

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE SCHEDULING MEETING
RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE
Sunday, March 18, 2012

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the January 29, 2012 Tomahawk East annual meeting were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by David Krause of St. James, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to accept the minutes of January 29, 2012. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$565.03 was reported. A motion was made by David Krause of St. James, 2nd by Leon Hillesheim of Leavenworth to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

2012 MBA Handbooks were distributed to each team. MBA Acknowledgment forms were also signed by each team and collected by league secretary Terry Helget.

Discussion ensued as to how to best set up divisions and regions for 2012 knowing that four teams instead of the customary two teams from the Tomahawk East League would qualify for the state tournament in St. Cloud. A motion was made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to set up an 8-team double elimination regional tournament. Motion carried.

After further discussion that yielded a number of potential logistical problems with this 8-team regional set up, a motion was made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to rescind the previous motion for an 8-team double elimination regional tournament. Motion carried by an 11-1 margin (Sleepy Eye was the dissenting vote).

After more discussion, a motion was made by Frank Forstner of Searles, 2nd by Tony Stadtherr of Gibbon to set up two divisions of six teams each for 2012. 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 27, Sunday, July 29 and Tuesday, July 31 (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, single round robin regional tournament whereby the three highest seeds entering the regional tournament would receive three home games out of the initial five games and the other three teams would receive two home games. Seeding and other logistical concerns of this regional tournament will be decided by the regional officers. Motion carried.

The two divisions for 2012 were then set up based on regular season records from 2011 as follows:

American Division

Hanska
New Ulm Brewers
Leavenworth
Essig
Searles
Gibbon

National Division

Sleepy Eye
Lamberton
Springfield
Stark
Redwood Falls
St. James

Bruce Woitas of South Central Umpires said that their group has not yet met for 2012. He thought SCUA would meet on April 1. He wasn't sure if rates would stay the same as last year or not. In 2011, rates were \$140 for league games, \$150 for league playoff games and \$160 for regional games for two umpires.

Stark offered to be the host of the 2012 All Star Game of the Tomahawk East League on Friday, June 29, 2012, at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Andy Cook of Leavenworth for the Tomahawk East League All Star Game to be hosted by Stark in 2012. Motion carried.

League President Myron Seidl presented the proposed 2012 Tomahawk East League schedule to the teams. The schedule was reviewed with each team making necessary adjustments. Myron will now draw up the official 2012 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 25, 2012, at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Brian Mathiowetz of Stark, 2nd by Ryan Weier of Essig to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer