

04/16/05 Board Meeting

MINNESOTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION, INC.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING SATURDAY, April 16, 2005 ULTIMATE SPORTS IN WAITE PARK

The board meeting was called to order by President Fischer April 16 at 1 p.m. at Ultimate Sports in Waite Park.

Roll call showed all directors present with the exception of Wegscheid.

Motion Brennan, seconded Hartmann, carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed.

In attendance: Larry Sakkinen, Eric Fedoraucins, Ken Ott, Brian Morical, Corey Ryks, and Steve Agre.

Motion Brennan, seconded Fiemeyer, carried to approve the pro player questionnaire of Eric Lonquist to play for Eagan.

The board tabled acting on two pro player questionnaires: Eric Goerd to play for Clear Lake, and Craig Hern to play for St. Joseph. Both players failed to prove they were released from their pro contract. They will be eligible once they show they were released.

Motion Richter, seconded Fiemeyer, carried, to approve player questionnaire on Daniel Ebner and Brian Morical to play for Nowthen. These players were released from Elk River.

Motion Roufs, seconded Hartmann, carried to approve the request of Gabe Eikum to play for the Athletes in Action, return to St. Louis Park for post season play, providing he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Motion Roufs, seconded Hartmann, carried to approve the request of Aaron Jenkins to play for the Waterloo Bucks of the Northwoods league, return to St. Louis Park for post season play, providing he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Motion Fiemeyer, seconded Forsman, carried to approve the request of the North Star leagues to have a player radius of 15 miles. Also, to use its three leagues for player eligibility.

Motion Forsman, seconded Richter, carried to grant a player radius of 35 miles to the Land o' Ducks leagues, with the exception of the Alexandria Clippers.

Motion Roufs, seconded Fiemeyer, carried to reclassify the Cleveland Condors to class "C" for the 2005 season. They will be on one year probation.

Motion Forsman, seconded Brennan, carried to approve tournament sanctions for Arlington-Green Isle June 16-19, 2005; Red Wing June 16-19, 2005; and Prior Lake June 10-12, 2005.

Motion Forsman, seconded Hartmann, carried to approve Tim Voigt to play for the American International baseball team in Prague, Czech Republic June 22 through July 7, 2005.

Larry Sakkinen reported to the board on a survey he conducted on class "C" drafting. This survey will be posted on website for all teams and leagues to review.

The board will not make any changes on class "C" drafting for the 2005 season.

There is still a recommendation by the board that starting in 2006, class "C" would draft only two pitchers, one at completion of league playoffs and one at completion of region playoffs.

A motion by Forsman, seconded Roufs, carried that there will be no changes on class "B" drafting in 2005.

Motion Forsman, seconded Fischer, carried to approve Joe Tautges, and Chris Klabo to play for the Brainerd Blue Thunder of the Northwoods league and return to St. Mathias for post season play providing they secure their (4) game eligibility.

Motion Richter, seconded Forsman, carried to approve the following teams to play (non) MBA teams.

(Plainview) Winona, LaCrescent

(Hastings) Prescott, Eau Claire, Wis., Indian Outlaws

(St. Louis Park) Evanville Outlaws

(Stewartville/Racine) Winona, Stewartville Thunder

(Dumont) Sisseton, Castlewood, Clark, S.D., Wyndmere, N.D.

(Luverne) Brandon Valley, Humboldt/Hartford, S.D.

(Cold Spring Springers) Evansville, Ind.

(Pine City) Spooner, Blooming Valley, Grantsburg, Wis.

(Red Wing) Prescott, Wis., also for all teams in their tournament to play Prescott, Eau Claire, Indiana Outlaws, New Castle, N.Y.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Richter, carried to increase the umpire's fee per game to \$85 for state tournament games. The board will consider using a three-man crew for portions of the third weekend. Voting against the motion, Brennan.

The next meeting of the MBA will be May 14, 2005 at the VFW Post 4847, 104 Franklin Ave. NE, St. Cloud at 1 p.m. The VFW is near the Copper Lantern on Highway 10.

Being no further business to come before the board, motion Fiemeyer, seconded Hartmann, carried to adjourn, adjournment at 4 p.m.

Bob Zellmann, MBA Secretary Treasurer