

DRS League Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2015 - 7pm - Doublewide Bar New Market

Roll call/Call to Order: All teams present except Faribault . They will be assessed a \$50 fine per the DRS By-Laws.

Secretary's Report: There was a motion by Veseli and a second by New Prague. Approved June 29, 2015 meeting minutes by a 12-0 vote.

Financial Report: Report showed solid balance with no unexpected expenses or revenues outstanding. Webster motion to accept as read. It was seconded by Union Hill. Approved 12-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Attendees were asked for feedback from the 2015 season.

Prior Lake did not like the single elimination playoff format. They were done before August. It ended the season early on the calendar for many teams. There seemed to be agreement from others.

Concerns from New Market and St. Benedict that higher seeds did not get the home games that a higher seed should receive. This was due to the region format and schedule that was approved by the region reps. Home games and region setup in general were strongly discussed. Varying opinions on what was liked and disliked. Teams were encouraged to bring their ideas to the January meeting for early discussion.

There was discussion on the one division or multi-division setup. Some liked and others questioned the benefit. It could change, but seemed to be that the one division set-up will benefit DRS best in regards to post-season play.

By-Laws: Discussion on the proposed changes made by Mike Sticha and Sean O'Neill. The attempt here was to clean up the language and remove repetitive by-laws or points that were no longer relevant. SEE ATTACHED for updated by-laws.

All were approved 12-0 without discussion with the following exceptions.

Article 3: Membership A 2/3 or more (9) votes are needed to accept a new team to the league – Class C or B. Prior Lake motion & Montgomery second. 12-0.

Tie Breakers: Add step 5; A coin toss will determine higher seed, if pared down to two teams and the tie has still not been broken. St. Benedict motion & Prior Lake second. 12-0.

MISC: Delete separate Zimanske rule: this has already been covered under previous procedure. Prior Lake motion & Veseli second. 12-0.

MISC: Keep verbiage regarding scheduling and play versus Elko as is. Motion Webster & second Elko. 12-0.

NEW BUSINESS

New admittance to league: No teams were mentioned to be added and no requests received.

2016 All-Star Game: It was suggested that DRS go back to in-league All-Star Game instead of playing RVL or anyone else. Pros vs. Cons were discussed. Motion Montgomery, second St. Patrick to play RVL again in 2016 by 12-0 vote.

2016/2017 Umpire Contract: Much discussion – support for implementation of the 2 man group does not seem to be there. Teams seem to indicate that they would like to prolong this move. Cost is significant and the quality of the umpiring being improved is not guaranteed. Johnny Johnson – St. Patrick will represent the DRS League at the NW Umpire meeting in Chaska. Official DRS position and proposition will be detailed and agreed to by the managers via e-mail. A negotiation is likely.

2016 League Set-Up & Schedule Requests: Motion Prior Lake, second Webster - approved 12-0. Start the season on April 24 and end on July 24. This decided after much discussion on all of this. Union Hill motion, Webster second. 8-4 vote passes that a team must have a game scheduled within the first two weekends of the schedule. If both teams agree to reschedule, it can be done without penalty.

There will be 23 league games playing all Class C teams twice and Elko once. One division will be used again in 2016 for standings and seeding. Elko plays each team once opposite of the 2015 site.

Schedule dates: The goal will be to have the schedule out by Jan 15 or close to it. Schedule request deadline by teams is January 1st.

NEXT MEETING: Will take place in early January. Options will be TBD by officers and submitted for approval.

It was suggested by Veseli that the DRS League consider not sponsoring the DRS broadcast as the DRS League – leave it to businesses to sponsor. We will discuss further at the January meeting.

A suggestion by a league player was that League Awards be considered at year's end and handed out. No support tonight from the group.

St. Patrick suggested choose a league to go against in inter-league format. i.e. ACC/BIG 10. No other comments from other teams. Support does not seem to be there.

With no further items for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9pm.