

11/19/11 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD HOLIDAY INN, ST. CLOUD SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 11 a.m.

Motion Brennan, seconded Rademacher, carried, to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as mailed.

There were 24 dedicated baseball supporters in attendance.

First order of business was reclassification. Director Roufs explained to the assembly that the board held a workshop on Friday spending nearly four hours discussing some criteria to use for classifying teams. Each board member had a chance to express his view points, which brought out some good. A moratorium for 2012 was even suggested, but the board agreed that would not solve the problem. It was then decided following guidelines be used as criteria for team classification: city population, team record, high school enrollment, college community, team success, how fast a team can gain stability from a down year. It was the consensus of the board that for the 2012 season we start with teams around the metro area and a few teams from out-state that meet these criteria.

Teams that were reclassified: Big Lake, Anoka, Isanti, Forest Lake, St. Francis, Champlin, Elk River, Albertville, Rogers, Granite City Grey's, St. Cloud Snappers. Motion Barry, seconded Hartmann, carried, to reclassify these 11 teams to Class B for the 2012 season. It is the board's intention to monitor teams throughout the year, should they meet this criterion they would also qualify for reclassification.

The board received letters from the following teams requesting to be reclassified to Class C.

- Blaine: Representative Jamie Heipel - Had no response. Motion Barry, seconded Rademacher, carried to deny.
- St. Michael: No one present. Motion Hartmann, seconded Forsman, carried, to deny.
- East Bethel: Representative Dallas Jelmsberg - stated they can't compete in Class B, have never made it out of section. Motion Roufs, seconded Barry, carried to deny.
- Dundas: Representative Bill Nelson - stated all players are within their area. Would like to play Class C. Motion Hartmann, seconded Kreger, carried, to deny.
- Austin: Had supposedly sent a letter. No letter or representative showed up.
- New Ulm Brewers - Jim Bastian represented. Bastian came before the board requesting the Brewers be reclassified to Class C. He told the board they met with the Tomahawk League and were told, with MBA board approval, they would be accepted back into the league. Motion Roufs, seconded Zellmann, carried, to reclassify the New Ulm Brewers to Class C.

A motion Rademacher, seconded Kreger, carried, to approve the new format to the Class C State Tournament for 2012 by adding 16 teams for a total field of 48. The additional teams will be rewarded to leagues or regions that have held a steady or above average attendance over the past 10 years. Following is a breakdown on what each region will send. (#1 - 2), (#2 - 4), (#3 - 4), (#4 - 3), (#5 - 2), (#6 - 3), (#7 - 4), (#8 - 4), (#9 - 2), (#10 - 2), (#11 - 3), (#12 - 4), (#13 - 3), (#14 - 2), (#15 - 4), (#16 - 2). This will be a single-elimination tournament.

Letter was read from the Crow River League and duly noted.

Motion Forsman, seconded Barry, carried, to approve the Hi-10 league playoff format for the 2012 season.

Andy Auger, chairman of the St. Cloud Tournament Committee, reported that everything is taking place. They would like to know the tournament format as soon as possible, in case there may be a conflict with the Riverbats. They hope they will not need a third site.

Dan Plein reported the super sections went over quite well. They might need some adjusting, but everyone seemed satisfied. The board informed Plein that the board was going to control the super sections in 2012. However, the board will always be open for suggestions.

Director Hartmann, chairman of our MBA web site has been working with Steve Loos, trying to get more teams involved using our MBA web site. Some of the advantages are displaying your roster, league schedule, team batting averages, game scores or any player or team statistics. Teams can still keep their own web site. Loos will be at our next MBA meeting on January 7, 2012, at the Ramada Inn, Mall of America (9 a.m. - 11 p.m.; 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.). He will help teams get set up.

Hartmann also stated he is very disappointed in our present web site with the lack of news stories being reported. He said applications for a web site news reporter will be called for in March. All applicants are eligible.

Motion Forsman, seconded Brennan, carried, to adopt the 2012 state tournament format. The first weekend will start on Friday-Sunday, with 16 games. These will be all C teams a bye in the first round. Second weekend will start on Thursday with B and C teams playing. Third weekend will start on Friday and end on Labor Day. Class C and Class B Championship games will be played at the same park.

The MBA handbook was reviewed with changes being made.

President Richter set board committees for 2012.

Motion Barry, seconded Hartmann, carried, to approve the Class B section alignment for the 2012 season.

- Section 1: Meisville, Dundas, Red Wing, Hastings, Elko
- Section 2: Big Lake, Anoka, Isanti, Forest Lake, St. Francis, Champlin
- Section 3: Shakopee Indians, Chaska, Victoria, Prior Lake Jays
- Section 4: Savage, Rosemount, Austin Greyhounds, Rochester Royals
- Section 5: Burnsville, Lakeville, Eagan, Mankato Twins
- Section 6: Bemidji, Duluth, Hibbing, Grand Rapids, Nashwauk, Moorhead Brewers
- Section 7: Cold Spring Springers, Sauk Rapids Cyclones, Brainerd Bees, Marshall, Granite City Greys, St. Cloud Snappers
- Section 8: St. Michael, Coon Rapids, East Bethel, Blaine, Elk River, Albertville, Rogers

The board wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Next meeting of the MBA will be January 7, 2012, at the Ramada Inn, Mall of America, at 9 a.m. Steve Loos will be there 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to get you set up on the MBA web site. General Sports is having a Sports Expo right next to our meeting. Everyone is invited.

There being no further business, motion Kreger, seconded Brennan, carried, to adjourn. Adjournment coming at 3 p.m.

Bob Zellamann
Secretary Treasure
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