

Minutes of the MBA June 11, 2016 Meeting

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Eastside VFW, St. Cloud, MN

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 11:00 AM

There were 42 dedicated people in attendance

Roll call showed all board members present with the exception of Mike Nagel

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

The Board met with the officials and the key chair persons from Dassel/Hutchinson/Litchfield to go over details of various components of the 2016 State Tournament.

Motion Roufs, second Barry, carried to approve the following tournament sanctions:

Minneota 6/11, Green Isle/Hamburg 6/23-6/26, Austin Greyhounds SPAM Town Tournament 6/23-6/26, Rum River Bandits 6/24-6/26

Motion Kreger, second Lemke, carried to approve the Northwest Border League, requests radius extension (to 45 miles) for the 2016 season.

Motion Forsman, second Lemke, carried to approve the following teams to play Non MBA teams:

Luverne to play Colman, SD 7/30, Austin Greyhounds to play Chaseburg/Coon Valley 7/30, Minneota and Tracy to play in the Border Battle in Sioux Falls, SD 6/3-6/5, Pelican Rapids to play Jamestown Merchants 6/8 and 6/12, Carver to play TCBA 6/28

Crookston Reds to play Larimore, ND 6/12

Hadley to play Sioux Falls Saints 7/16

Twin City Saints to play River Falls 6/15 and Spring Valley 7/8

Motion Barry, second Kreger, carried to approve the River Valley League request to play the DRS League in an All-Star game on 7/17

Motion Roufs, second Barry, carried to approve Bret Mitchell to play for Meisville and Michael Nesseth to play for Windom

It is duly noted that the following players notified the MBA of their desire to play in a collegiate bat league or out of state and return to play with their respective teams:

Jacob Ugland, Zumbrota to play for Dell Rapids, SD, as well as, Zumbrota

Taylor Morris, Fairmont to play for Larchwood, IA

Luke Becker, Fairmont to play for Willmar of the Northwoods League

Henry Fleek, Austin Greyhounds to play for Joplin, MO

Reese Gregory, Beaudreau's Saints to play for the River City Rascals of the Frontier League

Steven Neutzling, Beaudreau's Saints to play for the Duluth Huskies of the Northwoods League

Grant Farley, Coon Rapids Redbirds to play for the Duluth Huskies of the Northwoods League

Patrick O'Donnell, Coon Rapids Redbirds to play in a California Collegiate League

Jake Miller, Elko Express to play in the Prospect League with the Champion City Kings

Dalton Lehnert, Elko Express to play for the Mankato Moondogs

Noah Winkelman (Junior in High School), Foley Lumberjacks to play in Colorado on an elite traveling team

Stuart Maes, Carver Black Sox to play in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate League

Cole Peterson, Glencoe to play in the Rocky Mountain Collegiate League

Connor Herd, Green Isle to play with the Mankato Moondogs

Tanner Dahl, Moorhead to play with F-M Redhawks

Motion Roufs, second Kreger carried to allow Sean Castle to play for Tracy utilizing the Heritage Rule

Motion Forsman, second Kreger, carried 6-2 (Roufs and Brennan voting no) to allow Tom Druk to return to play with Blaine

Jim Brown, Elk River request regarding player eligibility

The 2019-2020 State Tournament Bids were then presented by New Ulm, Faribault/Owatonna, Delano/Maple Lake, and Brownston/Glencoe. Each of the sites were given 15 minutes to present to the Board. After all the presentations were given, there was a question and answer session for about forty minutes. Upon review of all the bids and presentations, the Board awarded the sites as follows:

2019 - Delano/Maple Lake

2020 – New Ulm

OLD BUSINESS

The Composite Bat rule change is currently being reviewed by the Board. The Board as set up a sub-committee (Nagel, Brennan and Lemke) to gather data and information to review the whole area of wood, non-wood and composite bats for the 2017 season and beyond.

Motion Kreger/second Forsman, carried to adopt the Pro Slide rule at all bases for the 2016 post season and beyond.

The MBA Board is dismayed at the ruling made by a judge in Morrison County providing Swanville an injunction to play games in the MBA without making a payment on their MBA Loan (\$4,000) taken out in June 2014.

NEW BUSINESS -None

With no further business, motion Lemke, second Brennan, carried to adjourn at 2:55 pm

The Board will be conducting site inspection on Friday, July 15th at Litchfield and Dassel and then on Saturday, July 16th at Hutchinson.

Next MBA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, July 16th at Hutchinson at Squeaky's Bar at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted by Dave Hartmann, MBA Secretary