

05/14/05 MBA Meeting

From Bob Zellmann
MBA Secretary/Treasurer

The meeting of the Minnesota Baseball Association was called to order by President Fischer May 14 at 1 p.m. at the VFW Club in St. Cloud.

Roll call showed all directors present.

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

In attendance: Tom Ludwig, Steve Barten, Bill Schulte, Matt Nesvig, Tim Nesvig, Doug Nesvig, Mike Barry, and Dan Hamann.

First order of business was to act on a player questionnaire submitted by the Stearns County League.

The player in question is Steve Barten. Motion Roufs, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to approve Steve Barten to play for Lake Henry.

Matt and Tim Nesvig came before the board, and stated that they played with a class A team in 2004 without being released from Gaylord.

They told the board they never signed a contract, so they thought it would be okay. After a few games, they decided to quit and go back to Gaylord.

However, Gaylord would not take them back, and they were given the advice to sit out the remainder of the 2004 season, which would help them in retaining their eligibility for the 2005 season.

There were many questions from the board, and quotes from the MBA Handbook were read. (Article 9-3) (Article 11-A).

And, of course, their answer was, "We didn't know the rule, it will never happen again, we thought by sitting out we paid the penalty."

After a lengthy discussion, a motion by Richter, seconded Wegscheid, that Matt and Tim Nesvig would lose their eligibility for the 2005 season.

Voting for the motion: Richter, Wegscheid, Zellmann. Voting against: Fiemeyer, Brennan, Roufs, Fischer, Forsman, Hartmann.

Motion lost 6-3, the Nesvigs will be eligible to play for Gaylord in the 2005 season.

A motion by Hartman, seconded Wegscheid, carried, that Grant Lunning be granted a release from the Austin Greyhounds, and be eligible to sign a contract with the Austin Blue Sox. Lunning lives in Leroy, which is out of the radius of all teams. However, he secured permission from the board to play in Austin for the past two seasons. Voting against, Fiemeyer.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Brennan, carried, to approve the pro player questionnaire of Eric Goerdts to play for Clear Lake. Voting against, Richter.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Brennan, carried, to approve the pro player questionnaire of Craig Hern to play for St. Joseph.

Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve the pro player questionnaire of Mike Ludwig to play for Dundas.

Motion Fiemeyer, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to approve the pro player questionnaire of Jeremy Henderks to play for Eagan.

Motion Forsman, seconded Hartmann, carried, to approve the pro player questionnaire of Brad Mazer to play for Maple Plain.

A motion by Fiemeyer, seconded Roufs, carried, to approve the following nine players' requests:

Ryan Plonsky - to play for the Humboldt Crabs, College Wood Bat League in California, return to Cannon Falls for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Ted Garry - to play for LaCrosse in the Northwoods League, return to the Rochester Blues for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Matt Meyer - request to play in the Alaskan League, return to the Rochester Royals for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Steve Boldt - to play with the USA Athletes International Team in Holland July 3-12, 2005, return to Red Wing for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Kirby Carr - to play in the Alaskan League, return to Fergus Falls for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Chris Baso - to play for the Fargo Red Hawks, return to Midway for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Chad Weiss - to play for the Brainerd Blue Thunder, return to the Pierz Brewers for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Troy Wonderlich - to play for the Brainerd Blue Thunder, return to Avon for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Justin McKinley - to play for the Evansville Otters, of the Frontier League, return to the DC Saints for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

John Kaninski - to play with the Maryland Bombers in College Park, MD, return to Waseca for post season play, only if he secures his (4) game eligibility.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Brennan, carried, to approve Corey Ryks to play for Sacred Heart.

Tournament sanctions: Isanti 6/25-27/05, Cannon Falls 6/5-12/05, Sobieski 6/18-19/05, Kingston 6/4/05, Perham 6/1-5/05, Miesville 6/23-26/05, Stockmen's 6/23-26/05, St. Cloud 6/10-12/05, Belle Plaine 6/10-12/05. Motion Forsman, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to approve all tournaments.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Fischer, carried, to approve the following teams to play (non-MBA teams):

(Isanti) Spooner, Grantsburg, Wisc.

(Cannon Falls) Spring Valley, Prescott, Wisc.

(Blaine) Hudson River Bats

(Rochester Royals) EauClaire, Wisc.

(Rosen) Castlewood, S.D.

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(Fergus Falls) Fargo, N.D. Tournament, Jamestown Elks, Jamestown Mer., Wyndmere

(Stockmen's Irish) Evansville (IN) Outlaws, Eau Claire, Chicago Titans, also for all MBA teams to be eligible to play the Chicago Titans in their tournament.

(Perham) Wyndmere, Jamestown, N.D., also for all MBA teams to be eligible to play Jamestown in their tournament.