

DRS Spring Meeting - April 15, 2014 - Brewster's Bar in Veseli - 7pm

- I. Roll Call showed all teams and league officers were present.
- II. Treasurers Report
Checkbook shows a balance of \$1231.05. There are several small outstanding bills, but plenty on hand to cover. St. Benedict, Faribault, Montgomery and Union Hill all need to pay for their baseball orders.
- III. Old Business – No old business was discussed.
- IV. New Business
 - A. Poster
 1. Double check to be sure the schedule is correct.
 2. Support the businesses that took out ads and thank them.
 3. Double check the arbiter for umpire schedules ahead of time for your games. Mike Sticha will double check on a “how to” tutorial with Jeff Schmit so teams can access the site.
 - B. State Website
 1. DRS Information
 - a. Provide your team contact updates to Sean O’Neill
 - b. By-laws were deemed to be fine for 2014
 - c. Rosters - Teams still need to load your team rosters on the state roster page with player information and specifics including college **ONLY IF** they played college baseball
 - d. Certain internet browsers and versions are not supported – must be a current version – by Score Monster. Mike will let MBA know it is a problem. This affects viewing of all aspects of the site.
 - e. Enter your game scores on Score Monster. KCHK will use the next morning during broadcasts. Change games to PP if rained out, etc. Please do this and then update the new game info as well.
 - C. Contracts and Releases
 1. Mike Sticha will again be handling all contracts and releases.
 - D. Rule Changes
 1. Rule Changes are highlighted in the 2014 MBA handbook. One major change is the Heritage Rule. Be familiar with the rules.

E. New Prague Times and Montgomery Messenger provide coverage. Get your game information into the papers too.

G. All-Star Game - everything is set for now more discussion at June meeting. Some talk about revamping or getting rid of game altogether.

H. KCHK Broadcast

1. Aaron Worm will be present to discuss the broadcasts of DRS games

Phil Worm stepped in for Aaron tonight. Advertising options for teams based on the number of games that are aired. Sports Show on Saturdays would like to invite the managers in for interviews. 3 games on air for: StB UH L V NP NM STP. 2 or 1 game ad package OR Entire season package..... I will send Aaron Worm the manager contact info. Teams are urged to consider an ad package to help support and continue the coverage. Any questions call Aaron.

2. DRS will place an ad in the 2014 State Tourney program – Motion NP, second Webster to spend \$500 on full page ad. Carries 13-0.

I. Player Questionnaire

1. Lonsdale has a player that needs approval by the league.

Heard testimony from Lonsdale managers and received supporting documents from Lonsdale and player, Nick Ikert, to make their case. There was much discussion back and forth amongst the group about the player and the circumstances. Based on the way the rule is written in the MBA handbook, the league decided there was insufficient supporting evidence. No motion was made to approve the player. Lonsdale was encouraged to take it to the state board for an appeal and their approval.

J. No low seam baseballs are to be used during league play. Teams are encouraged to use them in out of league play as they will be the state tournament baseball.

K. Playoffs

1. Discussion

a. League - DRS will have 4 bids for the state tourney. We are our own region. All teams were invited to give their input on format, drafting, etc. Giving input to the region reps who will make final decision at region meeting to follow. There was A LOT of discussion and ideas.

L. Concerns or ideas to improve DRS baseball? We all need to work together for the greater good to maintain and increase interest in amateur baseball.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Next Meeting: Final Roster Meeting scheduled for June 30th at 7pm at Brewster's in Veseli.