

## 04/13/2013 MEETING MINUTES

### **MINUTES OF THE BOARD EASTSIDE VFW, ST. CLOUD, MN SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013**

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 10:00 AM

Roll call showed all Directors present.

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

There were 24 dedicated baseball people in attendance.

State tournament bid packets were submitted by the Norwood/Hamburg/Green Isle committee. Mike Fahey and Denny Laufenberg from Chaska/Chanhassen submitted their proposal as well. Jerry Plambeck representing New Prague/Shakopee was present and addressed questions from the board and Mark Forsman, Dassel-Cokato/Hutchinson indicated that their bid packet would be mailed to each board member.

Tournament Chairpersons Steve Eilen and Jeff Janzen, Delano, and Chad Raiche, Maple Lake, were present to give an update for the 2013 State Tournament. They discussed the advertising program and noted that the state tournament website is now live at [www.MBASTATE2013.com](http://www.MBASTATE2013.com).

Joey Behnke, Roseau came before the board to request reinstatement for the 2013 season. Nathan Voll, the Roseau manager spoke on behalf of Joey and their team/league and indicated that he was taking a proactive approach to make sure other teams in their league and area understood the MBA rules, etc. Motion Zellmann, seconded Kreger, carried 9-0, to approve Joey Behnke to play for the 2013 season.

Motion Forsman, seconded Barry, carried 9-0, to approve DJ Argetsinger, Sartell Stone Poney's to be reinstated to play for the 2013 season.

Motion Kreger, seconded Rademacher, carried 9-0, to approve Travis Hendrickson's request to play utilizing his Maple Grove residency for the 2013 season.

The Land O'Ducks league submitted a request to extend their radius to 35 miles for player eligibility for the 2013 season. Motion Roufs, seconded Brennan, carried 9-0 to approve.

Tournament sanction requests for the following tournaments were presented: Cologne/Carver 6/29-6/30, Nimrod 6/28-6/30, Hibbing Miners 6/28-6/30, Wolf Lake 6/14-6/16, Sartell Muskies/St. Stephen 5/31-6/2, Freeport 5/17-5/19, Moorhead Brewers (NWBC) 5/17-5/19. Motion to approve Rademacher, seconded Brennan, carried 9-0.

The following teams submitted requests to play NON-MBA teams:

**Red Wing Aces** to play Bay City, 5/4, River Falls, 5/4, Spring Valley 5/21, Eau Claire, 6/5 & 7/16, Menomonie, 6/18, Kewaskum, 6/27, and Prescott, 7/2, all Wisconsin teams. Also the Burnsville Bulldogs (Over 35 ), 6/21.

**Minneapolis Angels** to play Spring Valley, 5/1, River Falls, 6/29 and Osceola, 7/26.

**Cologne Hollanders** to play the St. Paul A's (TCMABL) 5/4.

**Canby Knights** to play the following South Dakota teams: Clear Lake, Castlewood and Brandon Valley.

**Randolph Railcats** to play Bay City, 5/11 and Hager City, 7/19.

**Waterville** to play the Minneapolis Cubs.

**Isanti** to play River Falls, 7/7, Osceola, 5/29.

**Moorhead Brewers** to play Jamestown Merchants, Jamestown Elks, Fargo Expos, Enderlin Indies, Mayville Redcaps, and the Wahpeton Twins.

**Sport & Spine** to play Prescott, WI.

**Forest Lake Brewers** to play River Falls and Spooner.

**Coon Rapids Redbirds** to play River Falls, 6/14.

**Dumont Saints** to play Mantador Midgets and Fargo Mets, both North Dakota teams.

**New Market** to have the Spooner Bandits play MBA teams in their tournament.

Motion Zellmann, seconded Kreger, carried 9-0 to approve.

**Nimrod** to play the following over 35 teams; Cold Spring Silver Springers and Menasha/Sebeka Relics.

**Cold Spring Silver Springers** to play the following MBA teams; St. Wendel 5/18, Nimrod, 6/8, Luxemburg, 6/21, St. Nicholas, 6/14 and Richmond, 7/6.

Motion Roufs, seconded Brennan, carried 9-0 to approve.

Motion Barry, seconded Zellmann, carried 9-0, to appoint Mike Freske as the new Section 8B Commissioner.

Motion Kreger, seconded Rademacher, carried 9-0, to appoint Tom Lacina as the new Regions 6C Commissioner.

Motion Forsman, seconded Roufs, carried 9-0, to appoint Brian Swanson as the new Region 4C Commissioner.

It was duly noted that Casey Gray from the Dumont Saints was going to play with a team in Bismarck, ND this summer, as well as, Dumont. He will be required to play 4 league games to be eligible for the MBA playoffs.

It was duly noted that Ben Schaben and Brighton Carlson from Albertville will play in the Nebraska Collegiate League this summer, as well as, Albertville. They will be required to play 4 league games to be eligible for the MBA playoffs.

Motion Roufs, seconded Rademacher, carried 9-0, to approve Kayle Lewellen to play with Hinckley.

Pro Player Questionnaire and release presented on behalf of Cody Hallahan. Motion Zellmann, seconded Forsman, carried 9-0, to approve Hallahan to return to play for the Green Isle Irish for the 2013 season.

North Star League submitted their roster and request to play the St. Paul Saints on 5/11. Motion Barry, seconded Brennan, carried 9-0, to approve.

Motion Rademacher, seconded Barry, carried 9-0, to approve Eldon Evans to play for the Montevideo Spartans for the 2013 season. Evans graduated from Montevideo High School in 2008 and proceeded to serve four years of active duty in the Air Force before his return to Minnesota. He currently resides in White Bear Lake, attending Century College and will be working back in Montevideo this summer.

Adam Gallatin, Forest Lake, requested that Kyle Young and Kyle Jensen, be allowed to return and play for Forest Lake upon graduation from College. Motion Kreger, seconded Brennan, carried 7-2 with Forsman and Richter voting no.

CJ Siewert presented a proposal to continue to work with the MBA and renew his contract for another year beginning May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2014. He stated that he feels that he has enhanced the website through a number of areas of social media including Twitter, Facebook, etc. He also stated that he feels that he has added value in the number of articles posted and the state tournament coverage this past year. The Board acknowledged his work and efforts. Motion Zellmann, seconded Forsman, carried 9-0, to retain CJ in the same capacity and to increase his compensation to \$7,000 for the year to be paid at a rate of \$500/month, with a \$500 bonus to be paid in August for coverage during the state tournaments and an additional \$500 bonus to be paid for attending all specified meetings.

Motion Kreger, seconded Rademacher, carried 9-0, to approve Paul Schumacher and Jason Sokolowski to play in the Roy Hobbs World Series in Fort Myers, FL in November, 2013.

Motion Barry, seconded Randy Schoenburg, carried to approve the 2013 Class C Regions for the 2013 season.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Motion Kreger, seconded Brennan, carried 9-0, requiring all MBA teams to post their rosters and schedules on their respective **MBA team website** via Scoremonster by May 15, 2013.

Attached is a step-by-step process to register at [www.ScoreMonster.com](http://www.ScoreMonster.com) If teams do not register and input rosters and schedules, they will not be eligible for post-season play.

## **REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR SCOREMONSTER LOG ON**

1. Sign up for a free account at [www.Scoremonster.com](http://www.Scoremonster.com)
2. Send an email to the MBA Support team at [www.support@mnbaserball.org](mailto:www.support@mnbaserball.org) requesting access to their MBA team. **No need to create a new team as all MBA teams are already setup.**
3. The MBA Support team will add the Team Rep's account the their MBA team in Score Monster. A Team Admin invitation email will then be sent to the Team Rep.
4. Once the Team Rep accepts the invite email they should see their team under the Teams tab in Score Monster.
5. Click the "Teams -> Manager" tab and they will see a "Roster" icon. Clicking the roster icon will allow them to enter their team's roster.
6. As players become eligible and ineligible the Team Rep should change the player's status.
7. League Secretary's should follow the same process as above to gain access to their leagues.
8. Only active players will appear on the MBA website team rosters.
9. Additional reports will also be available for League Secretary's to help them manage rosters.
10. Contact [support@mnbaserball.org](mailto:support@mnbaserball.org) with any questions. More info is found on FAQ #1 on the MBA support page at <http://www.mnbaserball.org/support>

If any further questions, please contact Steve Loos at [steve.loos@davincisoftware.com](mailto:steve.loos@davincisoftware.com)

With no further business, a motion to adjourn by Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried 9-0, at 1:40 pm

**Next meeting of the MBA will be Saturday, May 11, 2013 at the Holiday Inn, St. Cloud MN at 11:00 AM.**

Submitted by Dave Hartmann  
MBA Secretary