

01/08/05 Board Meeting

Minutes of the board meeting.
Meeting site Holiday Inn, St. Cloud.
Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 1 p.m. by vice president Fischer. Roll call showed that all directors were present.

Motioned by Brennan, seconded by Wegscheid, and carried, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed.

The members in attendance at the meeting were: Brian Brown, John Prondziaski, Tom Johnson, Dave Pass, Tom Heifort, Dave Gallesberg, Scott Kron, Jon Dold, Larry Sakkinen, Jim Von Eischen, Brian Larson, Ralph Johnson, Rueben Nathe, and Art Schlangen.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Dave Odman.

The first order of business was to reinstate teams for the 2005 season. Motioned by Richter, seconded by Roufs, and carried, to reinstate the Shakopee Coyotes. Motioned by Fiemeyer, seconded by Wegscheid, and carried, to reinstate Richmond. Motioned by Forsman, seconded by Brennan, and carried, to reinstate Forest Lake.

Robert Dallman, of Forest Lake, did not appear before the board, and will not be eligible for the 2005 season until he is reinstated.

Motioned by Forsman, seconded by Wegscheid, and carried, to send a letter to the following offices in Rochester: mayor of the Convention Bureau; Dennis Stotz, Park & Recreation; Mike Schober, Park Operations; Roy Sutherland; and Jeff Milene to see what work they have completed, and what work they are still committed to do, to have their parks ready for the 2006 state tournament. A letter of response should be received by Mar. 1, 2005.

Tom Johnson, of Maple Grove, came before the board. He is interested in starting up a team, and would like to know the correct procedure to take. Jounson would like to play in class B, but Maple Grove is split by the 494 boundary, making them ineligible to play in class B. The board advised him to contact the class A leagues, to see if they would accept him.

Tom Heifort told the board that St. Francis and Forest Lake were leaving the Eastern Minny League, and will join the Metro Minny. He stated there may be a few other teams joining them, but will not know until they have a league meeting later in January. He will notify the board after their meeting.

Brian Bookie Larson told the board that the tournament sites at Dassel-Hutchinson are ready to go. Also, the diamond baseball will be used at the 2005 state tournament.

Letter was read from Gary Linn and was duly noted.

A letter was received from Jeff Milene, of Rochester, stating that he had conducted a survey with all class B teams. The survey asked if they liked or disliked the draft. The board would like to follow up on this survey and appointed a committee of Mark Forsman, Fred Roufs, and Jeff Milene. The committee will look at all options, and report back to the board before the March meeting.

The board also appointed Marv Fiemeyer, Jerome Wegscheid, and Larry Sakkinen, to survey all class C teams to see if they would like any changes made in their draft. They should report back before the March meeting. As it is right now there is no change in the drafting for the 2005 season.

The MBA handbook was gone over with all changes being finalized.

Letter was received and read from Dale Welter and was duly noted.

Motioned by Wegscheid, seconded by Fiemeyer, and carried, to approve the St. Cloud Orthopedic Team to play the Indiana Outlaws.

Motioned by Forsman, seconded by Roufs, and carried, to accept the resignation of Larry Bergman as Section 5 commissioner; and to thank him for his many years of dedicated service.

Motioned by Forsman, seconded by Roufs, and carried to appoint Jim Wigley as the new Section 5 commissioner.

Letter was received from the Lakewood league stating that they had extended an invitation to the Litchfield Blues to join their league as a C team for the 2005 season. They will vote on this matter at their annual meeting Sunday, Jan.

23. The board will approve this move, providing the Lakewood league accepts Litchfield as a member of their league.

As in the past, the state board reserves the right, should there be any significant roster changes, to re-classify teams at any time.

Next order of business was selecting a president, vice president, and a director to fill the vacancies on the board. After discussing all matters of concern they decided to vote by ballot.

For president, Wegscheid nominated Jim Fischer, Roufs nominated himself, motioned by Fiemeyer, seconded by Brennan, and carried to close nominations. Jim Fischer was elected president.

For vice president, Forsman nominated Fred Roufs, and Wegscheid nominated Marv Fiemeyer, motioned by Brennan, seconded by Wegscheid, and carried to close nominations. Fred Roufs was elected vice president.

The board received letters from Dave Hartmann of Belle Plaine and from Mike Barry of Red Wing, both very interested in filling the vacancy on the board. Both men have great qualifications, they have contributed over the years to amateur baseball, and would make great board directors. However, there is only one vacancy, and after discussing this matter at great length, Dave Hartman was voted to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dave Odman.

The next meeting of the MBA will be March 12, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, at 1 p.m.

The board will meet with all league officers, commissioners, and all parties interested in baseball Sunday, March 13, 2005. The new MBA handbook will be reviewed and league supplies will be handed out. This is a meeting everyone should attend, mark this on your calendar. There being no further business to come before the board, motioned by Forsman, seconded by Fischer, carried to adjourn at 4 p.m.

Bob Zellmann
Secretary/Treasurer
MBA