

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE
Sunday, January 29, 2012

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 2:10 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2012 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except Leavenworth.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East special meeting of November 3, 2011 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. Motion by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska, 2nd by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark to accept the minutes of November 3, 2011. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$195.03 as of December 31, 2011 was reported. Motion by Gary Menssen of St. James, 2nd by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron Seidl then reviewed some of the highlights from the most recent MBA board minutes. Most notably, the MBA has decided to expand the Class C State Tournament to 48 teams in 2012. As of now, Region 2C will be granted an additional two teams to the 2012 State Tournament for a total of four teams.

Al Flor spoke on behalf of the New Ulm Baseball Association and asked if the Tomahawk East League would consider readmitting the New Ulm Brewers to the league. Al presented the proposed roster of the 19 players they submitted to the League in November, 2011, with two possible additional players added to the list. Those two additional players are Jace Marti and Jason Shaul who both played with the Class B New Ulm Kaiserhoff last year. After receiving New Ulm's new proposed roster, the League excused the New Ulm representatives to discuss the Brewers' situation. After a fair amount of discussion, a motion was made by Gary Menssen of St. James, 2nd by Frank Forstner of Searles to readmit the New Ulm Brewers to the Tomahawk East League and to place them on two years of probation. It was also stipulated the Brewers would not be able to add any players in 2012 whose last amateur baseball contract was with a Class B team to their list of 19 players from the November 3, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

At this point, the New Ulm representatives were asked back into the meeting and told of the League's decision.

A motion was made by Bob VanHee of Redwood Falls, 2nd by Wade Werner of Gibbon to set league dues at \$50 for permanent members and \$70 for probationary teams for 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Bob VanHee of Redwood Falls, 2nd by Ryan Weier of Essig to keep 2012 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 2012 were approved with a motion by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska, 2nd by Wade Werner of Gibbon. Motion carried.

Myron Seidl asked if there should be any changes to the Rules of the Tomahawk East League. With none being proposed, the League will leave the rules as they were in 2011. Of note, however, was some discussion on the effects forfeits have on the league and what might be the best way to curb them.

A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton for teams to continue to use either Diamond D-1 Pro, Wilson A1010, or Rawlings R100HS baseballs for the 2012 season. Motion carried. Note: the League decided against allowing Fitzgerald baseballs to be used in league play. Fitzgerald baseballs were used in the 2010 & 2011 State Amateur Tournaments.

Myron indicated he was hopeful South Central Umpires Association would again cover all league games with two umpires each game. Bruce Woitas of SCUA indicated the umpires have yet to meet for 2012 and could not give an indication as to what rates might be in 2012.

The League Directory was updated for 2012.

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

Discussion on an All Star Game in 2012 was tabled.

A motion was made by Ryan Weier of Essig, 2nd by Wade Werner of Gibbon to begin the 2012 season on Sunday, May 6, 2012, and end on Sunday July 22, 2012. Motion carried. Teams who wish to start their seasons before May 6th may still do so however.

League Secretary Terry Helget gave a brief talk on the rules involving contracts and releases.

Divisions set-up for 2012 was tabled because of the uncertainty surrounding the expansion of the state tournament field and what it might mean for regions. The league officers will talk to the MBA Board about possibilities regarding the region and what options might be available considering four teams instead of two will now qualify for the state tournament.

After nominations for President, Gary Menssen of St. James made a motion, 2nd by Bob VanHee of Redwood Falls to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Myron Seidl for President. Motion carried. Myron Seidl is President for 2012.

After nominations for Vice President, Bob VanHee of Redwood Falls made a motion, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ralph Zwaschka for Vice President. Motion carried. Ralph Zwaschka is Vice President for 2012.

After nominations for Secretary-Treasurer, Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton made a motion, 2nd by Wade Werner of Gibbon to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Helget for Secretary-Treasurer and that his salary for 2012 remain at \$200. Motion carried. Terry Helget is Secretary-Treasurer for 2012.

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was tentatively set for Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye at 7:00 p.m.

Motion by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark, 2nd by Gary Menssen of St. James to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer