

10/15/11 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD EASTSIDE VFW - ST. CLOUD, MN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 1 p.m.

All directors present.

Motion Forsman, seconded Brennan, carried, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting as mailed.

Ron Beckman and Loni Berberich, president and secretary of the River Valley League, came before the board with a number of issues they dealt with at their league meeting on October 10, 2011. Their first issue was dealing with the New Ulm Kaiserhoff. The Kaiserhoff wanted to know if the RVL would accept them back as a "C" team for the 2012 season. As of now, the Kaiserhoff is a "B" team and would have to petition to the State Board for reclassification. Sanctions were put in place should this be approved. Restrictions would relate to their roster, radius, management and conduct. The league voted 9-6 to accept the Kaiserhoff as a "C" team when receiving State Board approval.

Their next issue was dealing with the Jordan Brewers, who asked the league for their support to accept them as a "C" team for the 2012 season. This, of course, could only happen with State Board approval. Upon receiving approval by the State Board, the league voted 9-4 with two abstentions accepting Jordan as a "C" team for the 2012 season.

Jason Chalupsky, manager of the Jordan Brewers, came before the board requesting they be reclassified to Class "C." He stated they want to stay local, using only Jordan graduates. He asked that his 2011 roster be grandfathered in. He also stated that, for the next three years, no player will be added to their roster unless he is a high school player or graduate from Jordan. And no player outside of Jordan will be added to the roster unless he is a Jordan graduate. There were many questions asked of Chalupsky. With all the success they have had over the last 25 years as a "b" team, and still having some great pitching on their roster, why the change now. His reply was that players were getting older, and the organization feels this is the best way to go. We will give our home grown talent a chance and a place to play. There was a motion by Roufs, seconded Brennan, to reclassify Jordan to a Class "C" team. Voting for: Roufs, Brennan, Kreger, Rademacher, Forsman, Richter, Zellmann. Voting against: Hartmann, Barry. Motion passed 7-2.

Jim Bastian represented the New Ulm Kaiserhoff and asked the board that the Kaiserhoff be reclassified to Class "C." He told the board that some of the sanctions in management has already been made, and they will abide by all the restrictions that have been set in place by the River Valley League. Motion Kreger, seconded Rademacher, carried, to reclassify the New Ulm Kaiserhoff to Class "C" for 2012.

Bruce Rosenow, representing Hutchinson, requested that they be reclassified to Class "C." Rosenow said they are using all hometown players and can no longer compete in Class "B." Motion Forsman, seconded Rademacher, to reclassify Hutchinson to Class "C." Voting for: Forsman, Rademacher, Kreger, Brennan, Richter, Zellman, Roufs. Voting against: Hartmann, Barry. Motion passed 7-2.

Motion Barry, seconded Hartmann, carried, to approve the following players to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series in Florida: Herb Koch, Randy Moselle, Tim Martin, Tom Lacina, Christopher Doney, David Verduzco.

Motion Barry, seconded Rademacher, carried, to accept the resignation of Marlin Reinardy as Region #3 Commissioner. The board thanked Marlin for all his dedicated service.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Brennan, carried, to place an advertisement in the MSHS Coaches Yearbook. Cost is \$150.

Motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the eligibility of all players to play in a New Prague Alumni game.

Andy Auger, representing Sports Inc., reported to the board that they will be using the Fitzgerald Baseball for the State Tournament. Contact person to purchase baseballs is Mark Juberian – 218-252-7172.

The auditing committee met and completed their audit.
The Region-Section Commissioners met at 3 p.m. and discussed items of concern.
The meeting recessed for dinner.
Meeting was called back to order by President Richter at 5:30 p.m.

Roll call showed all directors present.

In attendance

Section commissioners: #1 Dan Plein, #2 Chuck Fuller, #3 John Breimhorst, #4 Kim Peterson, #5 Josh Wigley, #6 Scott Seaton, #7 Mike Kieke, #8 Bruce Rosenow.

Region commissioners: #1 Dallas Jelmborg, #3 Marlin Reinardy, #4 Mike Krenik, #7 Gerald Roepde, #8 Paul Froncak, #11 Leo Wirth, #12 Brian Larson, #14 Daniel Thones.

