TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING
SLEEPY EYE BALLPARK, SLEEPY EYE, MN
Monday, July 25, 2022

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 7:01 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022 at the Sleepy Eye Ballpark in Sleepy Eye by League President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the annual meeting on February 6, 2022 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to accept the minutes from February 6, 2022. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of $1,177.49 reported. Remaining expenses for 2022 were noted as $40 for beverages for this meeting, the League Secretary-Treasurer salary of $300, website maintenance $200, and radio ads for State Tournament games broadcast on KNUJ radio (typically around $100). It was also noted that teams who are participating in the professional photography during the Region Tournament are making checks out to the league. The league will pay the photographer with those funds. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Scott Black of Fairfax to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Myron Seidl informed the league that there were some changes to the schedule sponsors this year. New this year were: Crow Bar & Grill, Last Chance Saloon, and Sleepy Eye Herald-Dispatch. Nicklasson Athletic and New Ulm Electric were not renewed.

President Seidl expressed his happiness that there were very few games affected by rain this season. In the few games that were, the makeups were scheduled and played quickly so there was no bunching up of games at the end of the regular season. He also reported that this year's KNUJ radio games went well and they look to continue the partnership.

New Ulm's Al Flor reported on the All-Star Game that was held against the Corn Belt League at Johnson Park on Saturday, July 16. It was a well-played game with the Tomahawk East coming out on top, 2-1, in 11 innings. Flor felt attendance was down a bit and that a date more toward the middle of the season might be more favorable. With the win, the game will be held in another Tomahawk East League ballpark in 2023.

This meeting was the deadline for submitting interest in hosting the 2023 Region 2C Tournament. 2021 hosts New Ulm and Springfield both expressed interest in hosting again in 2023.

Plans for the 2023 league schedule were discussed. Options include: continuing with the 16-game schedule as we have used in 2021-2022, a 19-game schedule with teams playing all but 3 teams twice and possibly using previous season's results to make sure the top finishing teams all played each other twice, or returning to a full 22-game schedule in which all teams would play each other twice, once at home and once on the road. Concerns about player availability for the additional games were voiced. Teams also expressed that league games are typically taken more seriously than exhibition games or tournaments. There will be communication from the league and a vote taken electronically before the annual meeting to determine the setup for the 2023 schedule so it can be in place for the annual meeting.

Vice-President Derrick Jenniges shared an idea of putting together a "cross-over" Saturday event with the First Nite/Gopher League. Four or five games would be played at the single site pitting Tomahawk East teams against First Nite/Gopher League teams. The league winning more games could have bragging rights and host the following year. Derrick will investigate this idea further to determine interest.

Team rosters were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Brandl making note of any last changes and answering any questions about specific players. The following are the numbers of players on each team's 2022 final playoff roster: Courtland 22, Essig 16, Fairfax 16, Gibbon 20, Hanska 19, Lamberton 21, Leavenworth 17, New Ulm 25, Searles 18, Sleepy Eye 23, Springfield 20, and Stark 18. Motion made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Al Flor of New Ulm to approve the final official 25-man (max) playoff rosters of the 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League. Motion carried.

With the completion of the regular season on Friday, July 22, the Region 2C Tournament is set. Details were emailed to all involved by Secretary-Treasurer Brandl over the weekend. Highlights of the 2022 tournament include: Sleepy Eye and Fairfax serving as the two host sites. The opening round of games on Wednesday, July 27 will be played at neutral sites at 7:30pm. Admission will be $7 for adults 16+ and $1 for children for all day at a site. Players get in for free on the days they play in the tournament. Host sites are asked to provide game balls for the games at their site. Low-seam baseballs are preferred, but the Region Board understands that there have been supply issues this year. Umpires will be paid by the hosts $260 per game for a two-man crew and reimbursed by Region 2C.

All teams are asked to submit their potential draftees on a shared spreadsheet that Marty will email out. This is to be completed by the first pitch of the tournament on Wednesday, 7/27. This list will be used for the two teams who advance to the State Tournament to select their three draftees in alternating fashion from the ten teams not advancing to State.

Sports photographer and Sleepy Eye native, Bailey Hillesheim, will be taking photos at the Region 2C Tournament. Eight teams have committed $50 each to pay him. He will be present for sure on 7/30 and 7/31. These days were chosen because all teams will play at least once during those two days. He will focus on the teams that are paying and all the photos will be available to those teams for use however they'd like: printing, social media, etc. He will take team photos of all teams during pregame as well.

Motion made by David Schroepfer of Leavenworth, 2nd by Terry Helget of Essig to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer