

5/14/11 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Board Meeting Holiday Inn, St. Cloud Saturday May 14, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 11:00 AM

Roll call: All directors present.

Motion Kreger, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed.

It was brought to the attention to a number of board members that the New Ulm Brewers of the Tomahawk League had signed seven former players from the New Ulm Kaiserhoff Class B roster from 2010. At the November MBA meeting, members of the New Ulm Baseball Association came before the board to petition to move to Class "C" due to a number of younger players that were more suited to play in Class "C." At that time the MBA Board approved the New Ulm Kaiserhoff team to move down to Class "C" along with ten other MBA teams, based on the information presented.

It was noted at that time that all teams, specifically those that were dropped down to Class "C," were advised that the board would be reviewing rosters and player movement during the 2011 season and beyond to determine if the team were to be reclassified to Class "B."

As a result of receiving a number of calls from the Tomahawk League regarding the movement of players within the New Ulm Baseball Association, as well as, reviewing the New Ulm Brewers roster for 2011, the MBA Board requested that the New Ulm Baseball Association attend the May 14 meeting to discuss the details of their roster, releases and recent signing of players from the former New Ulm Kaiserhoff team. As a result of this request, the manager of the New Ulm Brewers accompanied by two players appeared before the board to discuss the Brewers current roster and the signing of seven (7) players from the Kaiserhoff roster from 2010. These core group of players were cited by the New Ulm Baseball Association at the November meeting as either retiring or unavailable to play due to other circumstances.

After lengthy discussion by the board and the representatives from the New Ulm Brewers team, a motion was made by Mike Barry and seconded by Joe Kreger to allow the New Ulm Brewers to remain a Class "C" team.

Further discussion took place and the motion was defeated 6-3 and the New Ulm Brewers were moved to Class B for the 2011 season. The rationale for this was due to the fact that seven of the top players from the former Class "B" New Ulm Kaiserhoff team switched rosters to join an already competitive New Ulm Brewer Class "C" team. The board felt that this player movement justified moving the Brewers to Class "B" for the 2011 season. Voting for the motion - Barry, Kreger, Forsman. Voting against the motion - Roufs, Hartmann, Brennan, Rademacher, Zellman, Richter.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Richter, carried that the New Ulm Brewers will be placed in section #2 for postseason play in 2011.

Motion Roufs, seconded Barry, carried, to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire of Erik Scott to play for Blaine.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Kreger, carried, to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire of Chad Ogden to play for Stockmen's Irish.

Motion Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried, to disapprove the Player Questionnaire Ben Smith to play of Maple Plaine. New college rule enforced.

Motion Barry, seconded Zellmann, carried, to disapprove the the Player Questionnaire of Casey Dittle to play for Rosan. New college rule enforced.

Motion Forsman, Secondded Barry, carried, to approved Ryan Thiesse to play for the St. Mathias Devils.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve Jared Nielson to play for Sebeka Stingers upon receiving approval from the Lake and Pine League.

Casey Gray to play for the Tarno Tigers (S.D) and also for Dumont.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Barry, carried, to approve the St. Paul Class "A" League, to make up an all-star team to play the St. Paul Saints. Also, to approved Jeremy Peschell of the Moorhead Area to make up an all-star team to play the Fargo/Moorhead Red Hawks. Rosters have been received by the MBA.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Forsman, carried to approve Scott Lieser to play for Willmar of the Northwoods League, return to Lake Henry for postseason play, only if he meets his four-game eligibility.

Ben Knaus has returned from Rudioso, (N.M.), he is eligible to play for Kimball.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve Chris Kubitz to play for the St. Cloud River Bats, return to the Shakopee Coyotes for postseason play. Also Jordan Smith to play for Willmar in the Northwoods League; return to Raymond for postseason play. Each player much meet the four-game league eligibility.

Motion Barry, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve Andrew Erickson to play for Pelican Rapids.

Motion Forsman, seconded Hartmann, carried, to reinstate Kelby Halling for the 2011 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Brennan, carried, to deny the Land O'Ducks League a five-mile radius extension. If a team needs an extension, they must file separately.

Adam Barta and Mark Moriarty will be playing for the Prescott Pirates, and also their home team Hastings. *Reminder - A player under contract with the MBA and plays with a out-of-state team, cannot play against another MBA team.

Letters were received from Matt Breyer and Aaron Ziemer, both were duly noted.

Motion Barry, seconded Roufs, carried, to approve all tournaments and sanctions. (Lake Henry/St. Martin) 6/3-5/11, (Cannon Falls) 6/8-12/11, (Watkins/Kimball) 6/16-19/11, (Victoria) 6/17-19/11, (Hibbing) 6/17-19/11, (Stockmen's Irish) 6/23-26/11, (Hinckley) 6/24-26/11, (Cologne/Carver) 6/25-26/11, (Arlington/Gaylord) 7/7-10/11.

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

(Stockmen's Irish) LaCresent, Onalaska, River Falls Fighting Fish
(Hinckley) Duluth Padres, Hinckley Alumni (Detroit Lakes) Jamestown, Hinckley Alumni
(Canby) Clear Lake, Castelwood, Britton, Clear Lake
(Dumont) Fargo, Britton, Sisseton

(Ortonville) Brookings
(Rosen) Castelwood, Clear Lake
(Rochester Royals) Onalaska
(Hadley) 2011 State Tournament Team
(Quamba) St. Croix Falls
(Tracy) Aurora, S.D.
Metro Knights) Duluth Padres, Madison Rocket Wahoos, New Richmond, Osceola, River Falls,
Superior Lakers, Lake Elmo, St. Paul Police (White Bear) Duluth Padres, Superior Lakers, Twin
Ports North Stars

Motion Hartmann, seconded Forsman, carried, to retain Bill Nelson as the MBA's sports editor for the 2011 season. All work details have been agreed to.

Motion Forsman, seconded Hartmann, carried, to approve the Class "B" and "C" state tournament schedule.

Motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, carried, to start all Friday night state tournament games at 5 p.m.

Dave Style of Glencoe and Dave Wendlandt of Brownton, this year's state tournament chairmen, reported the parks are looking good, and work is being completed.

This year's state tournament will bring back some memories of past years as fans will have a chance to see some of their old time favorite players roam the field. There will be an all-star game of players over 50 and one of players over 35. These games will be played on the last Saturday of the tournament.

(Notice) There has been a change of time for our June meeting. New time is 11 a.m.

Next meeting of the MBA will be June 11, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud at 11 a.m.

There being no other business to come before the board, motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried, to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 4:10 p.m.

Bob Zellmann
Secretary-Treasure
MBA