

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY CENTER
Sunday, February 6, 2022

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 3:33 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at the Community Center in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of July 25, 2021 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Dusty Mangen of Stark to accept the minutes of July 25, 2021. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. An ending balance of \$855.65 as of December 31, 2021 was reported. A motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by David Schroepfer of Leavenworth to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron then gave a quick review of 2021. He thanked everyone for minimal make-up games and officers for all their efforts. Myron also congratulated the State Tournament teams and commented on the great atmosphere in Chaska and Waconia. He reviewed the Region 2C Tournament, hosted by Springfield and New Ulm, which was a big success with excellent attendance of over 3,100.

A motion was made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by Dusty Mangen of Stark to accept Fairfax as a permanent member the league. Motion carried.

With the success of the 2021 State Tournament the MBA Board will not be charging league or team dues in 2022. This will save the league \$340. By general consensus, league dues will remain at \$60 for regular members in 2022.

Al Flor reported on the South Central Umpires Association meeting. Rates for 2022 will be \$160/game for one umpire and \$240/game for two umpires. Discussion followed about the amount of work that is done to schedule umpires for the league so individual teams do not have to worry about scheduling their own umpires. A motion was made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by David Schroepfer of Leavenworth to have each team pay \$200 to compensate for umpire scheduling. Motion carried with Flor abstaining.

President Seidl reported that he had been in communication with KNUJ radio. They will again broadcast six games on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the regular season with the goal of promoting amateur baseball. KNUJ is asking for a total of \$950 from the league. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2nd by Terry Helget of Essig to collect \$100 from each of the six host organizations only. The league will pay the remaining \$350 due to the healthy balance in the treasury. This will be for 2022 and 2023. Motion carried. (Lamberton does not participate based on geography). The six teams to host radio games in 2022 will be Gibbon, Hanska, Leavenworth, Sleepy Eye, Springfield and New Ulm (who won the drawing from last year's list of teams hosting radio games).

Teams of the Tomahawk East League were reminded to again come up with a \$25 TEL web site sponsor.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl distributed sheets to all teams with the amounts owed for the 2022 season for league dues, KNUJ games, website ads, and umpire fees. Teams were also asked to verify and update their league directory information, website sponsor ad, caps, Twitter accounts and website addresses. Brandl will make necessary updates and distribute the league directory in addition to posting it on the league website.

A motion was made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by David Schroepfer of Leavenworth to pay Marty Brandl \$200 for maintaining the Tomahawk East League website: www.tomhawkeast.com. Motion carried.

The Tomahawk East League will resume playing an All-Star Game against the Corn Belt League in 2022. New Ulm will host the game on Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 5pm. The Tomahawk East All-Stars will be

managed by Al Flor of New Ulm and Steve Helget of Springfield. The managers were chosen due to New Ulm and Springfield finishing first and second in the regular season in 2021. Before this year's game, teams will be asked to submit their top 3 players. Then Flor and Helget will construct the All-Star roster with each team having at least one representative.

The MBA Board and the SCUA have both passed a two-game suspension rule for any player ejected from an amateur baseball game. The suspension will be served in "meaningful" (no exhibition) games with the player present in uniform. The player will serve their suspension in any remaining regular season league games followed by the team's postseason games, as needed.

Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl shared that he is in communication with the MBA Board concerning teams' rosters. With the use of ScoreMonster as the management tool for team's playoff rosters, any player not on a team's playoff roster is set to "Inactive", but they do not have to be released. This causes an issue because players who have been released are also set to "Inactive". Our league has been maintaining a separate spreadsheet for each team to track these "limbo" players. One possible solution is to have a checkbox in ScoreMonster for players who are signed, but not on a team's playoff roster. Another solution is that teams must release any players who are not on their playoff roster. Brandl will be attending the State Board meeting on Saturday, February 12 to see if something can be done to simplify this situation for everyone involved. He will communicate with teams prior to roster moves beginning on March 15, including sending out each team's updated roster spreadsheet for 2022.

In an effort to get the schedule finalized sooner, League President Myron Seidl has worked with teams to make necessary adjustments prior to this meeting. He presented the 16-game 2022 Tomahawk East League schedule to the teams for one last review. The season will begin on Sunday, May 15 and end on Friday, July 22. Also of note, the league is allowing a reschedule date of Sunday, July 24 as a make-up date for games postponed on Friday, July 22 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Friday, July 22, 2022. The setup of games will follow the same format as 2021 with the teams who only play each other once playing at the opposite site in 2022. Myron will get the schedule to the printers as he has done in the past. Marty will post the league schedule on ScoreMonster and the league website. Al Flor will use it to draw up the umpire schedule.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl encouraged teams to strongly consider using iScore and the MBA website for scoring and statistics for their teams. He will send out directions for getting setup. Once setup, teams are able to import their games (including rosters), score the game, and export stats for distribution to media and tracking via ScoreMonster. Terry Helget of Essig mentioned that it has worked very nicely for them since they switched to using it for all of their scorekeeping. When setting up the league schedule in ScoreMonster, Marty will set the "Scoring Engine" to "ScoreMonster" by default. As teams choose to use iScore, they will need to make that change in the setup of their games.

Myron informed the team representatives that no new advertisers for either the poster or pocket schedules are needed. By general consensus, poster schedule and pocket schedule ads will remain at \$50 for 2022.

Region 2C Commissioner, Bryce Pack, reported on the plan for the 2022 Region 2C Tournament. After the 2021 tournament, all teams were surveyed and those results were used by the Region 2C Board to make adjustments to further improve what was a great tournament in 2021. In an effort to increase the game shares to provide revenue to the teams not hosting the tournament, admission will be increased to \$7 for adults and \$1 for kids. Host sites will also contribute \$100 per game toward the cost of the umpires. Sleepy Eye and Fairfax will serve as hosts for the 2022 tournament. They were chosen because of their experience hosting the State Tournament in addition to having facilities and people to pull off this event. Going forward, the Region Board has established a list of criteria that potential host sites must meet. Any site interested in hosting in 2023 must submit a letter to Region 2C Commissioner, Bryce Pack, by the Tomahawk East League roster meeting. Other tweaks to the tournament for 2022 include: playing the first four games on Wednesday, July 27 and teams will be asked to submit a list of draftable players prior to the tournament to make the draft faster and easier for all involved.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for league officer positions were made, the following motions were made to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the following slate of league officers in 2022.

As a result of these motions:

Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton:

Myron Seidl - President

Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Terry Helget of Essig:

Derrick Jenniges - Vice President

Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton:

Marty Brandl - Secretary-Treasurer with a salary of \$300

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was set for Monday, July 25, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Sleepy Eye Ballpark.

A motion was made by David Schroepfer of Leavenworth, 2nd by Brandon Streich of Sleepy Eye to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer