

11/20/04 Board Meeting

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Meeting site Ultimate Sports, Waite Park

Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004

Meeting called to order by Vice President Fischer

Roll call showed all directors present

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

In attendance, Joe Kreger, Matt Breyer, Art Schlangen, Larry Sakkinen, Jeff Milene, Chris Aollner, Bill Nelson, Ruban Nathe

First order of business was re-classifying teams, – motion Richter, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to re-classify Green Isle to class “C.” Motion was made from recommendation submitted by the Crow River Valley League their vote was 8-2 in favor. As in the past the state board reserves the right should there be any significant roster changes to re-classify teams at any time.

Ruben Nathe of Litchfield also asked to be re-classified to class “C,” but asked the board to wait on a decision until a later date to see if a new class “C” league is starting up. Business tabled at this time.

Bill Nelson addressed the board stating that re-classifying teams will never make them class “B” the showcase it was. To make class “B” more competitive we have to increase the number of teams, and if that won’t happen, lets go back to one class. He noted there are a number of teams that play a 40 to 50 game schedule, and to play a schedule and to play a schedule like that you have to qualify ball players where you could compete in class “B.”

After discussing the slide rule, a motion by Fiemeyer, seconded Odman, to go back to the college slide rule. Voting for the motion Fiemeyer, Odman, Wegscheid. Voting against Roufs, Richter, Brennan, Forsman, Fischer, Zellman, motion defeated 6-3.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Brennan, that we allow any manager, coach, or player, of a registered MBA Team to be in the dugout of another MBA team during state tournament play. Voting for Wegscheid, Brennan, Forsman, Fischer. Voting against Fiemeyer, Roufs, Richter, Odman, Zellman, motion defeated 5-4.

The board met with Jeff Milene, and Chris Zollner of Rochester. Items of discussion were park improvements which must be completed for them to host the 2006 state tournament play. Milene stated that Mayo Field is in top shape and ready to go, however Hudson Park needs quite a bit of work, the board scheduled a meeting with the Rochester committee for July 30, 2005. At this time they will inspect the parks to see what progress has been made. A letter will be sent to the Rochester Park and Recreational Dept. Stating the work that needs to be completed, also a signed statement of assurance that all the work required to be completed.

Motion Fiemeyer, seconded Roufs, carried, that starting with the 2006 season (all leagues that have “C” teams must have a minimum of (4) teams to be eligible for post season play. Voting against Wegscheid, Richter.

The board discussed the elimination of the draft or some modification. At this time the draft will stay the same, however the board request all leagues to take a survey of all teams to see if they would like a change. This matter can be discussed at the March meeting.

Motion Forsman, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to add to our handbook a rule which was once in the handbook and taken out. It seems some leagues were not in compliance with the rule, however the board will take the hit on this one as we took it out. (New) only duly qualified teams of a league having played a straight split season, or intra-league schedule of not less then eight (8) games per team over a period of at least (6) weeks shall be permitted to enter the region or section tournament.

One other change in the handbook is in region, section, and state tournament play all games must go a full (9) unless the home team is ahead. Any game called by rain, darkness, lights, and etc. will be suspended, game will continue from point of interruption. The 10 run rule will still be in effect.

It was brought to the boards attention at the annual meeting if all teams using dual names were complying with the player radius rule. Teams using dual names must use player radius the way they are registered with the MBA, which is where they play their games. You can not use a players radius from both sites. This is a list of teams with dual names the way they are registered with the MBA. First name should be where you play your games and where your radius starts. (New London-Spicer) (Norway Lake-Sundburg) (Wadena Deer Creek) (Northern Gators-Laporte)

(Dassel-Cokato) (Urbank-Parkers Bombers) (Brandon-Evansville) (Hayfield-Austin) (Hayfield-Blooming Prairie) (Stewartville-Racine) players that are now on the rosters will be grandfathered in. However, starting with the 2005 season if you are not going by the way you are registered you will lose your eligibility.

Other items brought up at the annual meeting which the board felt should not change (commissioners will not have a vote, only in case of a tie in their region or section) (tournament sanction fee will stay \$50)

The board next looked at sections, motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried to move Hayfield -Austin to section #2 for the 2005 season.

Motion Odman, seconded Richter, carried, to approve all changes made.

Next meeting of the MBA will be January 8, 2005, at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, 1 p.m.

The board wishes everyone a happy holiday season.

Motion made to adjourn by Fiemeyer, seconded Wegscheid, carried, at 3:30 p.m.

Bob Zellman
MBA Sec-Treas.