

# 11/21/09 BOARD MINUTES

## MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING HOLIDAY INN, ST. CLOUD SATURDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2009

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 1:00 PM

Roll call showed all directors present.

Motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

Brian Hovey manager of the Atwater Baseball Team came before the board requesting to be reinstated. A motion by Roufs, seconded Brennan carried, to reinstate Atwater for the 2010 season.

Andy Johnson manager of the Stewartville/Racine Baseball team came before the board representing the Twin Rivers Zumbro and Root Leagues. He presented the board two options he hoped they would consider and approve. He thought this would improve the strength of their league and send the best teams on to region play. After discussing both options, motion Roufs, seconded Barry, carried, to approve the Twin Rivers Zumbro and Root leagues to form a (10) team league, they will have a league play-off playing down to four final teams, placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, drafting will be as follows, (1st- 1-5) (2nd-2-6) (3rd-3-7) (4th-4-8), as other Class "C" leagues all 4 teams will be placed in the same region. All players must sign new contracts when joining a new league. All current players will be grandfathered in. (this will be a one year trial basis).

### Notice to Leagues

All leagues with a minimum of (8) teams, may apply for this league play-off system in writing by March 10th 2010.

President Richter appointed board assignments for the 2010 season

The calendar of events was gone over and will be finalized at the January meeting

The MBA Handbook was gone over and changes were made. Following is a brief outline of the changes. We will finalize all handbook changes at our January meeting.

1. (Players that sign a contract with a professional team that has no affiliation with a major league team will be given the same consideration as we give players that come back from the Northwoods or Wood bat leagues. Player must notify a board member when leaving and returning. Player is also required to get a release, Player will be eligible to return to his MBA team after the June 30th deadline. All games played before and after June 30th will count toward his (4) game eligibility).
2. (No out of state players may be drafted for post season play. This does not apply to out of state players (within the radius) that are legally on MBA team rosters)
3. (A player under contract with an MBA team, and plays with a out of state team, may not play against another MBA team. Manager must notify state board of players that participate out of state. (Penalty) Player will receive a 3 league game suspension. Team - 2 year probation.)
4. (A team that is placed on probation and makes the State Tournament will be deprived of all tournament shares).
5. (In opening round of State Tournament section and region champions will be home teams and assigned first base dugout. There after, all games will be preassigned for home and visitor and will be designated on the state bracket. Home team will always have first base.)
6. (No player under contract to a team which is a member of the MBA shall play baseball with another team in the MBA (Penalty) PLAYER will be suspended for 13 months, TEAM will be put on probation for 2 years.

Motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve all changes in the MBA handbook.

Mike Pauly of the Corn Belt North League, and Ralph Zwaschka of the Tomahawk East Leagues, came before the board both with issues concerning their league. After discussing the issues the board explained these are matters the leagues would have to work out and take care of themselves.

The next meeting of the MBA will be January 2nd, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, at 11:00 AM.

The board extends Holiday Greetings to all; we wish everyone a successful 2010 season.

No further business, motion Kreger, seconded Brennan carried to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 4:10 PM.

Bob Zellmann  
Secretary-Treasurer MBA