

DRS League Meeting Minutes

December 29, 2011 – Brewster's Bar & Grill in Veseli

Roll call taken and all teams were represented. George Maxa, Joe Chapman and Don Dvorak also were in attendance.

KCHK Radio was represented by Kristin Guerrette and Kyle Zander. They expressed their interest in broadcasting league games this year. An open discussion was held on what the station can offer in terms of on-air and web site coverage. They need to come up with sponsors for the games and the league would work with them in finding leads. We will continue to work with KCHK to put games on the air for 2012. www.kchkradio.net

Next was the Treasurer's Report. Funds are running a bit lower since we have not collected league dues for several years. We need teams to pay their bill for baseballs in 2012 promptly to keep cash flow healthy. **MANAGERS – PLEASE BRING CHECKS TO THE NEXT MEETING FOR YOUR BASEBALL ORDERS.** Chris Hertaus will get everyone a copy of their invoice in plenty of time for the next meeting. Balance in the checkbook at the meeting was \$1,838.73 with outstanding bills for \$415.00.

Old business – there was no old business discussed.

Election of league officers was next. Jerry Walerius was nominated by Sandmann and seconded by Hertaus. He was re-elected unopposed. Sean O'Neill was nominated by Walerius and seconded by Hertaus. He was re-elected unopposed. Chris Hertaus was nominated by Plambeck and seconded by Faue. He was re-elected unopposed. They will all carry one year terms.

Next up was a discussion on the new MBA format for the Class B & C tournaments. After much discussion with mainly views against the new format, it was decided to not make a formal plea to the MBA. If anyone wishes to discuss this with the MBA, their next meeting is January 8th in Bloomington. Consult www.minnesotabaseball.org for more information.

Next was a discussion on divisional alignment for 2012 with consideration that the DRS will make-up their own regions for Class C playoffs. After much discussion, it was decided to remain as a three division league. Here is the breakdown of divisions for 2012.

RED: St. Patrick, Union Hill, Prior Lake, Webster and Elko (VP – Greg Faue, PL)

WHITE: Lonsdale, St. Benedict, Faribault and Veseli (VP – Chris Hertaus, Veseli)

BLUE: New Prague, New Market, Montgomery and Shakopee (VP - Jerry Plambeck, NP)

The league will maintain a schedule of home and away games against all Class C teams and each team will play Elko once for a total of 23 league games. Elko will play 12 DRS games for the year.

The season will begin on Sunday April 29th and end on Sunday July 22nd. Please have your schedule requests in to Jerry Walerius by January 15th and he will try to have the preliminary schedule returned by February 1st.

It was decided to continue to use Diamond baseballs from Nickelson Athletics. Game balls are \$50/dozen and practice balls are \$35/dozen. St Patrick ordered 16 & (2), Londale 18, New Prague 20, Elko 16, New Market 18, St. Benedict 18, Union Hill 12, Prior Lake 17, Faribault 5, Montgomery 12, Shakopee 10, Veseli 10 and Webster 15.

The All-Star game will be held July 5th at Prior Lake. The Class B Prior Lake Jays are the official hosts.

League dues were voted to be reinstated for 2012. Plambeck motioned and Gregor seconded. League dues will remain at \$50 per team.

Admission to league games will remain unchanged. \$3 per adult and \$1 per student.

The DRS will continue to use NW Umpires for 2012-13.

League schedule posters will be ordered again for this year. We will cut down on the number ordered to save on costs. Most felt that people consulted web sites for schedules much more now and it was only important to have them posted at our sponsors and the local ballparks.

If you have any changes to your team contact information, please forward to Sean O'Neill as soon as it is available. sixdawg@comcast.net. Each team should have at least two contacts for the year. A cell phone number and e-mail is a must.

In addition to the next MBA meeting on January 8th, there is the annual SportsExpo held at the Thunderbird Hotel in Bloomington.

The next meeting of the DRS league will take place on Tuesday April 3rd at Brewsters's in Veseli at 7pm.

Sean O'Neill

DRS Secretary