
discussed. Scratch lists are scheduled to be distributed.

Association clinic will be February 7, 2015. Location and specific time is TBA. A make-up clinic is
scheduled to take place over a 3-4 session period.

Jim Graham:

o Removal of UIL patch from jerseys is required. There will be no association patch this year. All
members must have the official EPHSUA logo on all hats. Members will incur a \$10 fee per
instance if he/she does not wear a cap bearing the EPHSUA logo.

Provided Marcobo Uniform store as an option for patch removal from jerseys.

JJ Garrocho

o Reviewed game management. Video shown with critique of situation; discussion.

Agenda #3: New Business

· Board upholds that three (3) scrimmages are required for post-season as per operating
procedures. Fees for scrimmages will remain in place.

Amount of scrimmages are developing at about the same rate in past years.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:02pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 2, 2015. To be held at EP County Coliseum conference room.

Minutes Prepared By: Matthew Banales, EPHSUA Secretary

El Paso High School Umpires Association

General Meeting—October 30, 2013

Meeting called to order by Armando Sanchez, 7:11

Arbiter possible 45.00 per member charge

Motion: By Ramon Bracamontes: Show of vote of confidence on the current executive board. George Clark

2nd the motion.

17 for 2 abstain

Motion: by Gil Cartagena. For the president to appoint a committee for the purpose of reviewing and revising the present constitution for the new association with the committee to consist of 3 board members and three general members of good standing. 2nd by George Clark

18 for passed.

Local dues.

Motion: By Art Loyda. The previous Constitution and the Operating Procedures is in effect until the new Constitution and Operating Procedures is reviewed and ratified by December 16, 2013. To be presented to the general members by January 13, 2014 and to be voted by January 27, 2013. 2nd by Sergio Cox

18 for passed.

Board meeting set for Wednesday November 6, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54.

Gil Cartagena

Chapter Secretary

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