

07/14/2012 MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of Board Meeting Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN Sat July 14, 2012

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 1:00 p.m.

Roll call showed all directors present.

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

The Board met with the Tournament committee from St. Cloud. Items were discussed and explained what their responsibilities would be throughout the Tournament. The Board inspected both parks, Putz and Faber, and found them to be in great shape, with some final details to be completed at each respective park.

There will be one big change at this year's State Tournament and that will be the pass gate will be located along with the main ticket gate. Officers and players show an ID, which will be checked from the rosters. Tournament passes will also be sold at the main ticket gate. Adults are \$40.00 for all three weekends. Students 12-18 are \$20.00. Admission for (Adults) \$6.00, (Students 12-18) \$3.00 (one game or all day).

For radio stations that would like to broadcast games, contact Brian Deyak at 320-255-7283.

Andy Auger of St. Cloud was appointed to the Audit Committee by President Richter.

A motion by Roufs, seconded by Forsman, carried, to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire of Mark Dolene to play for the Shakopee Indians.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire of Ben Hendrickson to play for Elk River.

Motion Barry, seconded Kreger, carried, to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire of Brian Beunning to play for Luverne.

Motion Roufs, seconded Kreger, carried, to approve the following players to go to a College or Wood Bat League, return to their home team for post season, only if they meet their (4) game eligibility.

(Dylan Thomas) play for Duluth Huskies, return to Elko.

(Todd Mathison) play for the St. Paul Saints, return to Dundas.

(Ryan Boldt) play for USA team in Ohio, return to Red Wing.

(Ty Buck) play for Minnesota Blizzard, a team in the WNBA, return to Red Wing.

(Elliot Serbus) play for US Team in Australia, return to Bird Island.

(Derek Quame) play for Eau Claire, return to Mankato Mets.

(Jordan Milbrath) has returned to Springfield, however, he has again left to play for the Rochester Honkers, he will again return to Springfield.

(Pat Kelly) play for Wisconsin Rapids, return to Red Wing.

(Ben Slater) play for a collegiate league in Arizona, return to Plato.

(Matt Dietman) play in the Northwoods League, return to Sartell.

(Cody Kielsa) play in College League in Edmonton, return to Howard Lake.

(Ethan Opsahl) play in Wood Bat League in Missouri, return to Ada.

(Brian Beuning) play for Winnipeg, return to Luverne.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve Jon Kuelz to play with the U.S. Military team, return to Victoria.

Motion Hartmann, seconded Barry, carried, to approve (Kyle Sill) returning to Winona, (Gunnar Johnson) returning to Nimrod, (Carl Sorenson) returning to Coon Rapids Reds, (Gerret Anderson) return to Blue Earth.

Motion Barry, seconded Forsman, carried, to approve Trevor Anderson, Derek Rigwell, Taylor Rigwell of the Marshall A's and James Waser, and Jaime Boelter of Hadley to play in an Alumni game, proceeds go to the Luke Beers Scholarship Fund.

Motion Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve (Derek West) to play for Brookings, and also his MBA team the Marshall A's.

Motion Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve (Brian Voigt) to play for Salem in S.D., and also his MBA team the Austin Blue Sox.
Both players were advised about playing MBA teams.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Kreger, carried, to approve the action taken by the First Nite League to suspend (Jon Traetow) for three league games for not reporting playing for the Alexandria Beetles. Had Traetow not had three league games left to play, he would have had to sit out of three post season games.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Hartmann, carried, to approve the following teams to play Non-MBA teams:

(Milroy Irish) Brookings
(No. St. Paul Roosters) Osceola
(Fergus Falls) Fargo Exp., Jamestown Elks
(Big Lake) St. Louis Park Pirates
(Dumont) Fargo Mets, Moorhead Spartans
(Stillwater Loggers) Osceola Braves
(Winsted) Winsted Legion

The State Tournament schedule was worked on, but not yet completed.

The Umpires Committee met and selected umpires for the 2012 State Tournament, they will be notified by Chairman Kreger.

(Commissioners) Teams that advance to Section and Region play must have their roster turned in to you before they play their first game.

Teams that don't could be disqualified from Post Season play. All rosters must be completed, signed by League Secretaries and Managers, and promptly sent to the State Secretary. There should be three copies of all team rosters.

The Board extends the best of luck to all teams in this year's post season play. And looks forward to another great State Tournament.

Next meeting of the MBA will be Friday, August 17 at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud (11:00 a.m.)
Remember the State Tournament at St. Cloud – Dates are: August 17-18-19, 23-24-25-26, 31,
September 1-2-3.

