

## 3/12-13/11 MEETING MINUTES

### **Minutes of Board Meeting Holiday Inn, St. Cloud Sat-Sun March 12-13, 2011**

Meeting called to order by President Ritchter at 1:00pm.

Roll call showed Hartmann absent.

Motion Brennan seconded Barry, carried, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed.

There were 24 people in attendance.

Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire of Derek Dormanen to play for his previous team Midway.

The board received word that Zac Salfer who was a player on the Ada team used a false address during the 2010 season. Keith Hanson the Ada manager who lives in Hawley told the board that Salfer told him he lives in Ada. Salfer was not able to answer questions so the board tabled any further business until the April meeting. Salfer must appear in person to answer questions.

Motion Racemacher, second Kreger, carried, that Josh Hollenhorst will be eligible to play for the Saint Joseph upon securing his release from his last MBA team.

Brad Weiers came before the board with questions concerning himself on a player eligibility and residency. After questions by the board, it was decided to take this matter until further information can be presented.

Matt and Troy Breyer managers of the Green Isle came before the board asking what the feelings of the board would be should Mac Zachow return to Green Isle for the 2011 baseball season. Would this change there classification? In November Green Isle was reclassified to Class "C" as the board was told by Green Isle baseball representative that they were going to lose a few players, one of them Zachow, who told then he was done playing, and handed in his uniform. The board accepted their word and they were reclassified. A board member then told the Green Isle representative that should there be any roster changes with the players coming back their classifications could change. The board was asked if they could make a decision today so Green Isle knows where they stand. Motion Richter, seconded Roufs, that if Zacow returns to Green Isle for 2011 baseball season they will be reclassified to Class "B". Voting for Richter, Roufs, Zellmann, Brennan, Rademacher. Voting No Kreger, Berry, Forsman. Motion passed 5-3.

Motion Radenmacher, seconded Brennan, carried to approve the Rosemount Black Sox to play in the Twin City Wood Bat Classic.

Ben Knaus returned from the Arizona Winter League. He is eligible to play for Kimball.

Motion Forsman, seconded Zellmann, carried, to disapprove the Player Questionnaire of Gustaf Morley to play for Morris. New college ruled was enforced.

Motion Barry, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the following tournaments: Moorhead 5/20-22/11; Bell Plaine 6/10-12/11; Anoka 6/10-12/11; Red Wing 6/17-19/11; Lastrup 6/18/11, Austin Greyhounds 6/23-26/11, Nimrod 6/24-26/11, Jordan/Shakopee 7/8-10/11, Bemidji Mudcats 6/10-30/11.

Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried to approve the following teams to play Non MBA teams. (Minnetonka Millers) Peekskill, NY Tides

(Miesville) Chicago, IL Wildcats  
(Owatonna) Peekskill, NY Tides  
(Maple Plain) Minneapolis Cubs  
(First Nite/Gopher Lgs) Spencer, IA  
(Forest Lake) St. Croix  
(Red Wing) Bay City, Hager City, River Falls, Eau Claire, Menomenie  
(Austin Tournament) MBA teams to play Non MBA teams  
(Moorhead Tournament) MBA teams to play Non MBA teams  
(Red Wing Tournament) MBA teams to play Non MBA teams  
(Dassel) Minneapolis Cubs  
(Northfield) Prescott  
(Pine Island) Prescott, Onalaska, LaCrescent, Ellsworth, River Falls

Bids to maintain our website for the 2011 season were received from Dan Birkholz, Harold Journal and Bill Nelson. We received a bid earlier from Dan Ludwig. All bids will be gone over and selected at the April meeting.

Dan Plein came before the board and reported on a meeting that was held for all Class "B" teams. All teams were contacted, (14) teams were present. They have (3) goals: 1) Stay a part of the MBA and work to improve Class "B". 2) Keep integrity of the State Class "B" at both Sections and State level. 3) Pursue new ideas that will enhance the quality of the State Class "B" Tournament, not to include Labor Day-Super Sections. After sections have been completed the remaining 16 teams will be ranked. (8 section champions 1-8) and (8 section runner up 9-16). Teams will be ranked by managers. Games will be played at (4) different sites (8) teams will advance to State Tournament. (Exception Rule) each team to have (2) non radius players included as part of 25 man roster. President Richter thanked Plein and all Class "B" teams for getting together working to make Class "B" better. The board will look at the proposals made and hope to have a decision on Sunday.

No further business, motioned Kreger, seconded Barry to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 5:30pm.

Sunday March 13, 2011.

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

Roll call showed Hartmann absent.

President Richter greeted the assembly, and league supplies were handed out by roll call.

Director Forsman reviewed the 2011 MBA handbook and pointed out changes made.

Floor was open for discussion (most concern was on the new college rule.)

Director Kreger read a letter from Northwest Umpires on safety concerns. Their two main concerns are throwing equipment out of frustration or anger, and crack helmets. They reminded all teams and players that this situation that they control their behavior. Northwest Umpires have been asked to take a stronger stand on these concerns with ejections in order if the integrity of the game has been branched.

Director Roufs reported that the board met and agree to the grant Class "B" to try their Super-Sectional for the 52011 season, new format as follows;

Section Champs and Runner-Ups will advanced to four Super-Sections. Managers from 16 teams will seed the teams 1-16. Each Super-Section will play a four team double elimination tournament. The champion and runner-up from each Super-Section will advanced to the State Tournament. The eight managers will re-seed the teams. They will play eight team double elimination tournaments. This will be a two-weekend tournament, played the first and second weekend of the tournament. The board will assess the results of the change following the tournament.

Class "B" Managers and Commissioners are requested to set a meeting date to work out all items concerning this new proposal. This report should be presented to the board at the April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Motion made by Barry, seconded Kreger, carried to accept this Class "B" Super-Section for the 2011 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the Stearns County (Heritage Rule) Player eligibility; (addition/exception to the MBA by laws Article 3): A new player's place of residence may not exceed 6 miles from the chosen teams ballpark fair territory. A team may have 2 players on their roster who resides over 6 miles, but no more than 10 miles from the team's ballpark fair territory. If such player moves within the 6 mile radius or is released, a new 6-10 mile player may be added. A player moving within the 6 miles will have to meet the MBA residency requirement by establishing their residence before March 15<sup>th</sup> of the given year. A team may also have an unlimited # of heritage players who must reside within the MBQA mileage limit. "Heritage" players are defined as players whose parent or legal guardian had been a league approved playoff eligible member of that team under the 6 mile radius rule. A property tax or rental check to prove residency is required of all new players (except high school and college students) who wish to join the team.

Next meeting of the MBA will be at 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. Material will be handed out for your Section or Region. 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 9<sup>th</sup>.

League registration and dues will be due on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you complete all the information on the registration card and have all teams sign their acknowledgement of the constitution and the by laws. (Reminder) All players will sign new contracts.

With no further business to come before the board a motion by Rademacher, seconded Brennan, carried to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 3:17pm.

Bob Zellmann  
Secretary-Treasure  
MBA