

1/08/11 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Board

RAMADA MALL

BLOOMINGTON, MN JANUARY 8, 2011

MBA Meeting

Saturday January 8, 2011

Ramada Mall, Bloomington, MN

Roll call showed all directors present

In attendance (31)

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

Gary Gwalthney came before the board requesting to have Lake City reinstated for the 2011 season. Lake City will join the Cannon Valley Classic League. After informing Gwalthney that their players need to sign new contracts, and that they are aware of the new college rule, a motion by Rademacher, seconded Barry, carried, to reinstate Lake City for the 2011 season.

Josh Kunze manager of the Austin Blue Sox came before the board to request to be reclassified to Class "C". He told the board that he will lose 20 players from his 2010 roster, and that he will be starting a new team using all young players. The board told Kunze that his roster would be monitored on any movement of players. Motion Hartmann, seconded Roufs, carried, to reclassify the Austin Blue Sox to Class "C" for 2011.

Joe Serratore came before the board requesting to start a new team in Austin and playing Class "A". Serratore presented a list of some of the players in the area that would like to play with the new team. They were accepted to play in the River View League. They will use the name Austin Blue Sox. Motion Roufs, seconded Barry, carried, to approve Serratore Austin Blue Sox to play Class "A".

Terry Fredrickson reports that the Cannon Valley League had their meeting and that Apple Valley had dropped out of the 2011 season. This would leave one of their sections #4 or #5 with only 3 teams. It was suggested that Section #3 had (5) teams with Prior Lake being one of them and also the closest team to fit in with #4 or #5. It was decided that both parties be notified before any action was taken. Joe Chapman from Prior Lake was at another meeting and was called into our meeting. It was explained to him what the board was planning to do. He did not accept the idea but he understood that he was the closest fit to join sections 4 or 5. John Breimhorst Section 3 Commissioner was located in a fish house on Mille Lacs Lake. It was also explained to him about moving Prior Lake out of his section, as it would help us fill up a section that had only 3 teams.

Prior Lake will still be a member and play its league games in the River Valley, they will move only for post season play. After further discussion motion Roufs, seconded Zellmann, carried, that the Prior Lake Jay's be moved into Section #4 or # 5 for the 2011 season.

Motion Kreger, seconded Forsman, carried, to accept the resignation from Bob Reinhart Section #4 Commissioner. The board would like to thank Reinhart for his dedicated service over many years.

Glencoe/Brownston Tournament Committee of Dave Style, Dave Wendlandt, and Doug Schuette, brought the board up to date. Outside work will not be finalized until Spring, but promotions are being set. Tournament Books with Ad's are in place. They also stated that the Tournament Baseball for 2011 will be the Diamond D- I -Pro.

In attendance were three Sporting Goods Representatives, Mark Juberian from Fitzgerald, Dan Philps from Rawlings, and T-Jay Cullen from Diamond. Each one addressed the assembly with the line of baseballs they carry and their specification. After a question answer session, motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, carried, that the board recommends that the three balls mentioned be used in our MBA program. (Fitzgerald Pro-Col) (Diamond D- I -Pro) (Rawlings-R- 100 R~~HS).

Kerry Hangl from Wells asked the board to be reinstated for the 2011 season. He said he made a mistake, and now understands the procedure on signing contracts. Motion Barry, seconded Forsman, carried, to reinstate Wells for the 2011 season.

At the November meeting the board set a new number of players a team could roster. That being (20) for Class "C", and (25) for Class "A" and "B", at any one time. Since the board has received many calls to have this changed as it may affect hardship on some teams. After discussing the matter a motion by Forsman, seconded Roufs, carried, that

we revert back to the 2010 rule. No team shall have more than (20) eligible players for Class "C" and (25) for Class "A" and "B" on their final play-off roster. If a team wishes to carry more players on their June 30 playing roster, this will be allowed. Voting against the motion, Richter and Kreger.

Dan Plein came forward to report on a meeting that the Class "B" teams held earlier. He had a number of proposals they would like the board to look at. (494-694 Loop) have "B" teams go in to get players, or allow them to get (two) players from the loop at one time only. #2 Use any "B" game for their 4 game eligibility. #3 Roster. #4 Radius. #5 College rule. #6 Set their own sections. #7 Combine "A" and "B". Plein told the board the feeling was the board was trying to push Class "B" out. This brought some static from the board, with resentment to such a false accusation. The board has been working in all directions trying to improve Class "B". We have our website for advertising which provides (when games are played and where), (Daily scores), (Box Scores), (Line Scores), (Highlights), this information is available in every household, and newspapers in the state and beyond. It just might help if some of the teams do a little promoting themselves. The board thanked Class "B" teams for getting together, trying to work out

some of the problems. And that the board will always be there to work with. Plein was told to go back to their Committee and see what proposals would be the most urgent at this time.

Shawn Vellek from General Sports and Class "A" River View Commissioners reports that Class "A" is set for 2011 season. Any talk about "A" and "B" getting together will have to wait until 2012.

The board would like to take this time to thank Shawn Vellek for taking care of, and arranging all the meeting rooms at the Ramada. And for those who could not make the meeting, you missed a great Sports Expo.

Next meeting of the MBA will be March 12, at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud (1:00 PM).

On Sunday March 13th, we will meet with all League Officers at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud at (1:00 PM). The 2011 Rule Book will be reviewed, and league material passed out. Mark this date on your calendar.

There was no further business to come before the board, motion Kreger, seconded Brennan, carried to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 5:15 PM.

Bob Zellmann
Sect.- Treasure MBA