

MINNESOTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, Inc.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING MEETING SITE-HOLIDAY INN, ST. CLOUD SATURDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2002

Meeting was called to order by President Odman at 1:00 pm.

Roll call showed Fiemeyer absent.

Motion Brennan, seconded Wegscheid, carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion Forsman, seconded Wegscheid, carried to appoint Mike Kieke as Section #7 Commissioner. The board would like to thank Pete Cheeley for his many years of dedicated service as the Section #7 Commissioner.

President Odman appointed the committees for the 2002-2003 season.

Motion Roufs, seconded Richter, carried to approve the Calendar of Events for the 2003 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Fischer, carried to approve the (HPK) Player Roster. These players will be playing in a "38" and over league in Florida.

The College Slide Rule came up for discussion. It was not so much the concern of the rule, but the uncertainty of the umpires as they all had different viewpoints. A motion was made by Richter, seconded by Zellmann, to go back to the Pro Slide Rule. Voting for: Richter, Zellmann, Roufs, and Forsman. Voting against: Odman, Wegscheid, Brennan, and Fischer. Motion was lost. This item will be brought up at the March meeting.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Odman, carried that the Class "C" Champion and Runner-up will not automatically be moved up to Class "B". The State Board will review these cases each year to see if a team warrants this move.

Wood bats were also discussed and with the over-whelming vote in favor at the Annual meeting, they will be the only bats for 2003. (**Exception**) – If you play a Non MBA Team out of state you can use any bat you would like. However, if you play a Non MBA Team in the state of Minnesota, both teams will use **wood bats**.

Motion Roufs, seconded Richter, carried that the (**Player Residence Rule**) page 9-"A" MBA Handbook be revised to read as:

A player must provide documentation as to his place of residence. "Residence" shall mean the place where a new player actually establishes his residence on or before

March 15 of the current baseball season and continues his habitat there until he participates in 4 league games during the current year. He must take demonstrative legal action to establish said residence – such as voter registration, drivers license change, income tax return, renters insurance policy, homeowners insurance policy, copies of rent checks, copies of mortgage payments, copies of mail delivered to address, verification from landlord, etc. The new player must also be able to show proof that he actually resided in said residence from on or before March 15 of the current year and remained there until he participated in 4 league games. League members, league officers, commissioners and state board members may investigate whether or not the new player actually is living in said residence. **(Penalty)** Player and team will be barred from post season play for that season. Player and team must return to State Board for reinstatement.

Motion Odman, seconded Forsman, carried that all (New Player Contracts) must be mailed into the State Secretary within two weeks of their signing date.

The signing date for Player Contracts or Releases has been changed to **(June 15th)**. The old date was June 30. Player Rosters, Contracts, and Releases must be received by the State Secretary by **(June 22nd)**. The old date was July 7th.

Players that go to a wood bat, college, or summer league will also be allowed to play with their MBA team as long as they comply with the rule found on page 13-c, MBA Handbook. Players must also notify the State Secretary when returning to the MBA.

The Class "B" and Class "C" Champion entering the State Tournament will always be the **Home Team** in the first round of play.

A motion by Fischer, seconded Brennan, carried to approve all changes and additions to the 2003 MBA Handbook.

There will be a Wood Bat Expo put on by General Sports at the Four Points Sheraton, 1330 Industrial Blvd., Minneapolis, MN, Phone 612-331-1900. There will be hitting nets. The date is January 4-5, 10:00 – 4:00. Any questions call Shawn Vellek at 612-928-1764.

The next meeting of the MBA will be January 4, 2003, at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, 1:00 pm.

The board extends a Happy Holiday Season to all.

Being no further business, motion Wegscheid, seconded Forsman, carried to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 4:30 pm.



Bob Zellmann
MBA Secretary - Treasure