

## 1/10/2015 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
PRAIRIE'S EDGE CASINO – GRANITE FALLS, MN  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2015

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

Roll call showed all Directors present.

Motion Brennan, second Zellmann, carried, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There were 6 dedicated baseball people in attendance.

Bruce and Darla Geislinger Co-chairs, Watkins were present to give an update on the details of their respective fields and work that has been completed, as well as, discuss projects for this spring in preparation for the 2015 State Tournament.

The Minnesota Twins notified the MBA that we would not have a booth at Twins Fest this year.

Motion Barry, seconded Forsman, carried to approve the Belle Plaine Tigers “Tigertown Classic” tournament June 12-14, as well as, approving Renner, SD to play in their tournament.

The MBA Board of Directors appointed Nathan Voll, Roseau as Region 10 Commissioner. Motion Zellmann, second Forsman, carried to approve.

Motion Barry, second Nagel, carried to approve the Twins Ports North Stars request to play in the WBA Indy League, as well as the Arrowhead League in the MBA as long as it does not interfere with the MBA post season play.

The MBA received recommendations from Wayne Erickson and is duly noted.

The Board discussed the Class B State Tournament Format and it was determined that the MBA would invite and request attendance from every Class B team to participate in a separate meeting to be held on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm in St. Cloud. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the various formats and any other points of interest.

The DaVinci Group website administration’s two year proposal was reviewed and tabled until the February meeting.

Mike Sticha, New Prague, gave an update and talked about the work that the New Prague Baseball Association in conjunction with the City of New Prague and the Park Department has done or is proposing to do to enhance the facilities for 2018.

Mike Nagel discussed the concept of incorporating a Sports Management Intern Program to assist in promoting the State Tournament. He indicated that he would look at various options with 4 year colleges. He also stated that this would be a great opportunity to work with the host sites in the future planning for future tournaments.

Motion Roufs, seconded Nagel, carried to Finalize Rule Changes for the 2015 MBA Handbook. The Rule changes are as follows:

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**College Rule: College students may use either their parent's home address and 30 mile radius or their college address and 30 mile radius.**

- 1. All college students that choose their college address are not eligible to play with any Class "C" team.**
- 2. Once any MBA player that chooses to use his college address, he forfeits his right to use his hometown/parent's address until he re-establishes a new address by the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.**

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**College students that use their address are not eligible to play with a Class "C" team. Violation covered under ineligible player clause.**

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**Hometown Rule: The Hometown Rule is established to allow players to re-connect with their hometown areas. Players interested in pursuing this option must submit a written request to the Board outlining their history with the hometown area and reasons for the exception. If the Board feels more information is needed, the player may be requested to appear before the Board for clarification. There will be a maximum of two players added to each respective roster per year.**

**Page 13 Article 10 Contracts A.**

**No team shall have more than 25 eligible players for Class "A", "B", and "C" on their final playoff roster. Balance of paragraph remains the same.**

**All players must sign individual player contracts, on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> for Class A, B and C before they participate in any games with any team affiliated with the MBA. Balance of paragraph is the same.**

**Page 14 Article 10 G.**

**Each League must hold a playoff roster meeting on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> each year in Class C and on or before July 15<sup>th</sup> for Class A & B. A copy.....remains the same.**

**Page 21 Article 18 C– Duties of Region/Section**

**All Regional/Sectional tournament formats and a copy of the meeting minutes must be submitted to the MBA Secretary by June 7<sup>th</sup>. The completion date of tournaments shall be the Sunday preceding the start of state tournament play. No games are to be scheduled after 2:00 pm. Balance of paragraph remains the same.**

**Page 23 Article 20 A**

**Class A-B-C teams will be allowed 25 listed players on their rosters exclusive of drafted players. Remainder of paragraph remains the same.**

**Motion Nagel, second Barry, carried to adjourn at 4:00 pm.**

**Next meetings of the MBA will be February 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm with Class B teams and Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm. Sunday will be the meeting with league officers.**

Submitted by Dave Hartmann  
MBA Secretary