

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING
SEARLES BALLPARK, SEARLES, MN
Sunday, July 21, 2024

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 2:38 p.m. on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at Searles Ballpark in Searles by League President Al Flor. Roll call was taken with all teams present, except Leavenworth.

The minutes from the annual meeting on January 10, 2024 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by John Giefer of Courtland to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of \$1364.42 reported. Remaining expenses for 2024 were noted as the League Secretary-Treasurer salary of \$300 and website maintenance \$200. Other potential expenses are the October and November MBA meetings and State Tournament radio ads. There are three schedule ads (\$150 total) still to be collected. Marty is following up on those. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2nd by Chris Koob of Hanska to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Essig's Terry Helget reported on the All-Star Game that was held against the Corn Belt League at Essig Ballpark on Saturday, July 13. The Tomahawk East won, 4-3. Helget felt attendance was good and things went well. This year, Jevan Richert of J.Richert Bats, donated a custom bat for the game MVP. Springfield's Jordan Milbrath was named the 2024 All-Star game MVP. With the win, the game will be held in another Tomahawk East League ballpark in 2025. League officers will be in touch with Corn Belt officers to get the 2025 game scheduled.

The MBA has released the first draft proposal for a new three-class system to begin in 2025. The proposed State Tournament sizes are Class A (24), Class B (24), and Class C (32). Class A will be 36 criteria points and higher. Class B will be 20 to 35 points. Class C will be 19 points and less. New Ulm is the only team in the league currently with more than 19 points which would put them in Class B. The proposal has the Brewers in District 8 with Willmar, Bird Island, Raymond, Luverne and Fairmont for 3 State bids. The other 12 teams are still in Region 2C with 4 State bids. Marshall, Milroy Yankees, Sacred Heart, Granite Falls and Wabasso are added to make 17 total teams. This is a first draft and teams are encouraged to look things over and start thinking of ideas for how things could work/change. This meeting was the deadline for submitting interest in hosting the 2025 Region 2C Tournament. Due to the changes coming in 2025, we will hold off until the MBA has firmed up the plan.

With the completion of the regular season on Thursday, July 18, the Region 2C Tournament is set. Details were emailed to all involved by Region 2C Commissioner Marty Brandl. Highlights of the 2024 tournament include: New Ulm and Sleepy Eye serving as the two host sites. The opening game is an elimination game between the #12 and #13 teams later today. The 12-team double-elimination begins with 4 games on Wednesday, July 24 at the high seeds. Admission will be \$7 for adults 18+ and \$1 for children for all day at a site.

Brandl distributed QR codes to be posted at games for people to scan and bring up a Region 2C Tournament program, including team rosters, and bracket. This program is a starting point and will be updated as the tournament progresses. In future years, this could potentially be printed, and ads sold as a source of revenue.

Commissioner Brandl reminded host sites about the expectations in terms of announcers, national anthem, taking admission, and providing ground rules. Hosts are asked to provide game balls for the games at their site. Umpires will be paid by the hosts \$300 per game for a two-man crew and reimbursed by Region 2C.

A question about players paying admission to the tournament was brought up. Dan Reinke of Searles made a motion, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton that players get in for free on the days they play in the tournament, if they are not playing, they are expected to pay admission. Motion carried.

All teams are asked to submit their potential draftees to Marty ASAP. This list will be used for the four teams who advance to the State Tournament to select their three draftees from the nine teams not advancing to State. If a player is not on the list, they cannot be drafted. President Flor encouraged teams to try to make sure their best pitchers are willing to be drafted, even if they are only available one or two weekends of the tournament.

Marty will take team pictures of all teams when they play during the tournament. These will be posted on the league website Teams page and shared with teams for use as they wish.

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 2024 final playoff roster: Courtland 19, Essig 21, Fairfax 15, Gibbon 21, Hanska 20, Lamberton 19, Leavenworth 20, New Ulm 25, St. James 21, Searles 22, Sleepy Eye 23, Springfield 23, and Stark 17. Motion made by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to approve the final official 25-man (max) playoff rosters of the 13 teams of the Tomahawk East League. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl complimented teams on their great work promoting amateur baseball on their social media accounts this year. He wondered if it would be helpful to have a place for all teams to share their team graphics and logos for use in these posts. The consensus was that it would be helpful. Teams are asked to send Marty their logos and other team graphics to be shared on the website on the Teams page.

A fall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, 2024, at 7pm with the location to be announced. This will fall between the October and November MBA meetings. We should have more information at that time in terms of teams for 2025, putting together the schedule, etc.

Motion made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by John Giefer of Courtland to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer