

DRS League Meeting Minutes
Monday January 3, 2011
~~Classic Bar & Grill – New Prague, MN~~ BREWSTERS
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Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by President Jerry Walerius.

Old Business: A reminder to all teams to please provide water of some sort to visiting dugouts for all games. A question was raised on whether umpires can remove fans from games at their discretion. The consensus was that they can do so.

All DRS teams were represented at this meeting except for Montgomery. Per league rules, Montgomery will be fined \$50.00 for not attending the meeting.

Next item of business was the **Treasurer's Report**. Chris Hertaus stated that the checkbook showed a balance of \$2,940.33. The league is in good shape regarding finances. It was noted however this is about \$800 less than last year at this time.

Election of Officers: Nominations were taken for League President, Treasurer and Secretary. Jerry Walerius was nominated for President and was unopposed. Chris Hertaus was nominated for Treasurer and was unopposed. Sean O'Neill was nominated for Secretary and also unopposed. All were elected on a 12-0 vote.

New Business: Diamond baseballs will be the official league baseball on a 12-0 vote. Cost of baseballs is \$47/dozen for game balls and \$32/dozen for practice balls. All teams placed their orders with President Walerius. Bills are due at the spring meeting in April.

Division setup was discussed and finalized. The divisions for 2011 will be:
Red: Elko, New Prague (1), Lonsdale (6), Veseli (7) and Faribault (12)
White: St. Patrick (2), Montgomery (5), Prior Lake (8) and Shakopee (11)
Blue: New Market (3), St. Benedict (4), Union Hill (9) and Webster (10)

Number of league games for the 2011 season will be 21. Each team will play each other twice (home and home) with the exception of Elko. Elko will play each DRS team once. Please have your schedule requests to Jerry Walerius by January 17th.

Also passing 12-0 was to begin the season on Sunday May 1st and have the season completed by Sunday July 24th. The league playoffs are to begin the following week. Playoff format for each division will be finalized at the April league meeting.

Next up was the election of the division Vice President's. The elected VP's were: Jerry Plambeck – Red, Greg Faue – White and Mike Sandmann – Blue.

Admission will remain the same as 2010, \$3 adults and \$1 for students. 2011 League dues were again waived by a 12-0 vote.

NW Umpires are under contract for the 2011 season. Mark Kotek and John Masberg have expressed interest in umpiring non-league games for the DRS. Mark can be reached at mark.kotek@emerson.com. John can be reached at jmasberg@qofp.org.

Ad rates for the 2011 DRS Schedule Poster will remain the same. A single ad is \$15 and a double size ad is \$30. Forward any interested advertisers, especially new advertisers, on to President Walerius.

Rule changes were discussed, first up the DRS by-laws. After much discussion the league decided to change its' ejection policy. If a player is ejected from a game for making contact with an umpire, they will be suspended from their team's next two league games. The player must be on the bench in uniform to serve the suspension. Once this ejection occurs, it will trigger an automatic review of the incident by the league officers (President, Treasurer & Secretary) to determine if further discipline is necessary. This rule was motioned by Elko and seconded by Webster. It passed on a 12-0 vote.

Next up for discussion was the recent change to rosters imposed by the MBA. After much discussion, it was decided on an 8-4 vote of league teams to send a letter to the State Board asking them to leave the roster requirements in tact with no changes from 2010 roster rules for Class C. All DRS teams will abide by this vote and support this decision as one unified voice. A letter was read and will be sent to the MBA for their consideration.

All-Star Game: The DRS is due to host the 2011 game vs. the RVL. Requests to host were made by Union Hill and Prior Lake. Union Hill won by a 7-6 vote and will host the game on Friday July 8th at 8pm. Host will keep all concessions, while the gate will be split between the two leagues. RVL requests that a program be produced.

Secretary O'Neill requested any changes to the team contacts be forwarded to him ASAP. Please give two team contacts with cell phone numbers and one valid mailing address. You will find the current contact list attached to this e-mail. Thank you.

The next meeting of the DRS will be held in early April – tentatively the 5th, but a confirmation will be sent by President Walerius.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 pm.

Please bring any corrections to these minutes to the next league meeting.

DRS Secretary
Sean O'Neill
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