

DRS League Meeting
October 24, 2017 7:00 pm Doublewide Bar
421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 7:03pm by President Sticha. All teams present except St. Benedict. They will be assessed a \$50 fine per league by-laws. Twelve teams voting tonight.

Secretary's Report

1. Accept last Meeting's Minutes

Motion made by Webster to approve last meeting minutes. Seconded by New Prague. Pass 12-0.

Treasurer's Report

1. Financial update

Checkbook balance from last meeting was \$3908.77. After expenses of officer salaries, taxes, all-star payout to RVL and website fees balance on hand will be \$2,023.77. Treasurer Hertaus reports we are about \$300 ahead from last year at this time. Expected 2018 expenses are \$905 for NW Umpire maintenance fee, League Registration with MBA and Annual MBA Handbook Ad. Motion by Union Hill to accept report. Second by Faribault. 12-0 approved.

Old Business

1. 2017 Season and Region 3C Feedback

Veseli noted that there are many instances of teams not abiding by the set times for pre-game warmups. It causes games to begin late and affects the fan experience and length of game.

Prior Lake asking for more flexibility in game dates and times during our region play when we have so much time to complete the games. Discussed again. Pros and cons brought up. Will discuss further with Region Commissioner, Jerry Walerius.

New Market suggested that the higher seed should also be the home team for all region games. All gate goes to league anyway, so concessions and home field advantage should be awarded to best regular season team. Faribault agreed. Quite a bit of discussion. Maybe a hybrid set-up could be done. Again will discuss more with Commissioner Walerius.

New Prague thanked league for allowing them to play games early in 2017 and will need to again in 2018 due to field work and their hosting of the state tournament. Shakopee expects similar situation in 2018 for them.

New Business

1. MBA Annual Meeting Updates

Update from the MBA annual meeting from President Sticha. Region Commissioner Walerius also attended. Topics included the following. Beer should not be in the dugouts during games until they are called. Exhibitions games can be played by teams before the state tournament, but draftees can only pitch and not play any other position. State Tourney Game Shares, Roster Scoring and other info was presented. Full minutes from this meeting were sent out via e-mail by President Sticha.

2. 2018/2019 NW Umpire Contract proposal

Review and discussion of 2018-19 NW Umpire proposal that was presented. Greg Faue of PL and Brent Goracke of St. Pat will attend on behalf of the DRS to present league views. Meeting is this Sunday at Chaska VFW at 2pm. Looking to extend length of the contract while holding down the price escalation. Trying to maintain cap of \$125 over the next four years. Would also like to see a guarantee of better umpires, if possible. No more than two (2) umpire games per year is hope.

3. 2018 All Star Game

RVL's turn to host. Fairfax would be the likely host and they are talking about a Saturday date due to travel distance. Discussions of changes to format, etc. Motion Webster and second UH to play the 2018 game vs. the RVL. Pass 12-0. UH motions. Seconded by NP to recommend the game be played on July 14th. President Sticha will communicate to the RVL.

4. League Voting

- a. Create policy/list of eligible voter(s) per team. Tabled for now and come back to this in the winter meeting. Idea is to have official voters for each team.

5. 2018 League set-up; start/end dates for 2018 season

Discussion of league schedule format for 2018. Mostly centering on 17 vs. 23 game schedule. Two divisions would be created with 17 game schedule. Motion PL and second NP to maintain a 23 game schedule with one division. 10-2 passes. Shakopee and Webster no votes. Traditional league dates for start, end, etc. presented with historical data to the group. Motion by UH to accept as presented. Second by Faribault. Approved 12-0. See attached copy for official 2018 dates.

- a. Schedule requests in to President Sticha by 15th of December
- b. 2018 preliminary schedule back to teams by early January

6. 2018 State Tournament Ad Request

New Prague (Jerry Plambeck) presented ad rates for the 2018 State Tournament Program. He is requesting that the DRS as a whole advertise and would welcome any DRS teams to individually advertise their organizations as well. Motion from UH and second by Elko to take out a one page ad as a league. Fee for ad is \$500. Passes 12-0.

7. MN Nice Water

Bottled water is available to order through Bill Schleper. Sales flyer handed out to teams. Contact Mr. Schleper, if interested.

8. Any other New Business items?

No other new business were brought to the table.

Next meeting: Early January. Final date will be determined and communicated to league.

Adjournment

Motion by Webster and second by Montgomery. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm