

DRS League Meeting Minutes

January 3, 2013 – Brewster's Bar & Grill in Veseli

Roll call was taken and all teams were represented except for St. Benedict. St. Benedict will be assessed a \$50 fine per Article 18 of the league by-laws. Chuck Kajer & Don Dvorak also were in attendance.

Next was the Treasurer's Report. Chris Hertaus reported on upcoming expenses and expected revenues. The league is in solid financial shape heading into the Spring. League dues of \$50 per team will be collected again in 2013.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

New Business

Next was the election of league officers. Jerry Walerius was re-elected President and unopposed. Chris Hertaus was re-elected Treasurer and unopposed. Sean O'Neill was re-elected Secretary and unopposed.

After much discussion, league members voted to continue with three divisions by a 8-3 vote. The 2013 divisions will be set up as follows based on last year's final records:

Red: Union Hill, Faribault, Montgomery, Webster and Elko (Class B)

White: St. Benedict, Prior Lake, Lonsdale and Veseli

Blue: New Prague, St. Patrick, Shakopee and New Market

We will continue with a 23 game schedule same as last year. Play will commence on Sunday April 28th and all games need to be completed by the end of the day on Sunday July 21st.

Teams need to have their schedule requests submitted to Jerry Walerius by January 20th. Please try to be as accurate as possible with your initial requests. Changes after the schedule is made can be difficult.

Next discussion was around the 25 man roster limit and a penalty for going over this limit. Based on a 12-0 vote Article 10 of the league by-laws will be changed to the following. A team that exceeds the 25 player roster limit will be fined \$25 per player over the limit. Furthermore, if a game is played with the roster exceeding the legal limit of players that team will forfeit the game(s) played in addition to the fine. Any league team that participates in Class B is exempt from this rule. The league by-laws will be amended and published on the new league web site, which is coming this Spring.

League rosters, league meeting minutes and other league information including schedules and results will be posted on the new web site as well. Mike Sticha, GM of the St. Patrick Irish, will create and maintain the web site. Mike was also selected to take over league player contracts from Marcy Dvorak.

He will be paid a \$200 stipend. Managers are reminded that the signing date on all player contracts should be after the release date of their previous contract.

Marcy Dvorak was acknowledged and thanked for her work in this capacity over the years.

Diamond baseballs were chosen as the league baseball. This ball will also be used at the state tournament. The DRS will purchase game and practice balls from Nicklasson Athletic of New Ulm.

Montgomery, Veseli and Faribault all expressed interest in being the DRS host for the DRS/CVL All-Star Game this summer. After a sales pitch by each team and a league vote, Veseli was awarded the game for 2013. It will be held on Friday July 12th and the game will begin at 8pm. More details to come.

Chuck Kajer addressed the group and stated that the New Prague Times would like to continue to report on league games in their paper. However due to George Maxa's retirement, they don't have the manpower to devote to compiling the information. It was decided that each team designate a media representative. The media man from the winning team of each league game will send/call in a game review to Chuck at the paper. Chuck will set up the parameters of what they would like to see in each report. His contact information is included with the latest edition of the league contact list.

Admission for league games will remain at \$3 for an adult and \$1 for students.

Per our umpire contract with NW Umpires, there is no change in umpire fees for 2013.

DRS Schedule posters will be created again this year. Art Wann at Suel Printing in New Prague will be the contact person this year. A list of advertisers from last year to approach was created and given to Jerry Plambeck, Jerry Walerius, Greg Faue, Randy Gregor, Monte Hennen, Mike Sandman, Chris Hertaus, Todd Bergstrom, Terry Fredrickson and the Lonsdale representatives to contact. Ads will again be \$30 for a large and \$15 for a small. Please contact these advertisers, collect the fee and report back to Jerry Walerius in a timely fashion.

All teams are reminded to submit their updated contact information to Sean O'Neill ASAP. The team manager should supply their address, e-mail and cell phone number. A second and/or third contact should be given with e-mail address and cell phone number for them.

There was an open discussion regarding the setup of the league and regional playoffs and draft. No decisions were made, but all agreed to set it up better than last year to maximize the draft value for all teams in the post-season.

The next league meeting will be held in April. Final details on where and when will be sent out.

Divisional VP's were elected and will be: White – Greg Faue, Blue – John Johnson and Red – Mark Worm.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Sean O'Neill - DRS Secretary