

11/20/10 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD HOLIDAY INN, ST. CLOUD NOVEMBER 19-20, 2010

MBA Meeting

Saturday, November 20th 2010

Holiday Inn, St. Cloud MN

Roll Call showed Barry and Forsman absent

Minutes from previous meeting were approved on motion by Brennan, seconded Kreger, carried.

On Friday November 19th the board held a work shop and met with a task force of 13 dedicated commissioners and league officers, along with a few other dedicated baseball people. This meeting was to discuss either keeping our program on classifying teams as we have it, or do we want a change. Members of the task force were asked to express their concern and what they would like to see done. Topics they brought up-two weekend state tourney, draft, radius, college residence, "B" first two weekends, "C" second two weekend for state, four classes, three classes, population, smaller radius, attendance. There were a few that had all the classes worked out; also one had a map showing where teams were located. The board then went into a question answer session. There were many great points brought up which will surely help in making any decision. The board hoped they could have a program in place by the end of our meeting on Saturday. President Richter thanked the task force for their input and dedication.

The board held its own work shop on Saturday morning November 20th. This was to address the correspondence we received at our meeting with the task force on Friday November 19th on re-classifying teams. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that we get the program started and go with the two class system "B" and "C", Class "A" will stay on their own for 2011. The board plans to study this program throughout the year, and will modify its structure if it needs to be.

Rick Johnson President of the Hall of Fame asked the board if the MBA could help in sending out a mailer in our league supply packed when we meet with league officers in March. He also asked if the MBA could pay for printing the programs for the Hall of Fame banquet, cost \$100.00. Motion by Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the request of the Hall of Fame.

Dave Style and Dave Wendlandt chairman of the Glencoe-Brownton 2011 State Tournament told the board that everything is on schedule. New lights are being installed at Glencoe and that will be done when the ground freezes over and trucks can get on the field. Both parks are shaping up.

Shawn Vellek representative from Class "A" as present and told the board although there was talk that Class "A" and Class "B" might work something out for this years State Tournament, Class "A" held their meeting and they were set for 2011. He also told the board they finish their tournament the week before Labor Day and probably would not change due to college players. Vellek also told the board there will be a Sports Expo at the Ramada Inn, by the Mall of America on January 8, 2011. Everyone is invited, more information latter in minutes.

Pete Cheeley reported on the 2012 State Tournament in St. Cloud. He told the board he did not know all the arrangements between the River Bats and St. Cloud but would find out and report back.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Rademacher, carried, to setup a booth at Twins Fest January 28, 29, 30, cost \$200.00. Glencoe and Browntown will man the booth, with help from the board.

The board next addressed the re-classifying of the following teams. Hanska, Green Isle, Winsted, Plato, New Ulm Kaiserhoff, Dassel, Maple Lake, Delano, Waseca, Northfield, Soderville. At the meeting was Green Isle, Winsted, Plato, New Ulm Kaiserhoff. They stated their case, the other teams the board received letters. After some discussion motion Roufs, seconded Kreger, carried, to classify these teams to Class "C" Voting against the motion Brennan. The board would like to make notice that these teams will be monitored, and if there are any roster changes, their classification could change.

The board next looked over the Class "B" sections and made the following changes. Section #1 – Dundas, Miesville, Red Wing, Hasings. Section #2 – Austin Greyhounds, Austin Blue Sox, Rochester Royals, Mantako Twins, Marshall. Section #3 – Shakopee Indians, Jordan, Prior Lake Jays, Chaska, Victoria. Section #4 – Apple Valley, Rosemount, Eagan, Inver Grove Heights. Section #5 – Elk, Burnsville, Lakeville, Savage. Section #6 – Bemidji, Duluth, Hibbing, Grand Rapids, Nashwauk. Section #7 – Cold Spring Springers, Brainerd Bee's, St. Cloud Ice, Sauk Rapids Cyclones,

and Moorhead Brewers. Section #8 – Hutchinson, St. Michael, Hamel, Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Blaine. Motion Rademacher, seconded Richter, carried, to approve the Class “B” sections for 2011. Voting against the motion, Brennan.

Motion Kreger, Seconded Radmacher, carried, to approve the calendar of events for 2011.

Motion Roufs, seconded Hartmann, carried to approve the following changes made in the 2011 MBA Handbook. (Roster-Class “B”) only 25 player’s regular season and playoff. (Roster-Class “C”) only 20 player’s regular season and playoff. No team will be able to (carry) or (sign) a player over the roster requirements. If a team does they must release a player.

(Class “B”) – Players may use Home or College address.

(Class “C”) – Players can only use Home address; if a player uses a college address he must play Class “B”.

(Class “B”) – Will have no draft.

(Class “C”) – Teams can draft two pitchers only, one after league playoffs, and one from the Region.

(Pitchers) will not be allowed to hit, you must DH

(Catchers) will not be allowed to be drafted.

(Radius) 30 miles GPS for all teams.

(Current Roster) will be grandfathered in as of 6/30/10.

(Championship Games) in Regions and Sections must be played out to get true champion and runner-up.

The next meeting of the MBA will be January 8, 2011, 11:00 PM, at the Ramada Inn, this is the old Thunder Bird next to the Mall of America. Our new website will be setup for everyone to get acquainted with. Website inspection hours will be 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. General Sports is having a Sports’ Expo right next to our meeting room. Everyone is invited. They will show case all the latest Sports Equipment. A fun day for all.

There being no further business motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried, to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 5:05 PM.

Bob Zellmann

Secretary