

MBA May 10, 2014 Minutes

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Holiday Inn, St. Cloud, MN

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

There were ten dedicated people in attendance

Roll call showed everyone present with the exception of Mark Forsman

Motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried 8-0 to approve the minutes of the April meeting

Shane Hofmann, Belle Plaine gave an update on 2014 State Tournament preparations at both sites. Things are progressing nicely at both parks. There were some questions regarding the Le Sueur ballpark and what upgrades they were doing re: new dugouts, field maintenance, etc. Shane indicated that they would follow up and give us an update at the June meeting.

Motion Zellmann, seconded Barry, carried 8-0 to approve the following tournament sanctions:

Moorhead Brewers 5/16-5/18, New Prague 6/6-6/8, Shakopee/Jordan "Coors Light Classic 7/11-7/13, Arlington/Gaylord Miller High Life Invitational 6/20-6/22, Freeport Black Sox 5/16-5/19, Rum River Bandits 6/27, Hibbing 6/27-6/29, Hinckley 6/27-6/29, Austin Spam Town 6/26-6/29 and Cannon Falls 6/11-6/15

Motion Rademacher, seconded Roufs, carried 8-0 to approve the following teams to play Non-MBA teams:

-Owatonna Aces to play Minneapolis Cubs

-Minneapolis Angels to play in the River Falls, WI tournament 6/20-6/22 and also to play Osceola, WI 7/2

-Stillwater Loggers to play Osceola and New Richmond

-Randolph Railcats to play Hager City 5/4 and 7/16, and Bay City 6/14

- Lyons Pub Warriors to play in the River Falls, WI Tournament
- Red Wing Aces to play Ellsworth, WI 5/13, River Falls, WI 6/6 and 7/9, Kewaskum, WI 6/26 and Prescott, WI 7/29
- Twin Ports North Stars to play Spooner, WI 6/14 and 7/27, Hayward, WI 7/4, Port Wing Boilers 7/19
- Sacred Heart to play Britton, SD 7/12
- Granite Falls to play Britton, SD 7/12
- Cannon Falls to play Spring Valley, WI 5/28, Bay City, WI 5/30 and River Falls, WI 7/2
- Grand Rapids to play Spooner, WI 7/18 and play in their tournament 7/12-7/13
- Austin Blue Sox to play River Falls, WI, Austin Legion Post #91 and the Austin Redlegs

It was duly noted that the following players notified the MBA Board regarding playing with an out of state team or Northwoods League and their MBA team:

- Tyler Long, Twin Ports North Stars to play for team in Illinois June/July and will return to Twin Ports in late July
- Dave Schmidt, Milroy Yankees, to play for Yankton, SD and Milroy
- Tim Carivieau, Dawson Drakes to play with White, SD as well as Dawson
- Phil Kuball, Hutchinson Huskies, to play with Fargo, ND as well as Hutchinson
- Zack Hoffman, New Ulm Brewers to play in Kansas Wood Bat League
- Dumont Saints have 3 players who will be playing with out of state teams; Jay Harman – Sisseton, SD, Casey Gray – Bismarck, ND, and Trent Bestland – Sisseton, SD
- Savage Outlaws have 3 players to play in the Northwoods League – Dan Motl, Tyler Hanson and Aaron Rozek
- Luke Anderson, Savage, to play with Jamestown Merchants
- Ben Turnwall, Savage, to play with San Diego Twins
- Bo Hellquist, Burnsville, to play in the Northwoods League
- Kyal Williams, Austin Blue Sox, to play for the Las Vegas Train Robbers in the Pecos League

Motion Roufs, seconded Kreger, carried 9-0 to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire for Chris Odegaard, to return to play with the Plato Blue Jays

Motion Barry, seconded Rademacher, carried 8-0 to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire for Matt Meyer, to return to play with the Rochester Royals

Motion Kreger, seconded Rademacher, carried 8-0 to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire for Billy Soule, to return to play with Maple Plain

Motion Rademacher, seconded Zellmann, carried 8-0 to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire for Nick Anderson, released by Sauk Rapids, to play for Tri-City Sharks

Motion Roufs, seconded Zellmann, carried 8-0 to approve the Pro Player Questionnaire for Justin Gominsky to play for Tri-City Sharks

Motion Rademacher, seconded Brennan, carried 8-0 to approve Luis Villegas to play for the Hutchinson Huskies

Motion Barry, seconded Kreger, carried 8-0 to approve the request for Beau Priegnitz permission to play with the Tracy Express

Motion Rademacher, seconded Barry, carried 8-0 to approve Chris Eichten's request to play with Springfield

Motion Zellmann, seconded Kreger, carried 8-0 to approve Taylor Rignell's request to return to Hadley in conjunction with the Heritage/Hometown Rule

St. Martin presented an Appeal challenging the Stearns County League's decision to not allow Kurt Schlangen to play due to question on residency. Representing St. Martin were Steve Schlangen, President of the St. Martin Baseball Association, Carl Lieser, Team Manager and Fred Schlangen, father of Kurt Schlangen. Representing the Stearns County League were Shawn Schoenberg, Grant Schoenberg and Tom Ludwig. Steve Schlangen presented the details of their challenge and felt strongly that Kurt Schlangen should be allowed to play for St. Martin. Grant Schoenberg then reviewed the two meetings that took place, the first where Kurt was approved and then after reviewing details presented by Brad Mergen, a special league meeting took place to discuss the evidence stating that Kurt was not living at his parent's home. He then stated the league's decision, while creating controversy, was to overturn the previous vote and stated that Kurt Schlangen was not eligible due to the Stearns County by-laws and rules regarding residency. After a lengthy discussion and the MBA Board asking numerous questions, Vice President Roufs made a motion, seconded by Mike Barry to back the league's decision based on the Stearns County

residency rule. In addition, Roufs then as part of his motion, moved to allow Kurt Schlangen to play for St. Martin under the Hometown/Heritage Rule. If he wishes to play for any other team within the MBA, he must re-establish his residency to comply with the MBA rule on residency.

Motion carried 8-0 to allow Kurt Schlangen to play for St. Martin in 2014

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

The I-Text fundraiser program is in the final testing phase and will be launched officially within the next week or two.

With no further business, motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried 8-0 to adjourn at 2:10 pm

Next MBA meeting is scheduled for Saturday, June 14th at the Holiday Inn in St. Cloud at 11:00 AM

Respectfully submitted by Dave Hartmann, MBA Secretary