

SOUTH DAKOTA BASEBALL UMPIRE ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2017 11:30 AM
CEDAR SHORE RESORT
CHAMBERLAIN, SOUTH DAKOTA

1. Call meeting to order by President Dave Beste at 12:00 noon
2. **Approve minutes for 2016. Motion by Witcraft second by Bierle. Carried**
29 members present.
3. Financial Report read by Steve Leber and discussed by members. **Approve the financial report by Witcraft and second by Rockafellow. Carried**
4. Announcements

Sending \$200 to South Dakota Baseball Hall of Fame.
Sportsmanship Award Amateur Tourney received by Crofton Blue Jays.
2016 Scholarship Awarded to Landon Neugebauer, Mitchell (Schlimgen, Burke, Ready)
Legion Big Stick Award- "B" Carter Kratz, Vermillion
Legion Big Stick Award -"A" Timmy Paris & Erik Petry RC 22
Jr. Legion Big Stick Award – "A" Blake Holden, Watertown
2016 Sportsmanship "A" Legion: RC 320
2016 Sportsmanship "A" Jr. Legion: SF East
2016 Sportsmanship "B" Legion: Redfield

VFW Sportsmanship Award "B" Selby
"A" Winner
Hall of Fame Inductees (Burke, Miller, Bierle, Rockafellow)
Mike West Randy Sabers, Honorary

- a. Site for 2017 State tournaments

State Legion- "A" Rapid City July 26, 2017
State Jr. Legion "A" Yankton July 26, 2017
State Legion- "B" Winner July 21, 2017
State Jr. Legion "B" _____ Aug 4, 2017???
State Amateur- Mitchell Aug 2 – 13, 2017

5. Old business

Motion by Schlimgen, second Rockafellow to buy HS Rule books for umpires who request every year. Carried

District Umpires Appointed by President Beste

Doug Ruesink and Dan Lund, District 1	Paul Titze, Pierre District 3
Al Hansen and Brad Peters, Sioux Falls District 4A	Duane Miller, Canova District 4B
John Wieseler, Yankton District 6	Ace Boschee, Aberdeen District 2
Joe Schlimgen, Mitchell District 5A	Mike Carda, Huron District 5B
Dave Beste, Brookings District 4C	Jason Selchert, Gayville District 6
Greg Warren, Herrick District 7	John Witcraft, Rapid City District 8

6. Members of the Arbitrary. Appointed by President Beste.
Joe Schlimgen (18), Rich Kotrba (19), Steve Bertrand (20)

7. New Business

- a. High School Baseball changes

- a. Brock Sundall reported new executive director is Dane Yde of Sioux Falls and new President is Jason Gault of Vermillion. Contact info will be sent to all umpires.

- b. New process for requesting assignment for regional and state tournaments for High School Baseball only. See application tab at www.sdumpires.org. Brad Schramm will no longer be assigning umpires for tournaments.
- c. State high school tournaments will be May 27 Class A and May 29 Class B
- d. Regional tournaments will be held May 20 – 24 in each region
- b. Concerns of Umpires for the Amateur Association
 - a. Rockafellow reported 2016 state tournament went well. 3 man crews were well accepted by teams and amateur commissioners
 - b. Commission would like list of umpires by May 26, 2017
 - c. Brock Sundall will represent SDBUA at Amateur baseball meeting Feb 11-12
 - d. Secretary was asked to include special league rules on website for each Amateur League
- c. Umpire Clinic Report/ Meeting Attendance
 - a. Matt Clark to chair a committee of Dave Beste, Greg Warren, Jesse Devine, Alex Smart and John Witcraft to explore possibilities of more in-depth clinics in the future. Not just meetings but actual field work concerning positioning, rules, etc.
- d. Mileage for state Legion umpires
 - a. **Motion by Clark, second by Warren to pay all 6 umpires chosen to work state tournaments in Class A and Class B mileage for one trip from their home to site of tournament. Carried**
- e. Legion Big Stick Awards
 - Motion by Holter second by Warren to buy bats for Sr. Legion A and B and Jr. Legion A and B batting champs. Carried**
- f. Scholarship Plaque
 - Motion by Witcraft, second by Smart to purchase a plaque with all recipients of the Dick Ruddell Scholarship to be displayed in the Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame. Carried**
 - New recipients will be added each year with presentation at the State Amateur tournament. This scholarship was created in 1990 for students in their second year of college with preference made to SDBUA members. Joe Schlimgen will develop.**
- g. Umpire Patches
 - Motion by Warren, second by Clark to include one new patch with rule book to all members who have paid current year dues. Carried**
- h. New Bank
 - Motion by Rockafellow, second by Ruesink to open checking account at First Fidelity Bank in Winner due to fees charged by Wells Fargo Bank. Carried**

[Tentative Dates For Umpire Clinics in South Dakota-](#)

March 11, 2017 Huron High School Room B204, Huron 9:30 AM Contact Mike Carda

March 12, 2017 Gayville High School 3:00 PM Contact John Wieseler

March 18, 2017 Rapid City North Middle School, 9:30 AM Contact John Witcraft

March 15, 2017 Sioux Falls, VFW, 3601 Minnesota Ave, 7:00 PM Contact Al Hansen

March 18, 2017 Aberdeen, The Flame 11:00AM Contact Ace Boschee

March 18, 2017 Legion Club in Winner 10:00AM- Contact Person Greg Warren

March 22, 2017 Brookings Park and Rec. Club 7:00 PM Contact Dave Beste

March 25, 2017 Brookings Park and Rec. Club 10:00 AM Contact Dave Beste

March 27, 2017 Mr. T's, Watertown 7:00 PM Contact Doug Ruesink

April 2, 2017 Mitchell High School, Mitchell 12:30PM Contact Joe Schlingen

April 15, 2017 Stanley Co. Middle School, Ft. Pierre 10:00AM Contact Paul Titze

8. District umpire meeting April 30, 2017, Mitchell, 1:00 pm

9. Election of Officers

Vice-President- Matt Clark nominated. **Motion to cease nominations and cast unanimous ballot by Holter, second by Drotzman. Carried**

Secretary- Nominated Jesse Devine and Brad Schramm. **Ballot chose Schramm.**

Meeting ended at 2:32 PM