

11/23/2013 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
HOLIDAY INN – ST. CLOUD, MN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2013

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

Roll call showed all Directors present.

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

There were 13 dedicated baseball people in attendance.

The Calendar of Events was discussed. The board has established the meeting dates for 2014. The official MBA calendar will be posted on the MBA Website.

Tournament Chairpersons Brent Meyer and Gerry Meyer – Belle Plaine and Joe Bares, Jordan 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 2014 State Tournament. There was significant discussion surrounding the official baseball to be used for the 2014 with consideration to going to a lower seamed/harder core ball. The host sites, upon determination will notify the Board upon determining the baseball to be used for the 2014 tournament.

Scott Marquardt, Kimball request to play in the Roy Hobbs tournament in Florida October 24-November 2. Motion Forsman, seconded Barry, carried, to approve

Paul Schumacher, Albersville Villians, submitted a letter requesting a reclassification to Class C. The board discussed and determined that Albersville needs to go through their league for approval prior to MBA Board consideration.

Joe Serratore, Austin, requested that the board consider and implement a “Heritage Rule” He also presented some components of what the Rule would encompass. After lengthy discussion, the board indicated support of implementing this concept and President Richter selected a sub-committee of Roufs, Forsman and Barry to compose the details of what the Heritage or Home Town rule would look like and present it for approval at the January 2014 meeting.

A letter was received from Joe O’Brien, representing the Hamel Hawks, requesting an exception to expand the radius to include the Wayzata School District, which includes an area within the 494/694 Loop. We had discussion regarding this at our October meeting. It was noted that this had been approved by their league previously. Motion Barry, seconded Brennan, carried, to allow Hamel to use any Wayzata High School student or graduate within the 494/694 Loop to be eligible.

Corey Klinge submitted a letter requesting starting a new team within the MBA and desired to play an independent schedule. The board has a few questions to be addressed as to where they would be playing their games, etc. Upon satisfactory clarifying these items there was a motion by Zellmann, seconded Rademacher, carried to approve this request to play an independent schedule with the following stipulations: Fee to participate within the MBA - \$50, they must also submit their roster and schedule prior to get approval to play any other MBA teams, they would not be eligible to participate in post season or state tournament play and none of their players can play with any other MBA team.

The State Tournament format for 2014 was discussed and it was determined that the board would maintain the same format for Class C as we had in 2012 and 2013. This would be a 48-team tournament. Motion Kreger, seconded Roufs, carried.

***It was noted that if any League/Region wished to send less than 3 or 4 teams that are currently in place, that they need to notify the MBA Board by the January, 2014 meeting.**

The Class B State Tournament format and Super Sections was discussed at length and it was determined to eliminate the Super Section concept and go back to having 8 Sections and a 16 team single elimination State Tournament for 2014. Motion Barry, seconded Rademacher, carried.

It was also noted that Class B teams be allowed to extend the roster meeting/submission deadline to July 15th. Motion Roufs, seconded Forsman, carried.

The MBA handbook was reviewed with proposed changes being made and finalized at the January 2014 meeting.

There was discussion regarding changing the "College Rule" to state college player vs. college student. Motion Kreger, seconded Richter, failed by a vote of 6-3, thus the College Rule will stay as is.

Joe Kreger and Dave Hartmann met with Steve Loos, DaVinci Group website administrator to discuss 2013 Website and making additional changes for roster submission and team online registration for 2014.

Next meeting of the MBA will be January 4, 2014 at the Prairies Edge Casino, Granite Falls MN at 11:00 AM.

Being no further business to come before the board, motion Kreger, seconded Brennan, carried, to adjourn at 3:55 pm

Submitted by Dave Hartmann
MBA Secretary