

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY CENTER
Sunday, January 31, 2021

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 4:10 p.m. on Sunday, January 31, 2021 at the Community Center in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except Searles.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of June 29, 2020 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to accept the minutes of June 29, 2020. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$808.32 as of December 31, 2020 was reported. A motion was made by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton, 2nd by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron then gave a quick review of 2020 marking the challenges Covid-19 presented and gave Springfield a chance to comment on how hosting the 2020 State Amateur Tournament went. Steve Helget and Marty Brandl from Springfield both commented on how much work it was BUT how rewarding it was and that Springfield will be willing to host again in the future if the MBA ever offers another opportunity. Myron also commented that the regions were very well attended despite Covid restrictions and that there were great atmospheres everywhere he went to watch. Myron also thanked KNUJ for still broadcasting six radio games in 2020 and how he thinks we have a great partnership with KNUJ to promote amateur baseball.

Myron then asked Scott Black from Fairfax to comment on how their first year in the league went. Scott said it was nice to have significantly less travel and that he feels the Tomahawk East League is a great fit for them going forward. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton to allow Fairfax to remain in the league for their second probationary year in 2021 which has been the precedent for new teams—two-year probation. Motion carried.

A motion was then made by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton, 2nd by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to have all 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League be in one division for 2021. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to set league dues at \$60 for regular members and \$80 for probationary teams in 2021. Motion carried.

Teams of the Tomahawk East League were reminded to again pay \$50 towards the South Central Umpires Association 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 and come up with a \$25 TEL web site sponsor like they have the past few years. Al Flor gave a somber outlook on the umpiring situation saying that the number of available umpires seems to be way down. Al stated that is pretty much a guarantee there will be only one umpire for most games in 2021.

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 2020 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 \$30 from the five teams not hosting radio games in 2021 (Lambertton does not participate based on geography). The six teams to host radio games in 2021 will be Courtland, Essig, New Ulm, Searles, Stark and Fairfax (who won the drawing from last year's list of teams hosting radio games). By general consensus, this arrangement for 2021 was approved.

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 proposal to have the Corn Belt/Tomahawk East ASG on Friday, June 25, at a Tomahawk East site was tabled until the scheduling meeting.

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 2021.

After significant discussion on possible Covid issues, lack of umpires and quality of play issues, a motion was made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Ryan Panning of Gibbon to have a 16-game league schedule in 2021 instead of 22 games and to begin the season on Sunday, May 23 and end on Sunday, July 25. Motion carried. After this motion was approved, teams were broken into "pseudo" divisions of East and West. Teams will play each team in its "pseudo" division twice and the teams of the other "division" once. Teams in the "East" are Courtland, Essig, Gibbon, Hanska, New Ulm and Searles. Teams in the "West" are Fairfax, Lamberton, Leavenworth, Sleepy Eye, Springfield and Stark. Teams who wish to start their seasons before May 23rd may still do so, however. Also of note, the league is again allowing a reschedule date of Monday, July 26, or Tuesday, July 27 as a make-up date for games postponed on Sunday, July 25 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Monday, July 26, 2021.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for league officer positions were made knowing that Terry Helget was resigning his post as Secretary-Treasurer and that Marty Brandl was willing to move to this position, a motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the following slate of league officers in 2021. Motion carried.

As a result of this motion:

Myron Seidl is President for 2021.

Derrick Jenniges is Vice President for 2021.

Marty Brandl is Secretary-Treasurer for 2021 with a salary of \$300.

As a result of the change in the Secretary-Treasurer position, a motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to change the signature card of the Tomahawk East League checking account at Americana Bank in Sleepy Eye from Terry Helget to Marty Brandl.

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was tentatively set for Sunday, February 28, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. at the Sleepy Eye Community Center.

A motion was made by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer

P.S. Thanks for all the League's support during my 20 years serving as Secretary-Treasurer. It was a good run. ☺