

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY CENTER
Sunday, January 26, 2020

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 3:10 p.m. on Sunday, January 26, 2020 at the Community Center in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except St. James.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of June 24, 2019 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to accept the minutes of June 24, 2019. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$546.09 as of December 31, 2019 was reported. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron then gave a quick review of 2019 making special note of how well the KNUJ games and the All Star Game went as well as congratulating New Ulm, Stark and Sleepy Eye for representing the league in the State Tournament.

Bob Skillings of the New Ulm Baseball Association gave a short presentation in the hopes of having the Tomahawk East League buy an ad in the State Tournament booklet for 2020 which New Ulm will be hosting along with Springfield. This item was tabled until the scheduling meeting in February.

Discussion ensued that since St. James was absent from this meeting and hasn't mentioned to Myron their intention to remain in the League, a motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to have Fairfax replace St. James as the 12th team in the Tomahawk East League. Motion carried unanimously. As a result, Fairfax will be placed on probation for two years as is customary for new teams joining the league.

A motion was then made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2nd by Al Flor of New Ulm to have all 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League be in one division for 2020.

A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to set league dues at \$60 for regular members and \$80 for probationary teams in 2020. Motion carried.

It was then proposed each team of the Tomahawk East League again pay \$50 towards the South Central Umpires Association like they have the past few years to make it so the individual umpires won't have to pay game fees to SCUA in the hopes of encouraging more people to umpire. By general consensus, this will be an annual fee to the teams without a motion being made each year.

Craig Hanson sent an email on behalf of KNUJ radio whereby KNUJ is again interested in broadcasting six games on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the regular season with the goal of promoting amateur baseball. Craig said there would be plenty of prizes again this year and more promotion of amateur baseball. He felt things went very well again in 2019 and hopes the relationship between KNUJ and the league can continue to grow. Craig said KNUJ is asking for a total of \$950 from the league this year. The League decided to collect \$135 from each of the six host organizations and \$35 from the five teams not hosting radio games in 2020 (Lamberton does not participate based on geography). The six teams to host radio games in 2020 will be Gibbon, Hanska, Leavenworth, Sleepy Eye, Springfield and Fairfax. A motion was made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to approve this arrangement for 2020. Motion carried.

By general consensus, it was agreed to have each team come up with a \$25 sponsor for the Tomahawk East League web site each year along with approval for the League to pay the MBA \$75 per year for an ad in the MBA Handbook. No motion will be needed for these charges in the future. They will be automatic.

Instead of making an official motion regarding maximum admission prices that could be charged by teams as has been done in the past, President Seidl stated admission fees (if any) would be at each team's discretion since most teams no longer charge admission anyway.

A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges that each team can get their baseballs wherever they wish as long as they are either Diamond D-1 Pro LS or Rawlings OLB low seam baseballs. Motion carried.

The Corn Belt/Tomahawk East ASG will be played on Friday, July 10, at 7:30 p.m. in New Ulm of the Tomahawk East League.

Myron informed the team representatives that no new advertisers for either the poster or pocket schedules are needed, but to let him know if any new sponsor is interested. By general consensus, poster schedule ads will remain at \$70 and pocket schedule ads will remain at \$60 for 2020.

By general consensus, it was decided to begin the 2020 season on Sunday, May 3, and end on Sunday, July 26. Teams who wish to start their seasons before May 3rd may still do so, however. Also of note, the league is again allowing a reschedule date of Monday, July 27, or Tuesday, July 28 as a make-up date for games postponed on Sunday, July 26 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Monday, July 26, 2020.

Significant discussion ensued on the prospect of changing to a 12-team region format in 2020. This idea was presented by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton. This idea was tabled until the scheduling meeting pending more discussion within the league and with Bryce Pack, Region 2C Commissioner.

After the required number of nomination solicitations were made, a motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the current slate of league officers in 2020. Motion carried.

As a result of this motion:

Myron Seidl is President for 2020.

Marty Brandl is Vice President for 2020.

Terry Helget is Secretary-Treasurer for 2020.

NOTE: Terry Helget indicated that 2020 will be his last year as Secretary-Treasurer. Marty Brandl has agreed to take over this role in 2021.

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was tentatively set for Sunday, February 16, 2020, at 4:00 p.m. at the Sleepy Eye Community Center. Pizza will be served at the end of the meeting.

A motion was made by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer