

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE
Sunday, February 3, 2013

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2013 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except Searles and Stark.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of June 25, 2012 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. Motion by Josh Junker of Redwood Falls, 2nd by Gary Menssen of St. James to accept the minutes of June 25, 2012. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$198.52 as of December 31, 2012 was reported. Motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Josh Junker of Redwood Falls to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron Seidl then thanked his fellow league officers and the teams of the Tomahawk East for a good 2012 season and reviewed some of the highlights from the most recent MBA board minutes. Most notably, the MBA has decided to continue having 48 teams in the Class C State Tournament in 2013 with four teams from Region 2C qualifying again like it did in 2012.

Craig Hanson then spoke on behalf of KNUJ radio whereby KNUJ is interested in broadcasting up to eight games on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the regular season with the goal of promoting amateur baseball. Craig said KNUJ is proposing collecting \$120 from each of the 12 organizations in the Tomahawk East and in return each team would receive ads during these broadcasts to help promote their organizations. He stated these are early proposals (the fee and the number of broadcasts) and some kinks would have to be worked out as far as getting as many teams as possible involved in playing during the broadcasts. Craig stated it would probably take a couple of years to get every team on a broadcast, but hopefully over time, both sides would see benefits in such an arrangement. The League decided to table this for now and will probably talk about this issue again at the scheduling meeting in March.

The league representatives then talked about the New Ulm Brewers' probation. It was noted that New Ulm will still be on probation in 2013, but will be able to sign players in 2013 who may have last played for a Class B team.

The topic of an All Star Game then came up. New Ulm expressed interest in hosting an All Star Game on Wednesday, July 3, 2013. Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton proposed playing another league in the surrounding area. Mikale Gustafson of Hanska made a motion, seconded by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to have Myron see if another league is interested in bringing an all star team to New Ulm to play our league's all stars. If this doesn't work out, then we would have the two divisions of the Tomahawk East play each other in the 2013 All Star Game as in years past. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Gary Menssen of St. James, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to set league dues at \$50 for permanent members and \$70 for probationary teams for 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Gary Menssen of St. James, 2nd by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska to keep 2013 admission prices 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 2013 were approved with a motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Andy Cook of Leavenworth. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield for teams to continue to use either Diamond D-1 Pro, Wilson A1010, or Rawlings R100HS baseballs for the 2013 season. Motion carried. Note: the League decided against allowing Fitzgerald baseballs to be used in league play. Fitzgerald baseballs were used in the 2010, 2011 & 2012 State Amateur Tournaments.

Myron indicated he was hopeful South Central Umpires Association would again cover all league games with two umpires each game. Bruce Woitas of SCUA indicated the umpires have yet to meet for 2013 and could not give an indication as to what rates might be in 2013.

The League Directory was updated for 2013.

A motion was made by Tony Stadtherr of Gibbon, 2nd by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska to begin the 2013 season on Sunday, May 5, 2013, and end on Sunday July 21, 2013. Motion carried. Teams who wish to start their seasons before May 6th may still do so however. Also of note, the league is allowing a reschedule date of Monday, July 22, 2013 or Tuesday, July 23, 2013 as a make-up date for games postponed on Sunday, July 21, 2013 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Monday, July 22, 2013.

Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye made a motion, 2nd by Gary Menssen of St. James to set up two divisions for 2013 similar to what the league did in 2012. Motion carried.

Divisions for 2013 were then set up using 2012 final regular league records as a basis. Divisions for 2013 were set up as follows:

American Division

Lamberton
Sleepy Eye
Searles
Leavenworth
St. James
Gibbon

National Division

New Ulm Brewers
Hanska
Essig
Springfield
Stark
Redwood Falls

Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye made a motion, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to pay the MBA \$75 for an ad in their 2013 handbook. Motion carried.

Myron asked the team representatives if they knew of any new advertisers for either the poster or pocket schedules. Andy Cook made a motion, 2nd by Gary Menssen of St. James that poster schedule ads will remain at \$70 and pocket schedule ads will remain at \$60 for 2013.

Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye then made a motion, 2nd by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska to have each team come up with a \$25 sponsor for the Tomahawk East League web site. Motion carried.

League Secretary Terry Helget gave a brief talk on the rules involving contracts and releases.

After nominations for President, Gary Menssen of St. James made a motion, 2nd by Andy Cook of Leavenworth to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Myron Seidl for President. Motion carried. Myron Seidl is President for 2013.

After nominations for Vice President, Gary Menssen of St. James made a motion, 2nd by Josh Junker of Redwood Falls to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ralph Zwaschka for Vice President. Motion carried. Ralph Zwaschka is Vice President for 2013.

After nominations for Secretary-Treasurer, Gary Menssen of St. James made a motion, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Helget for Secretary-Treasurer and that his salary for 2013 remain at \$200. Motion carried. Terry Helget is Secretary-Treasurer for 2013.

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was tentatively set for Sunday, March 17, 2013 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye at 2:00 p.m.

Motion by Josh Junker of Redwood Falls, 2nd by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer