

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
MEYERS BAR, SLEEPY EYE
Sunday, January 25, 2015

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, January 25, 2015 at Meyers Bar in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except Springfield.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of June 24, 2014 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton to accept the minutes of June 24, 2014. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$232.49 as of December 31, 2014 was reported. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Steve Kloeckl of Searles to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron Seidl then thanked his fellow league officers, umpires and the teams of the Tomahawk East for a good 2014 season. He also thanked Searles for a great atmosphere for the 2014 All Star Game and congratulated the New Ulm Brewers for a 2nd Place finish in the 2014 State Class C Tournament.

Craig Hanson then spoke on behalf of KNUJ radio whereby KNUJ is again interested in broadcasting five games on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the regular season with the goal of promoting amateur baseball. Craig was confident there would be even more prizes this year and more promotion of amateur baseball. He felt things again went very well in 2014 and hopes the relationship between KNUJ and the league can continue to grow. Craig said KNUJ is asking for \$130 from each of the five host organizations and \$25 from the teams not hosting radio games in 2015 (Lamberton does not participate based on geography). This is an increase of \$5 per team hosting a radio game from 2014. The five teams hosting radio games in 2015 will be Courtland, New Ulm, Searles, St. James and Stark. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Wade Werner of Gibbon that the Tomahawk East League partner with KNUJ to broadcast at least five games on the radio plus the All Star Game for 2015 and 2016.

Three teams then made presentations in the hopes of gaining entry into the Tomahawk East League for 2015. These teams were Courtland (represented by Corey Schultz and Dusty Plaisance), New Ulm Kaiserhoff (represented by Bob Skillings and Tim Reinke) and the Milroy Irish (represented by Bob Dolan). After the League heard each team's presentation, that team was asked to go to the City Limits Bar and Grill so the League could discuss their fates. After significant discussion, the League decided to take two separate paper ballot votes. The first vote was to ask each of the 10 teams in attendance how many teams they wanted to add to the league if any. The second vote was to rank each of the three teams making a presentation in the order of their preference. After tabulating the results of the first vote, it came back 1 vote to add zero teams in 2015, 7 votes to add one team in 2015 and one vote to add all three teams. As a result of this first vote, one of the three teams making presentation will be added to the Tomahawk East League to make it a 12-team league again. The second vote was then tabulated with teams ranked 1 through 3 on each of the 10 teams' ballots. 1 point will be given for first choice, 2 points for second choice and 3 points for third choice with the lowest overall score being admitted into the Tomahawk East League in 2015. The results of this second vote were 16 points for Courtland, 18 points for New Ulm Kaiserhoff and 26 points for the Milroy Irish. As a result, Courtland was admitted to the Tomahawk East League for 2015 and placed on probation for two years.

A motion was made by Steve Kloeckl of Searles, 2nd by Kyle Helget of Essig to set league dues at \$50 for permanent members and \$70 for probationary teams for 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Steve Kloeckl of Searles, 2nd by Joe Hager of St. James to keep 2015 admission prices at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students aged 17 and under which is what they were last year. It is assumed children under the age of 6 or so who are not in school would be free. Motion carried.

Spouse passes for 2015 were approved with a motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Chris Koob of Hanska. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by Andy Cook of Leavenworth for teams to use flat-seamed baseballs and use either Diamond D-1 Pro LS or Rawlings OLB baseballs (which will be used in the 2015 State Tournament) for the 2015 season. Teams that have a stock of baseballs with higher seams will be allowed to use those baseballs until June 1, 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to begin the 2015 season on Sunday, May 10, 2015, and end on Sunday July 26, 2015. Motion carried. Teams who wish to start their seasons before May 10th may still do so however. Also of note, the league is allowing a reschedule date of Monday, July 27, 2015 or Tuesday, July 28, 2015 as a make-up date for games postponed on Sunday, July 26, 2015 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Monday, July 27, 2015.

By general consensus, it was agreed to pay the MBA \$75 for an ad in their 2015 handbook.

Myron asked the team representatives if they knew of any new advertisers for either the poster or pocket schedules. By general consensus, it was agreed that poster schedule ads will remain at \$70 and pocket schedule ads will remain at \$60 for 2015.

The 2015 All Star Game was briefly discussed with a few different ideas as to when to have the game. No more discussion ensued, however. Essig expressed interest in hosting the game in 2015.

Tony Stadtherr of Gibbon then made a motion, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to have each team come up with a \$25 sponsor for the Tomahawk East League web site. Motion carried.

After nominations for President, Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye made a motion, 2nd by Tony Stadtherr of Gibbon to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Myron Seidl for President. Motion carried. Myron Seidl is President for 2015.

After nominations for Vice President, Kyle Helget of Essig made a motion, 2nd by Wade Werner of Gibbon to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ralph Zwaschka for Vice President. Motion carried. Ralph Zwaschka is Vice President for 2015.

After nominations for Secretary-Treasurer, Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye made a motion, 2nd by Joe Hager of St. James to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Helget for Secretary-Treasurer and to increase his salary for 2015 to \$250. Motion carried. Terry Helget is Secretary-Treasurer for 2015.

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was not set. Early to mid-March at a site TBD is most likely.

Motion by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer