

3/13-14/10 ANNUAL MBA MINUTES

HOLIDAY INN, ST. CLOUD SATURDAY MARCH 13, 2010

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

Roll call showed Hartmann absent.

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

First order of business was to reinstate teams and players for the 2010 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Roufs, carried, to reinstate the Henderson Baseball Team for the 2010 season.

Motion Roufs, seconded Barry, carried, to reinstate Kirby Weckworth for the 2010 season.

Motion Kreger, seconded Rademacher, carried, to reinstate Sebek for the 2010 season.

Motion Kreger, seconded Barry, carried, to reinstate Erick Schmidt for the 2010 season.

Motion Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried, to reinstate Matt Doomick for the 2010 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Barry, carried, to reinstate Josh Green and Sam Kinne for the 2010 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, carried, to reinstate Willmar for the 2010 season.

Motion Roufs, seconded Kreger, carried, to reinstate Anthony Stem for the 2010 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Brennan, to re-classify East Bethel to Class "C". Voting for Forsman, Brennan, Richter, Rademacher. Voting against-Barry, Roufs, Kreger, Zellmann. Motion denied, East Bethel was asked to come back to the April meeting.

Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve the River Valley All Stars to play the St. Paul Saints at Chaska on May 8th. River Valley must submit a player roster to state secretary.

Motion Barry, seconded Roufs, carried, to approve Zack Sirck to play in Arizona Summer League, return to Lonsdale for post season play only if he meets hi (4) game eligibility.

Motion Formsan, seconded Rademacher, carried to appoint Tom Heifort as the new Region # 1 Commissioner. The board would also like to thank Corbett Johnson for his dedication as the outgoing Commissioner.

Motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve all MBA teams to play NonMBA teams.

(Pine Island) Ellsworth, Prescott, LaCrescent, Pine Island Legion, Osceola

(Maple Plain) Minneapolis Cubs

(Chaska) Team USA, St. Paul Police All Stars

(River Valley All Stars) DRS All Stars

(St. Paul Shamrocks) St. Paul Police

(Dassel-Cokato) Minneapolis Cubs

(Northfield) Prescott

(Cannon Valley Classic League) Bay City

(Austin Blue Sox) Eau Claire, Chaseburg, Sparta, On Alaska

(First Nite-Gopher League) Southwest Barn Stormers Over 35, Spencer, IA.

(Isanti) St. Croix Falls, Teams in their tourney to play St. Croix Ravens

(Austin Greyhounds) On Alaska, Chaseburg, Coon Valley Blues

(Sartell-St Stephen) Bay City, Also teams in their tournament to play Bay City

Motion Rademacher, seconded Brennan, carried, to approve Tournament Sanctions (St.

Martin-Lake Henry) 6/4-6/10, (Belle Plaine) 6/11 - 10, (Brownton) 6/17-19/10, (Isanti) 6/18-20/10, Austin

Greyhounds) 6/24-27/10, (Howard Lake) 6/25-26/10, (CarverCologne) 6/26-27- 10, (Jordan) 7/9-11/10, (Arlington-

Gaylord) 7/8-11/10. Sartell-St. Stephen) 6/4-6/10.

Motion Kreger, seconded Barry, carried, to approve the North Star Leagues to have a (15) mile radius city limit to city limit. Use Intra league games between E.W.C leagues for eligibility. Use section games with Winsted and Plate toward eligibility.

Motion Roufs, seconded Kreger, carried, to approve the following players to play in Metro-Dome Winter league. Lance Anderson, Billy Hamilton, Ron Holsstrom, Jason Kirschman, Chris Komorouski, Darren Mohwinkel, Dave Molde, Dave Neudecker, Jon Rademacher, Tim Rademacher, Loren Sjoquist, Justin Wallace, Matt Tschida

Joe Sarratore came before the board requesting a radius extension for Class "B" teams, also to go into communities that don't have teams to recruit players. Sarratore said this would give some of the "B" teams that don't have the availability to acquire players to compete with "B" teams that have large populations or are College City's. The board told him there would be no changes made at this time. However, if he wanted to chair a committee to get response from other "B" teams, the board would be open for discussion,

Shawn Vellec from General Sports asked the board if it would be possible to set up a Sports Expo. He would be willing to contact sports representatives who would set up displays. Teams and players would have a chance to ask questions and look at the new line of bats, balls, uniforms, and other equipment. The board could even hold their monthly meeting. The best time would be January and would be held in the Twin Cities Area. The board made no decision but would keep it in mind.

The board next reviewed bid contracts for operation of the MBA website. They were from Bill Nelson and Dan Birkholz (Herold Journal) after hearing their proposals a motion by Barry, seconded Kreger, carried, to retain their services for the 2010 season. (Nelson) will be covering the website with stories and team information; his salary will be \$8,000. (Herold Journal) will conduct the overall maintenance of the site at a cost of \$1,500 per year.

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

HOLIDAY INN, ST. CLOUD SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2010

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

Roll call showed Hartmann absent.

President Richter greeted the assembly and league supplies were handed out by roll call. There were (50) people in attendance. They represented (54) leagues.

Director Forsman reviewed the 2010 handbook and pointed out changes that were made.

Mike Nagel tournament chairman from Bird Island addressed the floor. He mentioned they were catching some criticism for using the Fitzgerald baseball that no one is familiar with. Nagel said they got the best deal from this company and in his mind is a better ball. If the ball doesn't stand up it will be pulled from the tournament. Nagel then introduced Mark Juberian salesman for Fitzgerald who answered questions then passed out baseballs so teams had a chance to inspect them

Nagel then asked that teams making the State Tournament to e-mail their roster to the tournament web-site, which you can find on page 69 in the NMA handbook, www.mnstateamateurbaseball10.com

Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried, In leagues where they have a North-South, East-West or Red-White-Blue and change teams from one league to the other due to league standings, no new contracts are needed. In leagues that change where voting rights are involved new contracts will be signed. Teams that must sign new contracts in 2010 (Twin Rivers) (Eastern Minny) (Metro Minney "C" Teams) All players will be grandfathered in.

Motion Forsman, seconded Barry, carried, to allow the West Central League to play their home games in Fargo for the 2010 season as their home field at Concordia College is being resurfaced. The board would like a letter from Concordia assuring this work. Player radius would be taken from Concordia field.

Motion Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve player eligibility for the Stearns Co. Leagues (Six mile radius from fair territory of ball park to land attached to players residence). (Two players may live 6-10 miles away) (Heritage Rule-if players father or legal guardian was on a team, that player may play for that team as long as they live within the State rule of 30 miles).

Motion Kreger, seconded Brennan, carried, that the board makes an exception to the MBA rule for one year only, to allow the Eastern Minny leagues and the Metro "C" teams to each have a 7 team league. They will be allowed to send (4) teams to the region providing the board doesn't place another league in that Region.

Motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the following State Tournament schedule. Class "C" will start the Tournament off on Friday August 20th at Bird Island, and Willmar, game time 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Class

"B" will play on Saturday and Sunday August 21-22. Class "C" will also play on Saturday and Sunday. Game times 11:00 AM, 1:30 PM, 5:00 PM and 7:30 PM.

(Reminder) Change your calendar-The meeting on June 12th will be at East Side VFW Not the Holiday Inn.

(Secretaries) Registration-Dues-Team Acknowledgement is due on April 1". All state forms are posted on the website (www.minnesotabaseball.org).

Next meeting of the MBA will be April 17th at the Eastside VFW, St. Cloud (10:00 AM)

We will break for lunch at 11:00 AM. All commissioners are invited. We will continue our meeting after lunch to set up sections and regions. Materials will be handed out. We urge all commissioners to attend. If you can't make the meeting please send someone in your place. (Commissioners) please return your meeting card by April 12.

Being no further business a motion by Forsman, seconded Kreger, carried, to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 3:35.

Great news on Friday March 19'h. The (Representative Assembly) of the Minnesota State High School Association passed by a two thirds vote (35-12) to approve High School coaches and players to participate together during the grace period of July 1-July 7. This will take effect immediately.

Bob Zellmann
Secretary-Treasure MBA