

## DRS League Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2016 – Doublewide Bar in New Market

Meeting called to order by President Sticha at 7:05 pm. Roll call showed that all teams were represented.

### Secretary's Report

June meeting minutes presented for approval. Motion by New Prague and second by Shakopee to approve the meeting minutes from June. Passed 13-0.

### Treasurer's Report

Chris Hertaus reported a balance of \$3,524.02 in the checkbook. He laid out the expenses expected prior to the start of 2017 seasons. The balance will be on par with where we should be as a league historically. Motion Webster and second Shakopee to accept balance as submitted. Passed 13-0.

### Old Business

- Review of October 2015 rule that requires teams to play at least one league within the leagues first two weekends. Discussion on whether to retain or drop. Motion St. Benedict and second by Elko to drop the rule. Vote ended 6-6 with Lonsdale abstaining. President Sticha had final say due to tie vote and stated the rule will be retained. Rule as stated in SECTION 8 of by-laws:

*10-29-15 By 8-4, vote it passes that a team must have a game scheduled within the first two weekends of the start of the season schedule. If both teams agree to reschedule the game, it can be done without penalty.*

- Reviewed the MBA 2017 legal wood bat rules.
- Reviewed and discussed MBA True Team Scores for classification.

### New Business

- Review of 2016 Season and Region 3C Feedback. Most of the discussion centered on the game dates and flexibilities during region play.
- A letter was presented by Secretary O'Neill from the Crow River League. They are asking the DRS to support their position and sign our name to their letter. They feel the NW Umpires have breached their contract terms during the 2016 season. They are asking NW to carry over 2016 rules into 2017 and push 2017 rules into the 2018 season. After much discussion, it was felt that we were not affected nor our contract breached. We should abstain from signing letter as it had nothing to do with the DRS. Motion New Market and second New Prague to abstain. Approved 13-0.
- President Sticha reminded managers to check the arbiter site to make sure you know who your umpire(s) are and that your game is covered.
- Next topic was the 2017 All-Star Game. DRS is set to host. Motion St. Benedict and second New Prague to host game. Passed 13-0. Next up teams were invited to throw name into the hat to

host the game. Faribault, New Market were the finalists and New Market won the bid on a 8-5 vote. Game is to be played on Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Ejection policy was discussed. Question is should non-league games be subject to the league policy. All games played will be included in the rule: league, non-league and playoffs. Motion Prior Lake second by Shakopee. Passed 13-0. League By-Laws will be updated to clarify.

**CORRECTION 1-12-17 Only regular season and playoff games will be subject to the league ejection policy. It does not apply to non-league games. Mistake by Secretary O'Neill.**

- An advertising package was presented to the league by Aaron Worm of KCHK. He laid out several options for the league to support the broadcasts. There was discussion, but a formal decision on this will be put on hold until the January meeting.
- No new teams have expressed interest in joining the DRS for 2017.
- A discussion was held on whether to reduce the league schedule. This would allow teams more freedom with their non-league schedules. President Sticha presented several possible formats. After quite a bit of discussion, it was motioned by Union Hill and seconded by St. Patrick to reduce the league schedule. Motion failed 3-9 with Elko abstaining.
- Next topic was the 2017 league schedule. Season will start on April 23 and end on July 23. Playoffs will begin July 25. Motion Prior Lake and second by Webster to accept. Passed 13-0. Motion Prior Lake and second by Veseli to again have one division for standings. Passed 13-0.
- Schedule requests should be submitted to President Sticha by the end of December. He will try to have the preliminary schedule done by early January.
- The next scheduled meeting of the DRS will be January 12. Final details to be decided.

With no further new business being presented, a call for adjournment was made. Motion Webster and second by Union Hill to adjourn. 13-0, Meeting adjourned.

DRS Secretary,

Sean O'Neill

11/18/2016