

1/9/2015 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD

PRAIRIE'S EDGE CASINO – GRANITE FALLS, MN
SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 2016

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

Roll call showed all Directors present.

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

There were 6 dedicated baseball people in attendance.

Brett Johnson, Dassel and Mike Thompson, Litchfield 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 2016 State Tournament. Kyle Messner, Hutchinson, who was unable to attend, submitted via email various projects that they are working on as well. Overall, all sites have been working extremely hard on their fields and other projects and things appear to be on track for this year's tournament.

Motion Barry, seconded Forsman, carried to approve the Victoria Vics tournament June 17-19 and 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 Larry Gallagher, Crystal as Commissioner of the Riverview League in Class A. Motion Kreger, second Forsman, carried to approve.

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

The Board discussed the Class B & C State Tournament Formats that were discussed at the November meeting. The Board will keep both formats the same as last year.

Steve Loos, The DaVinci Group presented the new MBA website and will present a proposal for their webmaster services at the February meeting.

Mike Nagel discussed the use of the Summer Intern for future use. The board requested that Mike work with Steve Loos and his group to coordinate the internship program for 2016.

Sites bidding for the State Tournament in 2019 and 2020 are as follows: New Ulm as a single site, Granite Falls/Bird Island, Chaska/Waconia, Maple Lake/Delano, Brownton/Glencoe, and Faribault/Owatonna. Representatives from each entity will submit a written proposal to the MBA Board of Directors by April 15, 2016. Presentations will be heard on Saturday, June 11, 2016 at the Eastside VFW in St. Cloud at 11:00 am.

The Swanville Loan was discussed and it is the MBA Board's position that the team is responsible for repayment of their 2014 loan of \$4,000 plus interest.

Motion Barry, second Roufs carried to allow the Pipestone A's to play the SDSU Club Team April 13th and April 24th, 2016.

Motion Forsman, seconded Lemke, carried to Finalize Rule Changes for the 2016 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 baseball players that choose their college address are not eligible to play with any Class "C" team.**
- 2. Once any 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 15th deadline.**

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

Page 13 Article 10 Contracts A.

No team.....Rosters must be typed and received by the MBA Secretary on or before June 30th for Class A, Class B and Class C

Page 18 Article 18 Duties of Region/Section Commissioner

Page 26 Article 21

Delete Q. (No travel allowance for state tournament play)

Page 26 Article 22 A

In order to qualify for hosting a state tournament, the prospective host sites shall submit to the Secretary of the MBA via email or written application by the January meeting following the state tournament. This request shall include a listing of all available facilities, as well as prospective third site options.

Page 26 Article 22 B

The MBA beginning in January 2016 will determine host sites for two (2) consecutive years beginning with 2019 and 2020.

Page 30 MBA Official Tournament Rules; Regional, Sectional and State

22. The Pro-Slide rule will be used at 1st, 2nd, and 3rd base. The college slide rule will be adopted and used at home plate and will be effective for the 2016 season. There will be no exception to this rule.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding Class B and Class C formats, as well as, consideration of adding an additional Class within the MBA. There were many different views on the possibility of adding an additional Class, as well as, the possibility of going to a one Class format. This is all in a very preliminary phase with more discussions to follow at the February meeting and thereafter as well.

The MBA Board will not be moving any teams up or down for the 2016 season at this point. It was also determined that Class B Sections will be the same as they were in 2015 for the 2016 season.

No Old or New Business

Motion Brennan, second Lemke, carried to adjourn at 4:50 pm.

Next meetings of the MBA will be February 20th at 11:00 am and Sunday February 21st at 1:00 pm. Sunday will be the meeting with league officers.

Submitted by Dave Hartmann
MBA Secretary