

06/18/05 Board Meeting

From Bob Zellmann
MBA Secretary/Treasurer

The meeting of the Minnesota Baseball Association was called to order by President Fischer June 18 at 10 a.m. at O'Haras in St. Cloud.

Roll call showed all directors present.

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

In attendance: Tom Heifort, Jim Wigley, Mike Kieke, Mike Barry, Randy Schoenberg, Tom Rademacher, Marlin Reinardt, Jim Brennan, Joe Harmala, John Wilkens, Gerald Roepke, Paul Froncak, Ryan Berg, Robert Reinhart, and Vernie Radloff.

Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried to approve Fairfax to have a baseball fun night on June 21, 2005. (High school players cannot participate.)

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Forsman, carried to deny the request of Cannon Falls to bring the St. Paul Saints to Cannon Falls to play an all-star team.

Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve the following players to play in a wood bat or collegiate league, and return to their home team for post season play, providing they meet their (4) game eligibility.

(Matt Massey) play for Mankato Moondogs, return to Blaine

(Brandon Schwartz) play for Thunder Bay, return to Duluth Express.

(Jamie Terres) play for Thunder Bay, return to Spring Hill.

(John Schemmel) play for Mankato Moondogs, return to Victoria.

(Kyle Knott) play for USA International in Holland, return to Raymond.

(Matt Middendorf) play for the Lenior Oilers, return to Elrosa.

(Ethan Vogt) play for Thunder Bay, return to Elrosa.

(Tony Klaers) play in college league North Carolina, return to St. Francis.

(T.J. Stallman) play for Thunder Bay, return to Blue Earth.

Motion Roufs, seconded Fiemeyer, carried, to approve Chris Ruppert to play for the Mankato Twins, providing all his paper work is turned in and approved by Secretary Zellmann.

Motion Forsman, seconded Brennan, carried, to approve the following teams to (non MBA teams):

(Arrowhead League) Superior, St. Croix, Oulu, Ashland, Hayward.

(Bemidji) Jamestown, Wyndmere, S.D.

(Duluth Express) Thunder Bay tournament.

(Pine Island) Winona.

(Hampton) Prescott, Wis.

(Minneapolis Blue Sox) Osceola, also in Osceola tournament.

(Marshall "A") Brookings, S.D.

(Nimrod) Fargo, N.D. Tournament.

(Miesville) Eau Claire, also for all teams in their tournament to play Prescott, Wis.

(Sauk Rapids) all teams in its tournament to play Superior.

(Hinckley) all teams in its tournament to play Superior, Oulu, Wisc.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Brennan, carried to approve the Arrowhead League to play an all-star game against the upper 13 from Wis. No high school players will be allowed to play.

(Jake Eiler) returning to the Duluth Express, last played for Madison Mallards.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to approve tournament sanctions.

(Hamburg) 6/10-12/05, (Dundas) 6/3-5/05, (Ham Lake) 6/10-12/05, (Brownton) 6/16-18/05, (Fairmont) 6/24-26/05, (Hinckley) 6/24-26/05, (Sauk Rapids) 6/25-26/05, (East Bethel) 7/8-10/05, (Howard Lake) 5/24-26/05, (Bemidji).

Jerry Wegscheid, chairman of the schedule committee, presented the board with the 2005 state tournament schedule. After reviewing it, a motion by Fiemeyer, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve the 2005 state tournament schedule as presented. Schedule to be out after July meeting.

Umpires for the 2005 state tournament will not be selected until the state meeting, July 9. So, if there are umpires out there that haven't applied, there still is time. Forms are on our web-site.

The board next discussed setting up the sections and regions. Motion Hartmann, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to present the new alignment to the commissioners. Opposed: Fiemeyer. With board approval, Fred Roufs went over the 2005 section and region alignment with the the commissioners present. Each commissioner had their say or input on their section or region. Vernie Radloff, Region 2, said their region did not want to take the Western Minny, as they are only two teams that don't play anybody to get to the region. Roufs asked if he had a solution where to put them, he replied in the First Nite or Gopher Region. Roufs' reply was, to get there they will have to cross over all the teams in Region 2. Being this was going nowhere, motion by Richter, seconded Zellmann, carried, that the 2005 section and region alignment be approved as presented. Voting against commissioner Radloff, and director Fiemeyer.

League secretaries: June 30 is roster deadline, get your contracts and releases in (now).

Next meeting of the MBA will be at the Dassel ball park Saturday, July 9, at 3 p.m.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Fiemeyer, carried to adjourn, time 2:10 p.m.

(Class "B" section alignment for 2005)

Section 1: Miesville, Dundas, Red Wing, Hastings, Northfield.

Section 2: Faribault, Albert Lea, Austin Greyhounds, Owatonna, Rochester Royals, Austin Blue Sox.

Section 3: Chaska, Jordan, Shakopee, Prior Lake, Victoria.

Section 4: Mankato, Marshall, New Ulm Kaiserhoff, Waseca.

Section 5: Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Rosemount, Lakeville, Savage.

Section 6: Bemidji, Duluth, Grand Rapids, Mesabi, Ely, Marble.

Section 7: Blaine, Brainerd "B," Cold Spring Springers, Ultimate Sports, Coon Rapids Cardinals, Coon Rapids Redbirds.

(Class "C" Region Alignment for 2005)

Region 1: Eastern Minny North, Eastern Minny Central, Metro Minny.

Region 2: Tomahawk National, Tomahawk American, Western Minny.

Region 3: DRS Blue, Cannon Valley Classic, DRS White.

Region 4: Carver Central White, 13-60 Black.

Region 5: Twin Rivers East, Twin Rivers Central, Twin Rivers West.

Region 6: Carver Central Red, 13-60 Blue, DRS Red.

Region 7: Crow River North, Crow River South.

Region 8: Victory East, Victory South, Victory North, Victory West.

Region 9: Land O'Ducks Teal, Land O'Ducks Wood, Corn Belt South.

Region 10: Lakewood East, Lakewood West, Lakewood Central.

Region 11: North Star No., North Star So., Central Valley No., Central Valley So.

Region 12: Norman Polk, Itasca, West Central.

Region 13: First Nite, Gopher.

Region 14: Hi-10, Lake and Pine So., Resorters East.

Region 15: Stearns Co. North, Stearns Co. South, Corn Belt North.

Region 16: Lake and Pine North, Resorters West, Country Side.

Letter was received and read from the Eastern Minny League and duly noted.

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