

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY CENTER
Sunday, February 12, 2017

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 3:35 p.m. on Sunday, February 12, 2017 at the Community Center in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all 12 teams present.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of June 28, 2016 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark, 2nd by Doug Radloff of Essig to accept the minutes of June 28, 2016. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$350.53 as of December 31, 2016 was reported. A motion was made by Steve Kloeckl of Searles, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye 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 2016 season. He congratulated the Lamberton Long Sox, Springfield Tigers & Hanska Lakers for qualifying for the 2016 State Class C Tournament in Dassel and Hutchinson.

Craig Hanson then spoke on behalf of KNUJ radio whereby KNUJ is again interested in broadcasting five or six 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 still be plenty of prizes this year and more promotion of amateur baseball. He felt things again went very well in 2016 and hopes the relationship between KNUJ and the league can continue to grow. Craig said KNUJ is again asking for a total of \$900 from the league this year. The League decided to collect \$135 from each of the five (or six) host organizations and \$35 from the teams not hosting radio games in 2017 (Lamberton does not participate based on geography). The League will pay any difference to KNUJ. The six teams eligible to host radio games in 2017 will be Stark, Essig, New Ulm, St. James, Courtland and Searles. If only five radio games will be broadcast in 2017, the League will conduct a drawing to determine the five teams from among these six. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Doug Radloff of Essig that the Tomahawk East League partner with KNUJ to broadcast at least five games on the radio for 2017. Motion carried.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark, 2nd by Al Flor of New Ulm to have all 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League be in one division for 2017. Motion carried.

Significant discussion on how the Region 2C Tournament should be set up ensued with that discussion tabled until the scheduling meeting.

Discussion came up on whether to accept Courtland into the Tomahawk East League as a permanent member of the league after being on probation their first two years. A paper ballot was taken and Courtland was accepted as a permanent member by an 11-0 vote of the other 11 teams.

A motion was made by Steve Kloeckl of Searles, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to set league dues at \$50 for 2017. Motion carried.

Bruce Woitas of South Central Umpires then proposed each team of the Tomahawk East League again pay \$50 towards the SCUA like they did in 2016 to make it so the individual umpires won't have to pay game fees to SCUA anymore in the hopes of encouraging more people to umpire. That proposal carried for 2017 by general consensus.

A fair amount of discussion ensued concerning whether the League should adopt some kind of ejection policy similar to what some other amateur leagues have. This topic will be discussed further at the scheduling meeting.

Motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Chris Koob of Hanska to keep 2017 admission prices for those teams that want to charge admission 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 2017 were approved with a motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Dave Hatle of Searles. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by Doug Radloff of Essig for teams to continue to use flat-seamed baseballs and use either Diamond D-1 Pro LS or Rawlings OLB baseballs for the 2017 season. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to allow the league officers the discretion as to whether to pay the MBA \$75 for an ad in their handbook each year. Motion carried.

Chris Koob of Hanska then made a motion, 2nd by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark to have each team come up with a \$25 sponsor for the Tomahawk East League web site. Motion carried.

The 2016 All Star Game in Bird Island was briefly discussed. All seemed to go well. To fulfill the two-year agreement to play the Corn Belt League All Stars, Springfield will host the ASG on Friday, July 7, 2017, at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark to begin the 2017 season on Sunday, May 7, 2017, and end on Sunday July 23, 2017. Motion carried. Teams who wish to start their seasons before May 7th may still do so however. Also of note, the league is again allowing a reschedule date of Monday, July 24, 2017 or Tuesday, July 25, 2017 as a make-up date for games postponed on Sunday, July 23, 2017 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Monday, July 24, 2017. Motion carried.

Myron informed the team representatives that no new advertisers for either the poster or pocket schedules are needed. By general consensus, poster schedule ads will remain at \$70 and pocket schedule ads will remain at \$60 for 2017.

A motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the current slate of league officers in 2017 and that the secretary-treasurer salary remain at \$250. Motion carried.

As a result of this motion:

Myron Seidl is President for 2017.

Marty Brandl is Vice President for 2017.

Terry Helget is Secretary-Treasurer for 2017.

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was set for Sunday, February 26, 2017 at the Sleepy Eye Community Center at 5:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer