

10/17/2015 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
EASTSIDE VFW – ST. CLOUD, MN
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2015

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

Roll call showed all Directors present.

Motion Brennan, seconded Barry, carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There were 14 dedicated baseball people in attendance.

Motion Kreger, seconded Nagel, carried to allow the HPK Oilers to play in Florida in October/November. Those players include Ray Austin, Matt Cano, Brandon Scanlon, Brian Graupman, Tony Wischnack, Brett Robertson, Greg Bemboom, Isacc Wales, Matt Germar, Andy Thayer, TJ Aalid, Marc Gingerich, Todd Klaers, Lee Gregg, Josh Loewen and Brian Hronski.

Motion Barry, second Brennan, carried to allow the following players to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series in Ft. Myers 10/24 – 11/1; Scott Marquardt, Mike Jeseritz, Herman Solomon, Bill Aho, Mike Adelman, Mike Adreas, Nate Winter, Mike Nagel, and James Brubaker.

Motion Barry, second Roufs, carried to allow Blaise Jacobson and Andy Wolf, Jackson Bulls, to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series in Ft. Myers, FL from October 24-31.

Motion Zellmann, second Forsman, carried to approve the following player's permission to play in the MSBL World Series in Arizona from October 19-24. Players include: David Steward, New Market Muskies, Corey Grisim, Kyle Kraska, and Jason Grimm, all from Elko.

Motion Forsman, second Zellmann, carried, to place an advertisement in the MSHSL Coaches Yearbook for \$150.00

Mike Barry, Dennis Brennan, Mike Nagel and Kurt Hemmesch audited the MBA financials and approved the financial report for 2015. It was deemed to be complete and accurate.

Mike Poppitz wanted to discuss a number of topics including the Class B State Tournament Format, Super Sections, College players playing in the wood bat leagues and consideration of the 4 league game rule for these players being waived. There was some discussion and it was determined that the Board wanted to have a more representative group from Class B to make any changes and would be pursuing discussions with Northwoods League representatives utilizing college players and playing in the MBA. There was also some discussion regarding the Pro Slide Rule at Home, as well as, at second.

The Region/Section Commissioners met at 3 pm and discussed items of interest and concern. Their recommendations included the following: Class C Draft and having each Region have a list of players who are willing to be drafted for post season play and only players on that list be eligible to be drafted. There was also discussion regarding teams submitting complete information for the State Tournament Program Book. It was noted that the "C" teams who had a first round bye in the State Tournament went 9-7 and there was discussion with no recommended change. Class "B" Section formats were discussed as well with no recommendations at this time.

The meeting was recessed for dinner.

Meeting was called back to order by President Richter at 5:25 pm

Roll call showed all directors present.

In attendance

Section Commissioners: #3 John Breimhorst, #6 Kelly McMonagle, #7 Dave Hinkemeyer, and #8 Greg DeVoss

Region Commissioners: #3 Jerry Walerius, #7 Gerald Roepke, #8 Paul Froncak, #9 Brent Zahrbock, #11 Leo Wirth, and #12 Brian Larson

Leagues: Arrowhead West, Cannon Valley Classic American, County Line, Countryside, Crow River North and South, DRS, Eastern Minny East and West, HI-10, Land O'Ducks Lakewood, Metro Minny, North Star Central, Resorters, River Valley West, East and Central, Stearns County, Tomahawk and the Victory East-North-South-West.

Guests: 7

(Credentials) Forsman, Nagel

(Nominating) Forsman, Nagel

(Tellers) Zellmann, Kreger, Larson and Briemhorst

Board members reported details on assigned committees and responsibilities.

Secretary Hartmann reviewed the details of the financial report. Motion by Herb Koch, second Wayne Erickson, carried to accept the financial report. Kurt Hemmesch also concurred that the financial statement was correct and complete.

Bob Zellmann retired after serving 30 years on the MBA Board of Directors. The Board recognized both Bob and Jo Zellmann for all their years of Service, Support and Dedication to Minnesota Amateur Baseball and wish them both well in the future and retirement.

Paul Froncak gave a summary of the Region Commissioners meeting and recommendations: Reviewing the Class C draft procedures, submitting complete and accurate information for the State Tournament Program, Class B Section formats and State Tournament formats for Class C and B.

Nominating Committee: Reported the following nominees for election to the board of directors: Dennis Brennan and Fred Roufs, as well as Tom Lemke, Al Flor and Ralph Zwaschka. Chairman Richter called for nominations from the floor. After the required number of times, motion Herb Koch, second Grant Schoenberg, carried, to close nominations. There was a question and answer session that allowed individuals from the floor to pose questions to all candidates on their views pertaining to issues regarding reclassification, Class B and Class C tournaments, how each one would make the tournament better, etc. After approximately 25 minutes, ballots were handed out. There were 43 ballots cast – Roufs 42, Lemke 34, Brennan 32, Flor 7 and Zwaschka 6. Roufs, Brennan and Lemke will serve three-year terms on the Minnesota Baseball Board.

The floor was then open for discussion. Things discussed: College rule - consider allowing college students vs. college baseball players to be eligible to play Class C, the Northwoods League and players playing in the MBA with waiving the 4 league game requirement and this year's bidding process for the future state tournaments.

President Richter introduced the winner of the 2015 Mike Downs Award – Jerry Walerius, New Prague.

Being no further business, motion Zellmann, second Brennan, carried to adjourn at 7:10 pm

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 7:20 pm

Roll call showed all Directors present.

First order of business was election of officers.

Motion Forsman, second Barry, carried to file a white ballot to elect John Richter as President, to elect Fred Roufs as Vice President and to elect Dave Hartmann as Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion Roufs, seconded Brennan, carried to approve rates for the Handbook
Advertisements: 1/3 page \$35.00, 1/2 page \$50.00, full page and covers \$75.00 and
centerfold \$400 each side.

Motion Forsman, seconded Barry, carried to set President's salary at \$1,000,
Secretary/Treasurer at \$3,500, office rent \$3,000 and secure handbook ad's at \$1,000.

Annual meeting set for 2016 at the East Side VFW on Saturday, October 15, 2016.

Motion Forsman, second Barry, carried to set board expenses at \$40/day per diem and
mileage at .50/mile.

There being no further business, motion Lemke, second Nagel, carried to adjourn.
Adjournment at 7:40 pm

Submitted by Dave Hartmann, MBA Secretary/Treasurer

**NEXT MEETING OF THE MBA WILL BE SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT
THE KELLY INN (HUSKY ROOM), ST. CLOUD AT 11:00 AM**