Berks County ASA Umpires Association

Meeting Minutes March 2017

Meeting Date: March 22, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Andy Stoudt, President

Kevin Shriver, Vice President

Ken Cooper, Treasurer

Dave Connor, Secretary

Denton Buckley, Member at large

Dave Wright, Grievance

Todd Becker, Assignor

Jim Meals, District 3 Commissioner

Call to Order: 7:33 pm

* Meeting dates are posted. Please review as they do change from month to month as well as the times. Next meeting: Wednesday, April 26 at 7:30 pm.
* Treasurer: 1,019.82 in working account
* Friday before meeting in each month is the cutoff date for checks to be written for forfeit or no show games.
* Even though there are new USA uniforms, please match as best you can with color. Pants and shorts are still ASA/USA approved color combinations.
* Reading Slow Pitch will be two umpires for both divisions. Bats are required to have latest 2017 sticker to be legal. Do not look for infractions, this must be brought to your attention.
* One pitch tournament BCASA fundraiser scheduled for April 1
* Early Bird – April 29-30
* Over 35 – May 13
* Grievance – Call within 24 hours or sooner if possible with ejections or other concerns. Please leave a message containing the following:
  1. Name
  2. Phone number
  3. Game location
  4. Teams
  5. Time
  6. Offender, with jersey number
  7. Nature of offense
  8. Situation – rule interpretation, subjective judgement call
  9. Action requested – hearing, etc.
* Call Denton Buckley when you have a game that does not have either team present at the assigned time and location.
  1. Difference between forfeit and no show policy – If a team forfeits by not showing up or has too few players for a full team, the umpire is entitled to a full fee. If no teams are present due to cancellation or other scheduling issue, the umpire is entitled to half a fee.
* Please report instances of no shows as Jim Meals will address if a team has multiple offences.
* By-law changes – Second reading

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1. Article VIII, Section 5..

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* Youth schedule begins March 30
* Todd gave out a Berks Youth rules card to explain the differences between 10U A&B and12U A&B divisions. Please go over rules and ground rules at your pre-game meeting to insure everyone knows what will be called.
* Big Vision will be using ASA/USA umpires this year. Please let Todd know your interest so that he can get you set up on a different Arbiter account to be scheduled for these events*. [Arbiter Pay has been used by Big Vision for baseball, so may be required for softball as well. Updated 6/28/2017]*
* The USA National men’s team will be at Stevens on May 19th
* For double base rule, read Rule 8, Section 2n

Adjourn: 8:40 pm

Respectfully,

Dave Connor

BCASA Secretary