

DRS League Meeting
November 5, 2018 7 pm Doublewide Bar
421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Roll Call/Call to Order

All league members and officers present. Meeting called to order at 7:05pm by President Sticha.

Secretary's Report

1. Last Meeting's Minutes

Shako motioned to approve Secretary's Report of the last DRS meeting minutes. Second by Faribault. Passed 13-0.

Treasurer's Report

1. Financial update

Current checkbook balance is \$3,133.19. Outstanding bills of \$1,893. Balance of \$1,240.19 going into 2019 season. That will cover our start-up expenses. Motion Webster to approve. Second by Shakopee. Approved 13-0.

Old Business

1. 2018 Season/Playoff/Region 3C feedback

- A. Discussion on seeding in the region play and higher seed teams having to play on the road as the region bracket play advances. Are the higher seeded teams getting a fair shake on having to go on the road even though they are a higher seed. Should that be changed? This led to talk of different region format and host sites.
- B. Talk on umpire quality overall – especially play-off time. Didn't advance in much detail.

New Business

1. MBA Annual Meeting updates

a. Classification criteria/points

MBA has set point number at 49 in their criteria. Initially New Market and Faribault have hit that point threshold. Discussion on the "fairness" of this system and how points are assigned. President Sticha explained some of the background, theory and thought process of the MBA. Much discussion on this topic – many opinions expressed.

b. New Market and Faribault

President Sticha asked the League to think about scenarios we'd face as a league, should NM or Faribo get moved up to Class B. A lot to play out between now and 2019 season.

c. Other

An MBA region had a team forfeit a game in 2018. It was viewed as manipulating the schedule. MBA encouraging all regions to have a "Forfeit Rule" in place to deal with such a scenario.

2. 2019 League set-up (Teams, Division(s), etc.)

Ideas presented on how to do this in terms of set-up, games played, etc. Consensus was to leave our current format and set-up. If a team were to get moved up a class, it was suggested that all teams would only play that team once. Similar to Elko's current situation.

Motion Webster, second by New Prague; to go with 23 game schedule, as we have done in the past. If a team or team is moved to Class B, we would then alter the schedule to where each Class C team would only play those teams once. Passed 11-2.

3. 2019 season start/end dates

Due to when Easter falls, we will be limited to a 12 week season to play all regular season games. Season start date is April 28. Season end date is July 21. Play-offs will begin on July 23. Motion St. Patrick and second by Prior Lake to approve dates. Approved 13-0. Teams should get all game and date requests in to President Sticha by December 1st.

4. 2019 All-Star game

Lengthy and deep discussion on whether to continue the All-Star game with the RVL. Motion Webster and second Veseli to not play the game in 2019 due to condensed league schedule. Approved 13-0. Members are open to possibly continuing the game in future years.

5. Region 3C – Recommend new Commissioner to replace Jerry Walerius (resigned)

Nominees were Sean O'Neill and Greg Faue. DRS suggested that Sean O'Neill fill the role. He will be recommended to the MBA to take the position by President Sticha.

6. Exploratory – NW umpire evaluation form - pilot

President Sticha has sent his proposal on this to the 13 current DRS league managers. It would need to be signed off on by the DRS and NW Umpires. The purpose is to help give legitimate and honest feedback to both parties on umpiring and interaction between parties. The goal is to improve everyone's game with specific, constructive feedback. It would require steady and level participation throughout the season. Overall acceptance by the group. President Sticha will talk with NW Umpires to confirm their buy in and report back to DRS.

7. Any other New Business items?

None brought up.

Next meeting: early January

Official time and date will be sent out by President Sticha.

Adjournment

Motion Union Hill. Second Montgomery to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm.