

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY CENTER
Sunday, February 5, 2023

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 4:04 p.m. on Sunday, February 5, 2023 at the Community Center in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of July 25, 2022 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth, 2nd by Scott Black of Fairfax to accept the minutes of July 25, 2022. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. An ending balance of \$437.49 as of December 31, 2022 was reported. A motion was made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Al Flor of New Ulm to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron gave a quick review of 2022. He thanked everyone for minimal make-up games and officers for all their efforts. Myron also congratulated the State Tournament teams, including Stark's exciting finishes and New Ulm's narrow loss to the eventual state champs, Nisswa. He reviewed the Region 2C Tournament, hosted by Sleepy Eye and Fairfax, which was again a big success. The 2022 tournament had an even higher attendance of over 3,250 and game shares paid back to teams of \$194.58/game played (over \$35 more than any year in the last 15!).

With the success of the 2022 State Tournament the MBA Board will not be charging league or team dues in 2023. This is the second year the MBA has not charged. This will save the league \$340. By general consensus, league dues will remain at \$60 for regular members in 2023.

President Seidl reported that he had been in communication with KNUJ radio. They will again broadcast six games on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the regular season with the goal of promoting amateur baseball. KNUJ is asking for a total of \$1000 from the league. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2nd by Chase Meyer of Courtland to collect \$100 from each of the six host organizations only. The league will pay the remaining \$400 due to the healthy balance in the treasury. This completes the two year plan for 2022 and 2023 to only charge the host teams. Motion carried. (Lamberton does not participate based on geography). The six teams to host radio games in 2023 will be New Ulm, Stark, Essig, Courtland, Fairfax, and Searles.

Teams of the Tomahawk East League were reminded to again come up with a \$25 TEL web site sponsor.

A motion was made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to allow teams use up any high-seam baseballs they have remaining from last year and then to return to using flat-seamed baseballs: Wilson A1010Pro, Diamond D-1 Pro LS, or Rawlings FSOLB baseballs for the 2023 season. Motion carried

A motion was made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to pay Marty Brandl \$200 for maintaining the Tomahawk East League website: www.tomahawkeast.com and for the Secretary-Treasurer salary to remain at \$300 for 2023. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl briefly discussed team rosters, contracts, and releases. He stressed making sure paperwork is in order and asking if there are any questions. Marty will communicate any additional details coming from the MBA with teams prior to roster moves beginning on March 15, including sending out each team's updated roster spreadsheet for 2023.

Al Flor reported that the South Central Umpires Association had not met yet. Flor noted that the suspension rule had helped to clean-up some issues last year. He also asked for teams to understand the difference between having one umpire and two in their games. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of

Stark, 2nd by Ryan Panning of Gibbon to have each team pay \$200 to compensate for umpire scheduling. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl distributed sheets to all teams with the amounts owed for the 2023 season for league dues, KNUJ games, website ads, and umpire fees. Teams were also asked to verify and update their league directory information, website sponsor ad, caps, Twitter accounts and website addresses. Brandl will make necessary updates and distribute the league directory in addition to posting it on the league website.

The Tomahawk East League will host the 2023 All-Star Game against the Corn Belt League due to their exciting win in New Ulm in 2022. Searles will host the game on Saturday, July 15, 2022 at 5pm. The Tomahawk East All-Stars will be managed by Al Flor of New Ulm and Dusty Mangen of Stark. The managers were chosen due to New Ulm and Stark finishing first and second in the regular season in 2022. Before this year's game, teams will be asked to submit their top 3 players. Then Flor and Mangen will construct the All-Star roster with each team having at least one representative.

Teams have been working on the 16-game 2023 Tomahawk East League schedule. The season will begin on Sunday, May 14 and end on Friday, July 21. Also of note, the league is allowing a reschedule date of Sunday, July 23 for games postponed on Friday, July 21 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Friday, July 21, 2023. The setup of games will follow the same format as 2022 with the teams who only play each other once playing at the opposite site in 2023. It was also noted that Lambertton will not be able to play any games at their field in 2023 due to the construction of the new school. Teams were asked to wrap up their final edits to the schedule by 2/20/23 so the printed schedule can be as accurate as possible. Myron will get the schedule to the printers as he has done in the past. Marty will post the league schedule on ScoreMonster and the league website. Al Flor will use it to draw up the umpire schedule.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl distributed directions for getting setup and strongly encouraged teams to use iScore and the MBA website for scoring and statistics for their teams. Once setup, teams can import their games (including rosters), score the game, and export stats for distribution to media and tracking via ScoreMonster. When setting up the league schedule in ScoreMonster, Marty will set the "Scoring Engine" to "ScoreMonster" by default. As teams choose to use iScore, they will need to make that change in the setup of their games.

Myron informed the team representatives that no new advertisers for either the poster or pocket schedules are needed. By general consensus, poster schedule and pocket schedule ads will remain at \$50 for 2023.

New Region 2C Commissioner, Marty Brandl, shared the plan for the 2023 Region 2C Tournament and asked for input from the league. New Ulm and Springfield will serve as hosts for the 2023 tournament. The times for all tournament games are included in the losers' bracket and no changes will be made for host sites to play at a specific time. Another change is in the losers' bracket the team who has been the "home" team less in the tournament will be designated as "home". If both teams have been "home" the same number of times, then the high seed will be "home". Game #22 will be a "winner take all" game in which the undefeated team from the winners' bracket will take on the team coming out of the losers' bracket for the Region Championship. Brandl also shared written tournament rules and guidelines that will hopefully make clear how various decisions will be made as weather and other unforeseen situations arise. A motion was made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to accept the Region 2C bracket and rules for the 2023 tournament. Motion carried, unanimously.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for league officer positions were made, the following were the results of paper ballot votes for the positions of Vice President and President. Marty Brandl was unopposed for the Secretary-Treasurer position.

Vice President:

Dusty Mangen over Bruce Woitas, 8-4

President:

Myron Seidl over Al Flor, 6-6, 6-6, 6-6, 7-5

A motion was made by John Giefer of Courtland, 2nd by Dan Reinke of Searles to accept the election results and approve the following league officers in 2023. Motion carried.

2023 Tomahawk East League Officers:

Myron Seidl - President

Dusty Mangan - Vice President

Marty Brandl - Secretary-Treasurer with a salary of \$300

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was set for Monday, July 24, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Johnson Park in New Ulm.

A motion was made by Chris Koob of Hanska, 2nd by Dan Reinke of Searles to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer