

03/10-11/07 Board Meeting

Minutes of Board Meeting
Holiday Inn, St. Cloud
Saturday March 10, 2007

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call showed Forsman absent.

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

First order of business was acceptance of State Tournament material that the (6) sites (Austin), (Maple Lake-Delano), (Miesville-Red Wing), (St. Cloud), (Glencoe-Brownnton), (Bird Island-Willmar), turned in for board members to go over and familiarize themselves on what each park had to offer before selecting 3 new sites in June for the years 2010, 2011, 2012.

Motion Brennan, seconded Wegscheid carried, to approve the resignation of Jeff Hess as Region #10 Commissioner. The board would like to thank Jeff on a job well done, The motion also carries the appointment of Larry Sakkinen as the new Region #10 Commissioner.

Motion Wegscheid seconded Berry, carried, to approve Luke Klitzke to play for Hutchinson in 2007. Klitzke played for Thunder Bay in 2006.

Paul Jenkinn came before the Board stating he would like to start a new team in Brainerd, but cannot find a league that will accept him. He was hoping the board could help. After some discussion a motion by Roufs, seconded Hartmann, carried, to allow Jenkinn team which will be called (Lakes Area Lighting) to play an independent schedule in 2007. They will be on probation for one year. They must submit a roster that will be on record in the State Office. This roster cannot alter at any time during the year. They must also include their league schedule in which 12 games will be checked out to see that they are abiding by all playing and eligibility rules as outlined in the 2007 MBA Handbook. This motion also makes them a "B" team and places them in Section #6 for post season play.

A letter from the Kimball Baseball Assn was read and duly noted. They asked the board if they could review the Region alignment to make them more uniform.

A letter was received from Joe Grose of Waterville and duly noted. He thought reclassifying a few "B" teams to Class "C" was wrong. He also had a few comments on the Class "C" radius and the slide rule.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Wegscheid, carried, that after a lot of thought, telephone calls and letters, that we amend the rule on a 15 mile radius for Class "C" and go back to the 25-mile radius starting the 2007 season.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded Berry, carried, that the request from Waseca to be placed in Section #2 be denied. Waseca will remain in Section #4.

The Board met with State Tournament Chairman Chris Dammann of Hamburg and John Fahey and Tim Wolter of Norwood. They reported that everything is on schedule.

Motion Brennan, seconded Roufs, carried to approve the Surety Bond, paid to Old Republic \$100.00.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to approve the following tournament sanctions – Austin Greyhounds 6/28-7/1/07, Brownnton 6/14-16/07, Belle Plaine-6/8-9-10/07, Freeport-5/18-20/07.

Motion Wegscheid, second Rademacher, carried, to approve the following teams to play non MBA teams.

(Team in Austin tournament) Rockland, N.Y., Chicago, Il., Jamestown, N.D., Brookings, S. D., Des Moines, Iowa, Prescott and Sparta, Wis.

(Austin Greyhounds) Eau Claire, Sparta, Wis.

(Austin Blue Sox) Eau Claire, Sparta, Wis., Slater, Iowa

(Austin Dawgs) Eau Claire, Sparta, Wis.

(LeSueur) Alumni game, former players (Northfield) Prescott, Wis.

(Union Hill) MSMABA

(Rosen) Brookings, Castlewood, S.D.

(Lake City) Plum City, Ellsworth, Wis.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Brennan, carried, to approve a 35-mile radius for the Land O' Ducks league.

Bill Nelson addressed the board saying, we have to have some distinctive difference between "B" & "C" to want teams to stay in "B", otherwise, we should go back to the one class.

Motion Barry, seconded Hartmann, carried, to approve the following players to play in a tournament in Indiana: Adam Karta, Dave Schlangen, Mac Zachow, Ryan Seiffert, Dan Birkholz, T. J. Sigstad, Brian Muell, Zach Femrite, Darren Heying, Tony Lane, Steve Huls, Steve Loos, Joe Shallenberger, Troy Deden, Tony Richards, Ben Griffin, Derrick Pfeffer, Matt Zeiba.

There was no further business to come before the board, motion Berry, seconded Brennan, carried to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 3:55.

Bob Zellmann
Sec. Treas. MBA

MBA MEETING
Holiday Inn, St. Cloud
Sunday, March 11, 2007

Roll call-All Directors present

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 1:00 p.m.

President Richter greeted the Assembly and league supplies were handed out by roll call. There were (51) dedicated people in attendance. They represented (55) leagues.

Director Forsman reviewed the 2007 MBA Handbook and pointed out changes that were made. (1) Region and Section Commissioners will have voting rights. (2) League dues \$50.00, each team \$10.00 (3) Radius-Class "C" radius was changed back to (25 miles) (4) No team shall have more than (20) players for Class "C" and (25) for Class "B" on the active roster after June 30th. (Rosters must be typed. (5) Region/Section/State rosters must be typed and turned into the State Secretary before teams play their first game. Action will be taken if these rules are not complied with (6) ProSlide Rule will be used at 1st, 2nd and 3rd base. College Slide rule will be adopted for use at homeplate.

The floor was then open for discussion. These were some of the items: Rosters, Contracts, Courtesy Runner, Teams not releasing players, Leagues not accepting teams.

Motion Forsman, seconded Berry, carried, to approve the North Star Leagues to use a 15-mile radius for all teams in 2007.

Motion Wegscheid, seconded, Forsman, carried, to approve Hadley to play St. Croix Vintage and Austin Ath. to play Slater, Iowa, Eau Claire, Wis.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve Chris and Bruce Donay to play in the Roy Hobbs "30 and Over" tournament, in Las Vegas, April 14, 15, 16.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Forsman, carried, that Bruce Donay, who played in a tournament in Florida in 2006, will be suspended for the first 3 league games in 2007. He must be at the games in uniform and in the dugout.

Motion Forsman, seconded Roufs, carried, to appoint Dave Hartmann as our advertisement and promotion chairman. He will be in charge to select a committee to work with and reach out to all corners of Minnesota to promote our great program. As with everything else, this takes financial support. The board has earmarked part of this year's dues increase to help defray some of the cost.

Motion Brennan, seconded Wegscheid, carried, to approve the State Tournament schedule as presented by the committee. This year's tournament will start off with all teams "B" & "C" playing the first weekend.

Motion Brennan, seconded Roufs, carried, to approve the player radius of the Stearns County Leagues at 6 miles and No (10) Run Rule.

Next meeting of the MBA will be on April 14th at O'Hara Bros. Pub, St. Cloud, at 10:00 a.m. We will break for lunch at 11:30. All commissioners are invited. We will continue our meeting after lunch to set up Sections and Regions. Material for your Section or Region will be handed out. We urge all commissioners to be there. If you can't make it, send someone in your place, Commissioners, please return your meeting card by April 6th.

Secretaries - League registration will come due April 1st. Make sure all information is filled out in full. Reminder - All players must sign new contracts for 2007 season.

With no further business to come before the board, motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, carried, to adjourn.
Adjournment coming at 4:00 p.m.

Bob Zellmann
Secretary, Treasurer MBA