

DRS League Meeting Minutes

January 7, 2016 - 7pm - Doublewide Bar - New Market, MN

Roll call/Call to Order: All teams present for the meeting.

Secretary's Report: There was a motion by Webster and a second by New Prague. Approved October 29, 2015 meeting minutes by a 13-0 vote.

Financial Report: Report showed solid balance with no unexpected expenses or revenues outstanding. Union Hill motion to accept as read. It was seconded by New Market. Approved 13-0.

Election of Officers: Mike Sticha was nominated by Webster and seconded by Elko for President. No other nominations and Mike was elected on a 13-0 vote. Sean O'Neill was nominated by New Market and seconded by Shakopee as Secretary. No other nominations and Sean was elected on a 13-0 vote. Chris Hertaus nominated for Treasurer by Prior Lake and seconded by St. Patrick. No other nominations and Chris was elected on a 13-0 vote. Mike Sticha will also continue to serve as social media rep and handle the contracts for the league.

OLD BUSINESS

Information was shared with the group by Johnny Johnson regarding the umpire contract meeting he attended with several leagues and the NW Umpires Assoc. Advised that the contract proposed should be accepted. Motion Webster and second Union Hill to accept contract as proposed. See contract under separate attachment to this e-mail. It was decided for 2016 each team will be required to schedule one 2-man umpire crew for one home game of their choice. You may schedule more if you like, but that is up to each team. This will satisfy our quota. Get your game request to Mike Sticha by March 1st. Motion St. Patrick and second Elko to use this method. Passed 13-0.

The preliminary 2016 schedule has been presented to the teams. Movements can be made by mutual agreement by both teams. You have until February 15 to get those changes made and reported to Mike Sticha after that the schedule will go to the printer. You can start to enter your home games in ScoreMonster.

2016 playoff and region play discussion was offered up. No strong opinions now. Bring your final ideas and be prepared to vote at the April DRS meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A reminder that the signing dates begins on March 15th. No player contracts signed until then.

League dues have been at \$100 per team. Motion by New Market and second by Faribault to keep at \$100 for 2016. Passed by 13-0 vote.

Admission prices will remain at \$3 for an adult and \$1 for a student. It motioned by New Prague and seconded by St. Patrick. Passes on 13-0 vote.

Baseball prices options were presented from Nicklasson Athletic. Motion New Market and second by Shakopee to allow any low seam baseball brand for regular season play and only the Rawlings brand for post-season play. Must use the same brand for each game. Passed on a 12-1 vote.

Poster ad for DRS schedule was discussed. Ad prices will remain unchanged at \$30 or \$15 per ad. Everyone should talk to businesses to gauge interest from existing and new advertisers. Collect fees by the next meeting and get the commitments to Mike by February 1st ideally.

Team contact info was updated and is communicated in a separate attachment to this e-mail.

The New Prague Times will continue their coverage of the DRS. Please submit information to Chuck Kajer as soon as possible after games. This should be done by the winning team. Also upload information to ScoreMonster. Chuck will reference that site for info as well.

KCHK plans to continue coverage of the DRS. They are planning a "Hotstove Show" live from the Doublewide Bar sometime in March. We will discuss KCHK more at the April meeting.

Motion Webster and second Veseli to run an ad for the DRS in the MBA Handbook for 2016. Approval of the \$75 ad passed on a 13-0 vote.

The next meeting of the DRS will likely be scheduled for the week of April 19th again at the Doublewide in New Market. Final details to follow as we get closer to that date.

Elko requested we look at expanding the All-Star roster from 25 to 28 players. The hope is that this will get more pitchers to the game and keep our roster as competitive as possible. Support was here at the meeting. Since this meeting the RVL has already agreed to this proposal and it will be instituted. Prior Lake said that there will not be a HR Derby at the 2016 game they are hosting.

With no further items for discussion, St. Patrick motioned and Webster seconded an adjournment to the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.