

# 1/7/2012 MEETING MINUTES

## **Minutes of Board Meeting Ramada Inn, Bloomington, MN Sat January 7, 2012**

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

All Directors present.

Motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting with charges made.

There were 28 Baseball Supporters in attendance.

Bill Porter, manager of the Albertville Baseball team, asked the board if they would reconsider reclassifying Albertville back to Class "C". He also is representing Elk River and Rogers who also would like to be reclassified. Porter showed a slide presentation showing the teams' performance over the years. He stated there were other teams that met the same criteria with better records than what they had, and they weren't reclassified. The board told Porter that teams he mentioned are on the radar and will be addressed in the future.

Steve Allen, representing Isanti, and Chris Carpenter, representing St. Francis, also asked to be reclassified back to Class "C". The board explained that setting criteria on reclassification will never please everyone, however, the board was instructed at our annual meeting to set criteria for reclassification, and that is what the board did.

It was the consensus of the board, that for the 2012 season we start with teams around the metro area and a few teams from out of state that meet these criteria. Motion Rademacher, seconded Barry, carried, that the request of Albertville, Elk River, Rogers, Isanti, and St. Francis be denied.

Andy Johnson, manager of the Stewartville/Racine team, asked the board to reconsider granting Regions extra teams to advance to the State Tournament based on attendance. He told the board that he took a poll of Class "C" teams, with 30% showing disapproval. The board's response was that those teams showing disapproval are from Regions that most likely weren't granted an extra team. The board told Johnson that at the meeting in October, the new Class "C" format was addressed to the assembly. There were 25 Class "C" leagues present, along with 8 Class "C" Region Commissioners, 5 of these Region commissioners were from Regions that will not receive any extra teams. This proposal was well accepted. The board held off adopting this format until November MBA meeting to see if there was any opposition. When no opposition was received, the new Class "C" format was approved. We hope this new format will be an incentive for all Regions.

Jim Johnson reported on the Class "B" meeting that was held earlier that day. He told the board it was very productive, with suggestions on improving the Super Sections and changing the Class "B" State Tournament format. He was pleased to hear that the board was going to oversee the Super Sections this coming year, and will be willing to help in any way. The board thanked Johnson and his committee for a job well done in putting together the Super Section, and will welcome any help or suggestions that will help the board go forward. We hope to have the Super Sections in place by the April Meeting.

Motion Roufs, seconded Hartmann, and carried, to request that the Jordan Brewers take Evan Lucius and Dave Johnson off their roster. This decision was based on what Jordan told the board when they were reclassified to Class "C": that going forward they would only use players that live in Jordan or are Jordan graduates.

Next meeting of the MBA will be March 10, 2012, at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud (1:00PM).

On Sunday, March 11th, we will meet with all League officers at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud at (1:00PM). The (2012) 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 Brennan, seconded Kregrer, carried, to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 1:15PM.

Bob Zellmann

Secretary-Treasurer  
MBA