

DRS Spring Meeting – Doublewide in NM – 4/21/15

Roll Call taken at 7:03pm – All members present.

It was motioned by Webster and seconded by New Prague to approve minutes from December 30, 2014 meeting. The minutes were approved by 13-0 vote.

Treasurer's Report from Chris Hertaus. Checkbook showed a \$2,386.67 past balance. Since then receivables came in at \$14,826.67. After various bills and salaries of \$12,787.99 are deducted, the checkbook balance is \$2,038.67 as of April 21, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

A new Ejection Policy proposal was submitted by Terry Fredrickson and Mark Worm for manager's review. The policy was heavily based on the RVL policy. There was quite a bit of discussion with various suggestions and amendments tossed around. Amendments to the new policy were put in place. A final updated document will be sent out to all managers for a final approval via e-mail.

The DRS By-Laws were updated with new officer salaries and official wording on what game time starts mean in relation to forfeits. It was noted that this document is disjointed and confusing in its' current layout. The overall by-laws document will be "cleaned up" by Mike Sticha and Sean O'Neill and sent out for approval.

President Sticha reviewed and stressed the procedures managers need to abide by in maintaining their Website/ScoreMonster/Roster Pages on the MBA site. A thorough review and reminders were given to all present.

A reminder regarding KCHK and the New Prague Times for managers to submit info and game summaries on a timely basis was given. Chuck Kajer of the NP Times appeared and requested info by Sunday evening in order for him to publish in the next issue. The NP Times will publish a DRS preview in the NP Times in their next issue. Thanks to all managers who submitted their information.

NEW BUSINESS

The Poster Ads were available for pickup tonight. All are encouraged to distribute them especially to our sponsors.

The MBA announced that for playoffs and regions that the DRS will comprise its' own region again. Region 3C will send four (4) teams to the state tournament this August. As of today proposal #3 for the region playoff format is the most popular. However it has not been finalized and Region Commissioner, Jerry Walerius, is still working on this. He will continue to take input from the managers and finalize with President Sticha.

The 2015 MBA Handbook was distributed and reviewed for new rules and changes from 2014. A handout was given to all attendees to highlight these changes. One of the biggest changes to note is

regarding the MBA adoption of the MSHSL's new rule on the use of the DH in a lineup. This is a three year test for the MSHSL. MBA will use, but it is not mandatory to utilize in its' new format.

Next meeting for the DRS will be on June 29th. Final location and time of the meeting is to be determined. Major topics will be the All-Star game in Montgomery and region and post-season discussion.

It was queried of the managers if there was an appetite for a Fall meeting to be added to our schedule. It was suggested that it will cut down on the length of the January meeting and lay the groundwork for topics for January's meeting. All agreed that a late October or early November meeting after the fall MBA meeting would be best. It will be good to review the 20145 season while still fresh in everyone's mind. This will be implemented.

The topic of the MBA Hall of Fame was brought up. It was noted that the DRS is underrepresented in the Hall. The last induction of Don Giesen, Union Hill was a good experience and there are many worthy candidates from our league. George Maxa was nominated by the league Secretary, Sean O'Neill, as a person to promote this year as a league. Sean will champion for 2015. In the future, it was suggested that nominees be brought forth to the group with a biography for all to consider. A final nominee will be selected and the DRS will help to get elected to the HOF.

Ballpark GPS coordinates are on record for all DRS teams. These are to be used to clarify the address radius for player signings. These were documented in 2009. If a team wishes to review and resubmit to the league officers, they may do so.

Drone photography of league ballparks is being offered by Brent Sticha. He has done this already for a couple of teams. If interested, contact Mike Sticha for his contact information.

At St. Benedict's park, it was noted that no one is allowed into the neighbor's yard down the 3rd base line. There is a new occupant with large dogs and they request no trespassing. Please abide by this. Period.

A final reminder was given to managers to communicate professionally and well with your umpires and let the DRS Officers know of any issues that arise. Work with them to have good game experiences.

All player releases and contracts can be submitted electronically to Mike Sticha. Note to managers: do not play the player until a return notification of receipt is given by Mike stating they are OK to play.

After a final call for topics, Union Hill motioned to adjourn the meeting. Montgomery seconded the motion and it passed 13-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.