

## 11/21/2015 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD  
EASTSIDE VFW– ST. CLOUD, MN  
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2015

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 11:10 AM

Roll call showed all Directors present with the exception of Nagel

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

There were 28 dedicated baseball people in attendance.

The Calendar of Events was discussed. Motion Forsman, seconded Kreger, carried to approve the calendar of events for 2016. The official MBA calendar will be posted on the MBA Website.

The Board reviewed and made changes to the 2016 MBA Handbook. Motion by Kreger, second Lemke, carried to approve all the changes made.

Tournament Chairpersons Bruce Rosenau and Kyle Messner – Hutchinson, Brian Larson – Dassel and Mike Thompson - Litchfield were present to give an update on the details of their respective fields and work that was completed this fall, as well as, discuss projects for next spring in preparation for the 2016 State Tournament. All three sites are busy with some major improvements to each of their respective ballparks. All three sites also said that they still have things to complete, but they feel that they are on schedule.

Mark Forsman gave a review of the 2015 State Tournaments and congratulated the champions in each class; Minnetonka - Class A, Dundas – Class B and Plato – Class C. He also complimented Cold Spring, Watkins and St. Cloud on a great job and the fact that they were good to work with and always had a sense of cooperation.

Fred Roufs reviewed the Format for the Class B State Tournament. The Board looked at numerous options with the concept of doing away with Thursday evening games for 2016. It was presented that Class B would have a 16 team single elimination in the first round and a double elimination thereafter. They would start their tournament on the first weekend and play Saturday and Sunday at the third site location. On the second weekend, they would play two games on Friday at Sites 1 & 2 and would start at 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm. They would then play winner's bracket games on Saturday and the third site and begin the final weekend playing Friday evening at Sites 1 & 2 again beginning at 6:00 pm and 8:30 pm and the balance thereafter on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Motion Barry, second Kreger carried to preset the Class B brackets and use a 7 year rotating schedule.

The 2016 State Tournament format for Class C was also discussed. At the Annual Meeting in October a survey was taken with the Commissioners in attendance on what they thought about the state format. Class C Commissioners were in favor of keeping it the same. The Board felt that the Class C Tournament format would remain the same with the 48 team format again for 2016.

Dan Lynch, Sauk Rapids Cyclones petitioned to move their team to Class C citing a transition to local players only with 6 roster players remaining from their Championship team. Motion Roufs, second Forsman carried to deny Sauk Rapids request to be reclassified to Class C.

Jeff Cunningham, representing a group from the Red Wing Aces Baseball Association presented a request requesting to be reclassified to Class C. He indicated declining enrollment, fewer players choosing to reside in Red Wing after graduating from college, as well as, their geographic location of their ballpark decreased their radius by approximately 15 miles. This has affected their ability to supplement their roster. Motion Lemke second Brennan carried 7-1 (Barry voting yes) to deny Red Wing's request to be reclassified to Class C.

Motion Kreger, second Barry carried to allow Corey Grisim, Kyle Kraska and Matt Rudofer to play in the Arizona fall league the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Also approved in the motion were Kyle Twait and David Verduzco to play in the Roy Hobbs Florida tournament October 29-November 1.

The Board established the bid process for upcoming state tournaments. It was determined that we will be accepting bid proposals for two years; 2019 and 2020. Sites interested in bidding for either of those two date must submit in writing indicating their interest to the State Secretary by the January 9<sup>th</sup> MBA Board meeting. Thereafter, formal proposals will be required to be submitted by April 16, 2016. The presentations will be heard at our June 11<sup>th</sup> MBA Board meeting at 11:00 am at the Eastside VFW in St. Cloud. Those who have applied as of November 21<sup>st</sup> are New Ulm (bidding as a single site), Bird Island/Granite Falls, Glencoe/Brownton and Chaska/Waconia.

**Some of the new changes made in the 2015 MBA Handbook:**

College Rule will be restated that “all college players that use their college address are not eligible to play with any Class “C” team.”

Rosters must be typed and received by the MBA Secretary on or before June 30<sup>th</sup> for Class A, B, and C.

Mileage will no longer be paid during the State Tournament

The four game rule for players playing in a wood bat summer league will be waived as long as that player has a previous history with said team.

Just a reminder to all teams; a player cannot be signed to a contract before March 15<sup>th</sup>, or after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Being no further business, motion Kreger, second Lemke, carried, to adjourn at 2:15 pm

**Next meeting of the MBA will be Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Prairies Edge Casino, Granite Falls, MN at 1:00 PM**

Happy Holidays to everyone!!!!

Submitted by David Hartmann, MBA Secretary/Treasurer