The State Tournament trailer phone No. 320-650-3021.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Brennan, carried, to adjourn.

Bob Zellman
Secretary-Treasure
MBA

Meeting was called to order by President Richter, this meeting will be addressed to the Arbitration Committee who will hear and act on the appeals from New Market and Blaine Fusion.

Appeal Meeting – New Market Muskies

The New Market Muskies appeared before the MBA Board of Directors to Appeal the decision by the DRS Blue League to make Bryce Rippentrop and the New Market Muskies ineligible for post season play due to Mr. Rippentrop being declared illegal based on Article – 9 Player Eligibility and not establishing residency in an appropriate manner and conforming to the MBA rule surrounding the March 15 deadline.

Representing the DRS Blue League was Jerry Walerius. Jerry presented the minutes and details of their league meeting held on June 24, 2012. A motion was made by Shakopee and seconded by New Prague to declare Bryce Rippentrop ineligible to play for New Market. Motion carried 3-1.

Attending on behalf of New Market were Todd Bergstrom (Manager), Derek Bergstrom (Player), Bryce Rippentrop (Player) and Jordan Anderson (Attorney). Jordan Anderson spoke on behalf of the New Market Muskies and presented that he felt that Bryce was claiming residency living in New Prague. He presented documentation that he felt established his residency since November 2011.

Bryce Rippentrop then stated his rationale regarding his residency and he felt that he had complied in accordance with the MBA rules. After numerous questions from the Board regarding him attending Southwest Minnesota State at Marshall, MN, it was also noted that he played on the SMSC college baseball team since January 2012. Bryce paid rent and was living in Marshall from January 2012 until May 7, 2012 at which time he returned to New Prague.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Fred roufs, seconded by Tom Rademacher to uphold the DRS Blue League ruling that the New Market Muskies would be ineligible for post season play for 2012 and that Bryce Rippentrop would be suspended for one year. The vote by the Board was 9-0. New Market will be eligible to petition reinstatement next March for play in the MBA for the 2012 season.

Bryce Rippentrop will also be eligible to come before the Board at the same time to request reinstatement.

Appeal Meeting – Blaine Fusion

The Blaine Fusion appeared before the MBA Board of Directors to Appeal the decision by the Metro Minny League to make Ryan Keeton and Bryce Brahaum and the Blaine Fusion ineligible for post season play due to their being declared illegal based on Article – 9 Player Eligibility and not establishing residency in an appropriate manner and conforming to the MBA rule surrounding the March 15 deadline.

Representing the Metro Minny League was Dallas Jelmsberg, Jim Brennan and Todd Lindstrom, officers of the Metro Minny League. Dallas presented the minutes and details of their league meeting held on June 25, 2012. A letter outlining the details of the meeting was presented by Jim Brennan, secretary of the Metro Minny League which stated that two Blaine players were declared ineligible based on Article 9, paragraph A, as well as Article 9, paragraph C related to the College rule. A motion was made and carried by a vote of 7-3 made to declare Bryce Brahaum and Ryan Keeton ineligible to play for the Blaine Fusion.

Attending on behalf of Blaine were Jamie Heiple (Manager), Ryan Keeton (Player), and Tim Anderson (3rd base coach). Tim Anderson spoke on behalf of the Blaine Fusion and presented that he felt that Bryce and Ryan were claiming residency living in Elk River as they had been there since April 2011. He

presented documentation that he felt that they had established their residency since April 2011 when they both moved to Minnesota from Indiana.

Ryan Keeton then stated his rationale regarding his residency and felt that he had complied in accordance with the MBA rules. After numerous questions from the Board regarding him attending Mesabi Range Community College at Virginia, MN, it was also noted that he played on the Mesabi Range Community College baseball team since January 2012. Ryan paid rent and was living in Virginia from September 2011 until May 2012 at which time he returned to Elk River where he is living and paying no rent with the family of Luke Scott, a teammate from his college town.

After much discussion, a motion was made by Joe Kreger, seconded by Bob Zellmann to uphold the Metro Minny League ruling that the Blaine Fusion would be ineligible for post season play for 2012 and that Bryce Brahaum and Ryan Keeton would be suspended for one year. The vote by the Board was 9-0.

Blaine will be eligible to petition reinstatement next March for play in the MBA for the 2013 season. Bryce Brahaum and Ryan Keeton will also be eligible to come before the Board at that same time to request reinstatement providing they meet the residency rule.

Bob Zellmann

Secretary-Treasurer
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