



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2019
Golden Corral
Hickory, NC**

PRESENT: Seth Keener, Scott Stilwell, Rick Curtis, Bill Cline, Kevin Bumgarner, Mark Fitzgerald, Chris Reynolds, Brad Levine, David Williams, Clifton Bennett, Larry Cline, Lynn Hicks, Dusty Haynes, Jim Coleman, David Sharpe

ABSENT: Dr. Matt Stover, Chris Penley, Jeff Parham, Caine Houser, Darren Oliver

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Scott Stilwell at 10:14 am.

OPENING PRAYER: Bill Cline led the group in the opening prayer.

MINUTES: Motion was made by Rick Curtis to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed. Meeting minutes are on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Rick Curtis gave the Education Committee report. He gave an overview of last years clinics held by the association and provided a preview of this year's objectives. He stated that this year the association will hold a Mega-clinic on Jan. 26 for all umpires with 5+ years of experience. It will be held at Hickory High beginning at 9 am and ending at 3:30 pm. The clinic will be held rain or shine. It will be on-field, weather permitting. Regular Sunday clinics will be held at Hickory High and continuing our on-field component. The Sunday clinics will begin Jan. 13 and end Feb. 10. The State Clinic and Association meeting will be held at Maiden High on Sunday, Jan. 20 beginning at 2 pm for baseball and 4 pm for softball. An exam review clinic will be held on Jan. 30 at Foard High beginning at 6 pm. Google Classroom was discussed as a new tool that should be implemented this year for rules review.

Kevin Bumgarner gave the Grievance Committee report. Nothing to report.

The Review Committee report was given by Bill Cline. He reported that his observations of umpires indicated that the mechanics of the association overall were the best ever.

Relief Committee: Clifton stated that the financial report for the fund will be complete and will be shared at the Association meeting.

New Officials: Chris reported that he and Seth will once again attend the Top Gun camp as a recruiting trip. Last year we were able to get about 5 new guys from this. Seth stated that he and Don Mason have developed a good working relationship.

NEW BUSINESS: Seth led discussion concerning restructuring of the Board to include softball. After discussion of ideas and questions answered, motion was made and passed that the Board committees would consist of co-chairs (one baseball and one softball). The expiring term of Brad Levine as umpire representative would not be filled this year as umpire representatives on the Board would be restructured from 3 baseball to 2 baseball and 2 softball. Softball committee chairs were then discussed. The

Education committee will be led by either Jim Coleman or Larry Cline. The Grievance committee will be chaired by Dusty Haynes. The New Officials committee will be chaired by Darren Oliver. The Umpire Relief committee openings were discussed and Caroline Dedmon proposed. The board voted and all were in favor that Caroline would be the Softball Chair for the Umpire Relief committee if she accepts*. Seth will contact her to determine interest and report at the Association meeting. The Review Committee Softball Chair was discussed and Gordon Hampton or Gary Harding was suggested. Seth will contact them to see what their interest in that is. Lynn Hicks and David Sharpe were appointed as umpire representatives for Softball with David's term to expire in 2021 and Lynn's to expire in 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Website will be moved to refconnect.com once developer has all info needed. Old website will expire on Mar. 1.

With no further business, the Board of Directors meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

**Amended – Seth spoke with Caroline Dedmon on the phone the evening of 1/5/19 and explained the duties of the Umpire Relief fund Chairperson. Caroline asked several questions and ultimately agreed to serve for 2019.*