TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE
FALL MEETING
SEARLES BAR & GRILL, SEARLES, MN
Wednesday, November 4, 2026

The fall meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 6:17 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at Searles Bar & Grill in Searles by League President Al Flor. Roll call was taken with all teams present, except St. James.

The minutes from the roster meeting were emailed by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2nd by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to accept the minutes from July 29, 2026. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of $2,808.11 reported. Remaining expenses for 2026 will be tonight's meal. A motion was made by Casey Lux of Searles, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Flor complimented the Tomahawk East League representatives in the State Tournament: New Ulm, Hanska, Courtland, and Leavenworth for representing the league well. Region 2C Tournament plaques were presented to the three TEL Class C State Tournament teams. Sleepy Eye, New Ulm and Springfield reported that the tournament went well as hosts. Region 2C Commissioner, Marty Brandl, reminded teams to be sure to deposit their checks from the region if they have not already done so.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl reminded everyone that the 100th Anniversary of the Tomahawk (East) League is coming up in 2028. He reported that he has gathered all standings except for 1939-1945 and will be doing research to fill in the gap. Along with WWII, teams were leaving the Tomahawk to join the Western Minny League in that time frame. Ideas for celebrating were solicited and included having a day of games between current and former members of the league.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for all officers were made, a motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2nd by Jevan Richert of Leavenworth to cast a unanimous ballot for the current slate of officers for 2027. Motion carried.

2027 Tomahawk East League Officers:
Al Flor - President
Dusty Mangen - Vice President
Marty Brandl - Secretary-Treasurer

The 2027 State Tournament will be hosted by Cold Spring, Watkins, Avon and Sartell. There is some shifting involving our league based on teams' criteria points. New Ulm is moving down to Class B. Hanska is moving up the Class B.

The 2027 league schedule was discussed. Options of a 16-game, 18-game and 24-game schedule were considered. A motion was made by Ryan Panning of Gibbon, 2nd by Jevan Richert of Leavenworth for the league to play a 16-game schedule in 2027. Motion carried. By consensus, the league will begin play on Sunday, May 16th and conclude on Sunday, July 25th with 18 playing dates and two byes for each team. Marty will send out the proposed 2027 Tomahawk East League schedule around December 1st. We will begin another rotation of the 12 + 4 = 16 game schedule where all teams will play each other four times over the course of 3 years. Teams are encouraged to look it over and communicate with opponents about potential changes and let Marty know about those to update the schedule. We will also have time for teams to discuss changes at the January meeting.

Region 2C Commissioner, Marty Brandl presented proposed updates to the Region 2C Tournament bracket and rules for discussion. With Hanska moving up, the region will now be made up of 15 teams. A 15-team double-elimination bracket gives a first-round bye to the #1 seed. It also gives a bye to the loser of the #8 vs #9 game in the first round of the loser's bracket. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2nd by Jevan Richert of Leavenworth to use the 15-team double-elimination bracket with the two first round differences compared to the 16-team bracket.

With both leagues playing the same number of league games, teams from the Tomahawk East and Corn Belt will be seeded #1-15 based on their league record. After discussion regarding the discrepancy between the number of class B teams in the two leagues, the following tiebreakers are proposed to be used if teams finish with the same record: head-to-head (if playing in same league), total wins of teams defeated, total runs allowed against teams defeated, total run differential in games lost, coin flip. Wabasso and the Milroy Yankees will serve as hosts for the 2027 Region 2C Tournament.

The Corn Belt League will be meeting soon. They will discuss the Region 2C Tournament proposal. After their meeting, Commissioner Brandl will work to come to an agreement on any differences between the two leagues and we will look to approve the final setup for the 2027 tournament at the January meeting.

The 2027 All-Star Game against the Corn Belt was discussed with Fairfax having expressed interest in hosting. The game will be played on Saturday, June 19, 2027, at 5:00pm in Fairfax. It will be up to Fairfax if they want to host a home run derby and if so, the setup will be shared when we get closer.

Casey Lux spoke briefly about possibly having more games broadcast on KNUJ with a cost of about $600 each.

The annual/scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was set for Wednesday, January 6, 2027, at 7:00pm at the Sleepy Eye Brewery.

A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2nd by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to adjoin the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer