

**TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE SCHEDULING MEETING**  
ORCHID INN, SLEEPY EYE  
Sunday, March 8, 2015

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 12:35 p.m. on Sunday, March 8, 2015 at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except Stark.

The minutes from the January 25, 2015 Tomahawk East annual meeting were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Drexler of Searles to accept the minutes of January 25, 2015. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$887.49 was reported. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Hager of St. James to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

2015 MBA Handbooks were distributed to each team. MBA Acknowledgment forms were also signed by each team and collected by league secretary Terry Helget.

Bruce Woitas of South Central Umpires said that their group has not yet met for 2015. He wasn't sure if rates would stay the same as last year or not but said there is a good chance there could be games umpired by only one umpire due to a lack of numbers.

Discussion on an All Star Game for 2015 ensued. Ralph Zwaschka reported that he has been in contact with Mike Nagel from the Corn Belt League about the possibility of matching up All Stars from the Corn Belt League to play All Stars from the Tomahawk East League. Ralph and Mike came up with a tentative agreement for an All Star Game in Essig on Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. However, Essig (if awarded the game) prefers to host an All Star Game under their new lights on either Wednesday, July 1 or Friday, July 10 to maximize attendance and atmosphere. With this in mind, Mikale Gustafson of Hanska made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony Stadtherr of Gibbon to award Essig the 2015 All Star Game at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1. If the Corn Belt League is agreeable to this date, the Tomahawk East All Stars will play the Corn Belt League All Stars. If the Corn Belt League isn't agreeable to this date, then the TEL will pit its two divisions against each other for the event as in the past and look to work something out in 2016 with the Corn Belt League.

A motion was then made by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska and carried to split into two 6-team divisions in 2015 and adopt the same playoff format as 2013 with the American and National Divisions of the Tomahawk East League. These two divisions will hold one round of league playoffs whereby the #1 seed from each division will host the #6 seed from each division, the #2 seed from each division will host the #5 seed from each division, and the #3 seed from each division will host the #4 seed from each division in a best of three series. These games will be scheduled for Friday, July 31, Sunday, August 2 and Tuesday, August 4 (if necessary) with the higher seed in each series receiving home games in Games 1 and 3 and the lower seed receiving a home game in Game 2 unless another arrangement is made by mutual agreement of both teams. The winners of each of these series will advance to a six-team regional tournament.

Divisions for 2015 were set up as follows using the final league records from 2014 with Courtland receiving the #12 seed:

American Division

New Ulm Brewers  
Stark Longhorns  
Sleepy Eye Indians  
Essig Bluejays  
St. James Express  
Courtland Cubs

National Division

Lamberton Long Sox  
Hanska Lakers  
Springfield Tigers  
Searles Grizzlies  
Leavenworth Orioles  
Gibbon Reds

League President Myron Seidl presented the proposed 2015 Tomahawk East League schedule to the teams. The schedule was reviewed with each team making necessary adjustments. Myron will now draw up the official 2015 schedule and get the schedules to the printers as he has done in the past.

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was tentatively set for Monday, June 29, 2015, at the Orchid Inn in Sleepy Eye at 7:30 p.m.

By general consensus, the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget  
Secretary-Treasurer