

10/15/05 Board Meeting

From Bob Zellmann
MBA Secretary/Treasurer

The minutes of the Minnesota Baseball Association, Inc. board meeting at the Sauk Rapids Legion in Sauk Rapids Oct. 15 are as follows:

Meeting called to order by President Fischer. Roll call showed all directors present. Motion Brennan, seconded Forsman, carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed. Received and read a thank you note from the Milroy baseball team on receiving the tournament sportsmanship trophy, it was duly noted.

Motion Richter, seconded Wegscheid, carried to accept the minutes of the Metro Minny League concerning the eligibility of Matt Massey of Blaine. Massey met his four-game eligibility in 2005. However, neither Massey, nor his manager, reported his returning from the Wood Bat League. For not complying, Massey will be suspended for three league games at the start of the 2006 season.

Motion Fiemeyer, seconded Hartmann, carried to approve the following players to play in a fall league, and also to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series in Florida: Bob Klefsaas, Tom Steinbach, Rod Schafer, Tim Fleming, Herb Koch, Tom Lacina, Dave Hinkemeyer, Tom Arnold, Paul Jaunich, Randy Moselle, Dan Krashcnewski, Dan Vandehey, John Jensen, Mark Fials, Tom Traen, Dean Brinkman, Bryan Sieve, John Cosgrove, Dave Fauth, Paul Schumacher, Brandon Scanlon, Ben Scanlon, Tim Doboszanske, and Seth Isacson.

Motion Richter, seconded Hartmann, carried to change the date for teams wishing to petition to change classification. Teams must do so at, or prior to, the Saturday, Nov. 19 meeting.

The auditing committee met and completed their audit.

The meeting recessed for dinner.

Meeting was called back to order by president Fischer at 5:30 p.m.

Directors present: Fischer, Zellmann, Roufs, Richter, Brennan, Forsman, Fiemeyer, Wegscheid, and Hartmann.

Section commissioners: 1-Mike Barry, 3-John Breimhorst, 7-Mike Kieke.

Region commissioners: 3-Marlin Reinardv, 7-Gerald Roepke, 8-Paul Froncak, 9-Tom Rademacher.

Leagues: Cannon Valley, Cannon Valley Classic American, Cannon Valley Classic National, Carver Central Red, Carver Central White, Carver Central Blue, Corn Belt North, Crow River North, Crow River South, DRS-Red, Eastern Minny North, Lake and Pine North, Lakewood West, Lakewood Central, Land O'Ducks Teal, Land O'Ducks Wood, Metro Minny, North Star Central, North Star East, North Star West, Southern Minny, Stearns County North, Stearns County South, 13-60 Black, 13-60 Blue, Victory East, Victory North, Victory South; 27 leagues, total, voting.

After a welcome statement by President Fischer, the following committees were appointed: credentials, Forsman and Hartmann; nominating, Wegscheid, Brennan, Kieke, and Froncak; tellers, Wegscheid, Brennan, Kieke, Froncak.

Members of the board reported on assigned topics.

Secretary-treasurer Zellmann: Read and reviewed the annual financial report.

Brian Larson, North Star League, who was on the auditing committee, stated the audit showed the financial statement to be correct, balanced, and complete.

His fellow auditing committee member, John Richter, concurred with this report. A motion by Larson, seconded Kieke, carried to accept the financial report as presented.

Nominating committee: Reported the following nominees for election to the board of directors: John Richter, Marv Fiemeyer, Tom Rademacher, Mike Barry, and Pete Cheeley.

President Fischer called for nominations from the floor, after the required number of times; motion Larson, seconded Traen, to close nominations.

Voting results: Rademacher 25, Richter 21, Barry 19, Cheeley 13, and Fiemeyer 12. Rademacher, Richter, and Barry were elected to a three-year term on the Minnesota Baseball board.

Tom Rademacher reported on the commissioners meeting. Items discussed: better directions to park sites of state

tournaments, better coverage by newspapers, teams that use college players from out of state, Lakewood leagues would like to be split into different regions, drafted player's hometown printed in state tournament books, and scholarship fund.

The floor was then open for discussion. Beckman asked if candidates running for the board could be asked questions on their feelings on different subjects; draft, state tournament-two weekends, slide rule, use, advertising, or other means, to help increase attendance at our tournament. Also, some way to get all leagues to our annual meeting, maybe fines should be assessed for no-shows.

A scholarship proposal was handed out to all leagues present, guidelines were looked over, but at this time there was no action taken.

Paul Froncak and John Breimhorst introduced Jim Fischer of Pierz, the winner of the 2005 Mike Downs award.

Bob Zellmann presented Jim Fischer a check for \$500 as a retirement gift. The board thanked Jim for 27 dedicated years on the board, and wished him success in the future.

The board also thanked Marv Fiemeyer for 15 years of dedicated service on the board. Both men will truly be missed.

With no further business; motion Froncak-Victory League, Kieke-Lakewood League, carried, to adjourn; adjournment at 7:05 pm.

Meeting called to order by Vice President Roufs at 7:30 pm.

Vice President Roufs welcomed the two new members to the board, Barry and Rademacher, along with incumbent Richter.

First order of business was election of officers. Hartmann nominated Roufs for president, and Rademacher nominated Richter for president. Votes were tallied, with Richter being named president for the 2006 session. Motion Richter, seconded Rademacher, carried to submit a white ballot for Roufs for vice president.

Motion Brennan, seconded Wegscheid, carried to submit a white ballot for Zellmann for secretary/treasurer.

Rates set for ads in the 2006 MBA Handbook are: 1/3 page, \$35; 1/2 page, \$50; covers and full-page, \$75; and centerfold, \$400 each.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Forsman, carried to keep board expense at \$30 per day and mileage at 35 cents per mile.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Wegscheid, carried to set president's salary at \$1,000.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Wegscheid, carried to set secretary/treasurer salary at \$1,500, office rent \$1,250, clerical \$500, equipment allowance \$500, and secure ads for handbook \$500.

The annual meeting for 2006 was set for October 21 at the Sauk Rapids Legion Club.

After some discussion on the draft, motion Zellmann, seconded Wegscheid, carried that the draft stay the same for class C; two players from the league, and one player from the region. In class B, three players from the section. Pitchers and catchers may be drafted.

Motion Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried to change the registration date for leagues from June 1 to April 1. This will allow the board to set sections and regions at the April meeting. Opposed to the motion, Brennan.

Next meeting of the MBA will be Saturday, Nov. 19, the time has been changed to 11 a.m. Mark this on your calendar.

There being no further business, motion Barry, seconded Rademacher, and carried to adjourn; adjournment at 8:48 pm.