Leagues: Arrowhead, Cannon Valley American and National, Corn Belt, County Line, Crow River North and South, DRS-Blue, Eastern Minny, Hi-10, Land O' Ducks Teal and Wood, Metro Minny Red and Blue, North Star East and West, River Valley West-Central, Southern Minny, Stearns North and South, Victory North-South-West.

Guests: 13.

(Credentials) – Kreger, Brennan
(Nominating) – Hartmann, Roufs, Nagel, Berberich
(Tellers) Hartmann, Roufs, Nagel, Berberich

Board members reported on assigned committees they were on.

Secretary-Treasurer-Zellman: Reviewed the financial report. Krinek moved, Breimhorst seconded, to accept the financial report. Board member Hartmann also concurred that the financial statement was correct and complete.

Nominating Committee: Reported the following nominees for election to the board of directors: John Richter, Mike Barry, Tom Rademacher, Tom Lemke. Chariman Roufs called for nominations from the floor. After the required number of times, motion Jim Zellmann, seconded Mike Kieke, carried, to close nominations. Ballots were handed out. There were 47 ballots cast – Richter 37, Barry 33, Rademacher 34, Lemke 17. Richter, Barry Rademacher will serve a three-year term on the Minnesota Baseball Board.

Dan Plein reported on the Class "B" super section. The stated teams were satisfied with the way it was run. They liked no draft. Some of the questions Class "B" teams were asked:

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| 1. Play on Labor Day | 19 – Yes, 7 – No |
| 2. Expand Radius for out-of-state teams | 14 – Yes, 12 – No |
| 3. Align "B" Teams | 12 – Yes, 14 – No |
| 4. Open up 494-694 Loop | 8 – Yes, 18 – No |
| 5. Minimum "B" Teams at 32 | 23 – Yes, 3 – No |
| 6. Teams donate \$100 for super section | 24 – Yes, 2 – No |

Meetings are being scheduled and teams will be notified of time and place.

The floor was then open for discussion. Things discussed: Set criteria for teams petitioning down, hire advertising agency for better exposure, contact twin cities papers for scores, have "B" play their state tournament at a site nearest their location, have A and B combine, does board have right to adjust classes.

Paul Froncak reported on commissioners meeting. They would like to see the draft going back to three players. Pitchers would be okay, also if they could hit. Okay with not drafting a catcher.

Fred Roufs reported to the assembly that the board has been looking for ways to boost our tournament attendance. After looking at different options, the board is proposing to add 16 teams to the class "C" tournament, increasing it to 48 teams from 32. The additional 16 teams will be rewarded to Leagues or Regions, who have held a steady or above average attendance over the past 10 years. The top six leagues are: Stearns, Victory, Crow River, DRS, Tomahawk and North Start. These leagues will send two extra teams to the state. The next four regions will send three, the remaining six will send two. Following you will see a break down on what each region will send to state:

- #1 - 2
- #2 - 4
- #3 - 4
- #4 - 3
- #5 - 2
- #6 - 3
- #7 - 4
- #8 - 4
- #9 - 2
- #10 - 2
- #11 - 3
- #12 - 4
- #13 - 3
- #14 - 2
- #15 - 4
- #16 - 2

This will be a single-elimination tournament. There is still some wording to be worked out, we hope to finalize this proposal at the November meeting.

President Richter introduced the winner of the 2011 Mike Downs Award – Mike Nagel of Olivia.

No further business to come before the board, Motion Kieke, seconded Breimhorst, carried, to adjourn. Adjournment at 8 p.m.

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 8:35 p.m.

All directors present.

First order of business was election of officers.

Motion Forsman, seconded Barry, carried, to submit a unanimous ballot for the three incumbents, for President: John Richter, for Vice President: Fred Roufs and for Sec. Treasurer: Bob Zellmann.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Barry, carried, to approve rates for the Handbook Advertisements: 1/3 page \$35, ½ page \$50, full page and covers \$75, centerfold \$400 each side.

Motion Barry, seconded Forsman, carried to set president salary at \$1,000, secretary-Treasurer at \$3,500, office rent \$2,000 and scure handbook ad's at \$1,000.

Annual meeting set for 2012 at East Side VFW on Oct. 20.

Motion Kreger, seconded Rademacher, carried, to set board expense at \$30 / day and mileage at .50 per mile.

Next meeting of the MBA will be November 19, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud at 11 a.m.

There being no further business, motion Rademacher, seconded Brennan, carried, to adjourn.
Adjournment at 9:10 p.m.