

DRS League Meeting
April 19, 2017 7 pm Doublewide Bar
Meeting Minutes
421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm with all teams present

Secretary's Report

1. Accept last Meeting's Minutes

Motion Webster to accept last meeting's Minutes, 2nd by New Prague. Passed 13-0.

Treasurer's Report

- 1. Financial update**
- 2. Baseball orders, League dues, Poster Ad fees**
- 3. Poster Ad distribution**

\$824 was in Checking after last meeting, before any income from Posters, etc. Treasurer Chris Hertaus reports we should be at \$2,900 going into the season to pay for officers, etc. Chris will follow up on any outstanding Poster payments. Motion Shakopee to accept the Treasurer's Report. 2nd by Union Hill. Passed 13-0.

Old Business

1. Website/ScoreMonster

- a. Ensure schedule is updated, scores entered, Roster pages kept current
- b. Expanded League Standings tabulated manually

Mike discussed administrative needs of each team this spring/summer: updates schedule and scores in ScoreMonster. No changes from the past.

2. Reminder: KCHK Radio broadcasts and NP Times game summaries (winning team)

Ensure winning team provides updates to Chuck Kajer at the New Prague Times by Monday noon each week for the week previous games.

3. 2017 Playoff/Region discussion (assuming 4 Region Teams to State Tournament)

- a. President Sticha & Region Com. Jerry Walerius will choose '17 Region format at Region 3C meeting

Lots of discussion took place on the Region 3C format. Most Managers agreed they liked the format from last year. Mike asked whether Managers liked having the Home team flip/flop if the lower seed has had fewer home games. Generally, this is seen as a positive, as it allows more teams to host and provides opportunities for concession income. Discussion also took place regarding the need to deviate from the Bracket (game day/time) if an unforeseen issue occurs. Managers felt the League President and Region Commissioner should stick to the Bracket as

outlined as much as possible, but can amend the Bracket as they see fit when absolutely needed, per their discretion. Also of note, New Prague's field will be undergoing a renovation after July 4th and will not be available to the Orioles or any other local team to use after that date. This could affect Region 3C park availability. League President Sticha and Region 3C Commissioner Valerius will meet soon to discuss and outline this year's Region format and timing.

4. RVL/DRS All-Star Game

- a. Recommend: discuss '17 Roster formation and choose Managers at June 29th Meeting

League will form the All Star Roster at June meeting. New Market reports they are on track with their plans for hosting the All Star game. The Home Run Derby will potentially be a timed Derby per hitter, maybe 90 seconds of 2 minutes per hitter.

New Business

1. 2017 MBA Handbook – new rules/updates

Mike outlined the 2017 rule changes/updates and provided a handout with each. Key rules: Pro slide will now be in effect at all bases. Players playing wood bat, college or summer leagues will also be allowed to play with their MBA team, but must play in 4 League games to qualify for the post season. However, if the player has a history with the team, he does not need to satisfy the 4 League game rule.

2. Next meeting – Thursday, June 29th (don't schedule games on this date – or send a team Rep)

- a. Roster Meeting – sign /confirm each team's Roster that night
- b. All Roster transactions complete by that night (MBA deadline is June 30)

To ensure all DRS Rosters are complete and verified at the June 29th meeting, New Market motioned that all DRS League player transactions must be complete by the June 29th meeting, one day ahead of the MBA June 30th rule: motion New Market, 2nd Prior Lake. Motion passes 13-0.

3. Mike Sticha – new NW Umpire BOD & Amateur Liaison (replacing Chad Eischens)

League President Mike Sticha explained he has been asked to join Northwest Umpires Board of Directors, effective this September. He's been an active member of Northwest for 10 seasons. He would assume the Amateur Liaison position currently held by Chad Eischens, and Chad would become President of Northwest Umpires. Mike wanted to ensure no one from the League had any issues with this, as it could be seen as a potential conflict of interest, as the DRS League Contracts with NW Umpires. Mike would have voting power within NW Umpires, but within the DRS League, only Managers vote on umpire contracts, with the President only breaking ties. The Vice President would assume tie-breaking duties going forward with umpire contracts. Mike offered to leave the room for the Managers to discuss, but no one had issues with the arrangement.

4. Any other New Business items?

Wade Olsen of St. Benedict discussed the fact New Prague's field will not be available during Region play. This means New Prague may have to find another field to play on during Regions, and their ballpark won't be available to teams without lights, thus further limiting the ballparks in the DRS League available during Regions. In the past, the Region has asked all Region 3C games be played on DRS fields. St. Benedict would like to potentially take Region night games to Jordan, as they feel they could bring more fans there, thus increasing Region revenue shares. St. Benedict made a motion to recommend removing the dictation that Region 3C games should occur only at DRS League ballparks. New Prague 2nd. Motion passes 13-0.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned 8:12 pm.

Meeting Minutes compiled by Mike Sticha