

DRS League Meeting Minutes
Monday December 28, 2010
Brewster's Bar & Grill – Veseli, MN

Meeting called to order by President, Jerry Walerius. Roll call showed all teams present. Also in attendance were Chad Eischens of the NW Umpires, Charlie Lechtenberg & his co-manager of the Faribault Lakers and George Maxa of the New Prague Times.

The first order of business was a report by Chad Eischens. He explained the new web site that will be used by the umpire association, www.arbitersports.com. This site will be used for umpire scheduling and will allow teams to see who is umpiring their upcoming games. Each team is requested to submit the names and contact information of two (2) contacts for their team for the upcoming season and submit to Jeff Schmit. This form and information on the arbitersports.com web site was handed out at the meeting. Submission of this form is required by 3/15/2010. Chad reviewed the umpire rates for the upcoming season, noting that there is a small increase per game. A rate sheet was distributed. Lastly he stated that the umpire association prefers that each league has its' own policy formed for dealing with the ejections and suspensions of players in their league.

NOTE: Please submit a copy of the aforementioned contact form to Sean O'Neill as well. I will use this information to create a league contact sheet and distribute to all teams so we can easily reach one another throughout the season.

Chris Hertaus submitted the treasurer's report. The report showed the league is in excellent financial shape. The balance stands at \$3,749.39 with only some minor expenses forthcoming.

Posters with the league schedule were discussed. Advertising rates will remain the same for 2010 (\$15 or \$30). Each team is asked to help contact sponsors for the league schedule with businesses they know or that are in their area. Ads for the DRS league schedule poster are due by March 20th.

Next up was old business. The ejection of two players during the playoffs last year was brought up. Prior Lake stated that they were addressing it seriously and in-house. They are suspending one player for 3 games and the other for 1 game. After much discussion, it was voted to leave the DRS league wide ejection policy as is.

New business was then introduced. League officers were then elected for 2010. Jerry Walerius-President, Chris Hertaus-Treasurer and Sean O'Neill-Secretary were all unopposed and re-elected on a 12-0 vote.

Faribault and their co-managers appealed to the league for admission as a 13th member. This would give the DRS 12 "C" teams and balance our three divisions as well as conform to the MBA guidelines for the number of teams advancing to regional play. The

pros and cons were discussed and by a 12-0 vote, Faribault was admitted to the league and per league by-laws, Faribault is on a one-year probationary period. Welcome to the Lakers.

Divisions were aligned based on last year's standings and will be as follows.

Red: St. Patrick, New Prague, Veseli, Faribault and Elko

White: Union Hill, St. Benedict, New Market and Shakopee

Blue: Lonsdale, Prior Lake, Montgomery and Webster

League members voted that a 23 game league schedule would be played (12 games for Elko). Each team will play each other twice, home and away, while Elko will play each team once. Sites for the Elko games with each team will be reversed from last year's schedule.

The DRS season will begin on Sunday April 25th and conclude on Sunday July 25th.

Vice Presidents for each division were chosen. Wade Olson will represent the White Division, but the other divisions have not been confirmed as of this writing.

Schedule requests by league teams should be submitted by January 18th. After that date the schedule will be made.

It was voted to again use Diamond baseballs for the 2010 season. They are \$47 per dozen new. Teams place their orders with Jerry Walerius and will be billed.

League dues for the 2010 season will be waived per a 10-2 vote of league members. It was noted that because of the health of the finances that it would be good to give teams a break this year.

Admission for league games will remain at \$3 for adults and \$1 for students by a 10-2 vote.

The annual DRS/RVL All-Star Game is slated for Friday July 9th. The tentative host site is Belle Plaine.

It was noted that the DRS has only one representative in the MBA Hall of Fame. All agreed that our league's rich tradition is sorely underrepresented. A push to elect an area baseball person in 2010 will be undertaken. Support from all league teams will be needed to accomplish this. Bring your ideas to the April league meeting.

The next meeting of the DRS will be held in April prior to the beginning of the 2010 season. Look for more details on this meeting in the near future from Jerry Walerius.

Sean O'Neill
DRS Secretary
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