

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE SCHEDULING MEETING
RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE
Sunday, March 17, 2013

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the February 3, 2013 Tomahawk East annual meeting were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Leon Hillesheim of Leavenworth to accept the minutes of February 3, 2013. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$473.52 was reported. A motion was made by David Krause of St. James, 2nd by Leon Hillesheim of Leavenworth to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

2013 MBA Handbooks were distributed to each team. MBA Acknowledgment forms were also signed by each team and collected by league secretary Terry Helget.

KNUJ representatives Craig Hansen and Tom Wheeler presented a revised proposal to broadcast approximately four or five games during the regular season. KNUJ's new proposal was to have all 12 teams in the Tomahawk East League pay \$25 each and the four teams who would actually host these four games pay an additional \$100 because those four teams stood to gain increased attendance for those games. The league would benefit from additional coverage during these broadcasts through additional score and schedule reporting—hence, the \$25 fee for each team. 10 of the 12 teams in the league expressed interest in hosting one of these games (Lamberton and Redwood Falls did not due to geography). A drawing was held among the 10 teams to see who would host in 2013. St. James, Sleepy Eye, Essig and New Ulm won the drawing, so they will host a game each at 5:00 p.m. on a Sunday evening sometime during the regular season. If a fifth Sunday evening broadcast is held, Searles will have the right to host. If this program proves successful and continues in 2014, the teams who were interested in hosting in 2013 and did not get one of these games in 2013 would get first shot at hosting in 2014. A motion was made by Ryan Weier of Essig, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to approve this program with KNUJ. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued on a new mandate by the MBA concerning ScoreMonster. This is the designer of the MBA's web site. The MBA is requiring all teams to register their team via ScoreMonster to be eligible for postseason play in 2013. Marty Brandl expressed concern among others that this could hamper the efforts of those teams in the league who have already designed their own web site. Terry Helget will inquire of the MBA exactly what their intention is with this and what exactly is required of the teams of the Tomahawk East League.

Bruce Woitas of South Central Umpires said that their group has not yet met for 2013. He stated SCUA would meet on March 24. He wasn't sure if rates would stay the same as last year or not. In 2012, rates were \$140 for league games, \$150 for league playoff games and \$160 for regional games for two umpires.

Discussion on the All Star Game on July 3, 2013 came up. Myron reported that he hadn't had any luck securing another league to play, but Ralph indicated there is a possibility the Crow River League might be interested. The Crow River League has this item on their agenda for their meeting on March 18, 2013. Myron and Ralph will follow up on the results of their meeting. If they decline, the Tomahawk East League will have the American Division All Stars play the National Division All Stars as in years past.

A motion was then made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton and carried to have the same playoff format as 2012 with the American and National Divisions of the Tomahawk East League for 2013. These two divisions will hold one round of league playoffs whereby the #1 seed from each division will host the #6 seed from each division, the #2 seed from each division will host the #5 seed from each division, and the #3 seed from each division will host the #4 seed from each division in a best of three series. These games will be scheduled for Friday, July 26, Sunday, July 28 and Tuesday, July 30 (if necessary) with the higher seed in each series receiving home games in Games 1 and 3 and the lower seed receiving a home game in Game 2 unless another arrangement is made by mutual agreement of both teams. The winners of each of these series will advance to a six-team, single round robin regional tournament whereby the three highest seeds entering the regional tournament would receive three home games out of the initial five games and the other three teams would receive two home games. Seeding and other logistical concerns of this regional tournament will be decided by the regional officers. Motion carried.

League President Myron Seidl presented the proposed 2013 Tomahawk East League schedule to the teams. The schedule was reviewed with each team making necessary adjustments. Myron will now draw up the official 2013 schedule and get the schedules to the printers as he has done in the past.

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was tentatively set for Monday, June 24, 2013, at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye at 7:00 p.m.

By general consensus, the meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer