

DRS League Meeting
January 12, 2017 7 pm Doublewide Bar
421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Roll Call/Call to Order by President Sticha. Elko and St. Benedict were absent. Per league by-laws each team is fined \$50 for not having a representative at the meeting.

Secretary's Report

1. Accept last Meeting's Minutes

Noted that the minutes from last month's meeting were incorrect regarding the league ejection policy: Only league regular season and playoff games are subject to the ejection policy. Policy doesn't apply to non-league games. Secretary O'Neill will change minutes and by-laws accordingly. UH motion – NP seconded to approve with changes. Passed 11-0.

Treasurer's Report

1. Financial update

Treasurer Hertaus stated there is a \$2374.02 balance in the checkbook. He stated there is sales tax due for \$645 for 2016 regions revenue. Spring bills for the DRS should be about \$900 based on past years. This should leave us in good shape to begin the 2017 season. Motion Shakopee, second PL to accept. Passed 11-0.

Election of Officers/Assign Duties

1. President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

President: Mike Sticha nominated for re-election. Motion NP, second NM to confirm. Passed 11-0.

VP: Greg Faue nominated for re-election. Motion St. Patrick, second Veseli to confirm. Passed 11-0.

Treasurer: Chris Hertaus nominated for re-election. Motion Union Hill, second Shakopee to confirm. Passed 11-0.

Secretary: Sean O'Neill nominated for re-election. Motion Veseli, second New Market to confirm. Passed 11-0. All officer positions were filled without opposition.

2. Webmaster/Twitter/Facebook

Mike Sticha was interested in continuing his roles here. No other interest from others and he will continue to do all duties under #2 and #3.

3. Contracts/Releases See above.

Old Business

1. KCHK Advertising (tabled from November)

Advertising options were discussed by all present. Motion Prior Lake, second by Shakopee for the DRS to advertise with KCHK for the playoffs and regions for \$180. 11-0 passed. State tourney advertising will be revisited at a later date.

New Business

1. **2017 Schedule** – prelim schedule distributed by Meeting time
 - a. Set a date to “lock” as final; Shako-12 pm start time on their home Sunday dates

Schedules have been set. Any changes that are made should have Mike Sticha copied on the edits. February 15th is the finalization date for changes. It would be ideal for our poster schedule and alerting NW Umpires properly. Home teams must enter the games into ScoreMonster. We will post the Shakopee Sunday home games for a 1pm start. Could be changed if agreed to by both teams.

2. **Home Town Bats – HR Derby** - Ted Nytes – NP Orioles (informational)

Ted presented his proposal to the group (June 17th currently an open date for DRS schedule) with potential timing. The fundraiser would benefit a local family in need – yet to be identified. He requests that each team submit a player who would solicit their own sponsors for their performance. Similar to walk-a-thons. He needs to identify a park for the event as well. Perhaps a portion of the concessions would be donated to the family as well. He requests a player from each team come and participate. A final invite will be sent to all teams. Bats and baseballs would be provided by his group.

3. **League Dues** - \$100 last year. New Market motion, second New Prague to remain at \$100 for 2017. Passed 11-0.
4. **Admission Prices** - \$3 adults & \$1 students last year. Students are currently defined as a 12-18 year old student. Some concerns over inconsistencies over what teams charge for games. Interest in having 18 and over pay \$3 and nothing charged for under. Motion Shakopee, second Faribault. Passed 7-3 with one abstain.
5. **Poster Ads** – pricing (\$15 & \$30 last year) & timing. After some discussion, there will be no change to ad pricing for 2017. Managers are asked to reach out to assigned advertisers by Feb 15th. Requested to submit payments by May 1st to our Treasurer Hertaus.
6. **Confirm Managers/communication** – 2 contacts per team (phone, email, one mailing address) need to be submitted to Secretary O’Neill by April meeting date. Two teams have confirmed managerial changes. Union Hill will be managed by John Masberg and assisted by Adam Gill. Veseli will be managed by Chris Hertaus in 2017.
7. **Official Baseball(s)/Baseball Orders**
 - a. Diamond (regular or raised seam): \$59.50/doz; (low seam): \$59.50/doz
 - b. Rawlings (regular or raised seam): \$55/doz
 - c. Rawlings (low seam FSRMBA (same as FSOLB)): \$55/doz

It was decided that the baseball for league play will be the FSRMBA (or FSOLB). Motioned by New Prague and second by Union Hill. Passed 11-0. It will be the state tourney ball for next 3 years as well. Team orders at the meeting were (all for FSRMBA):

Prior Lake - 20 dozen, Shakopee - 18 dozen, Webster - 15 dozen, New Market - 25 dozen, New Prague - 20 dozen, Faribault - 6 dozen, Lonsdale - 10 dozen, Montgomery - 10 dozen, Veseli - 12 dozen. St. Patrick, Union Hill, Elko and St. Benedict to be determined.

8. **NW Umpire – 2 – 2-man crew games per team in '17.** Reminder of this agreement with the NW Umpires. Let President Sticah know which games you want a two man crew for by Feb 15th.
9. **2017 MBA Handbook Ad – \$75 (yes or no).** Motion Prior Lake, second New Prague. Passed 11-0 to place an ad.
10. **MBA updates –** Look for another Team data request soon from the MBA. FYI to all teams....fill out and submit to MBA promptly. Pro slide at the plate this year all year long. No ejection with the malicious slide, but runner will be called out.
11. **Rosters/Contracts –** Signing date opens March 15th **FYI.....make sure the player addresses are legitimate**
12. **New Prague Times coverage -** Chuck Kajer was present and thanked teams for supplying the game summaries. Please get Sunday games in that night, if at all possible. He will be sending out team questionnaires to managers prior to the season. Please do your best to support this coverage by the NP Times.
13. **2017 Playoff/Region discussion –** Tabled until our next meeting.
14. **Next meeting –** It will be the week of April 17th. Final details TBD.
15. **Any other New Business items?** No other new items at this time.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm