

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING
STARK BALLPARK, STARK TOWNSHIP
Sunday, July 25, 2021

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 8:16 p.m. on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at the Stark Ballpark in Stark Township by League President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present, except Hanska and Courtland.

The minutes from the scheduling meeting on February 28, 2021 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Ryan Panning of Gibbon, 2nd by Terry Helget of Essig to accept the minutes from February 28, 2021. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of \$1,235.65 reported. Remaining expenses for 2021 were noted as \$70 for beverages for this meeting, the League Secretary-Treasurer salary of \$300, and radio ads for State Tournament games broadcast on KNUJ radio (typically around \$100). It was also noted that Hanska still owes for their 2021 league dues, KNUJ radio games contribution, umpire fee, and league website ad for a total of \$165. It was suggested to require these to be paid before the region tournament begins. Chris Koob of Hanska has been in touch with secretary-treasurer Brandl and will be sending him a check in the mail. A motion was made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Dan Reinke of Searles to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Myron Seidl expressed his happiness that there were very few games affected by rain this season. In the few games that were, the makeups were scheduled and played quickly so there was no bunching up of games at the end of the regular season. Outside of a handful of games, the vast majority of the schedule was played as originally scheduled back in February.

With the league's final regular season games being completed prior to the meeting, the final standings, head-to-head tiebreakers and seeding of teams going into the Region 2C Tournament was shared as follows:

1. New Ulm Brewers 15-1
2. Springfield Tigers 14-2
3. Stark Longhorns 12-4
4. Hanska Lakers 12-4
5. Courtland Cubs 10-6
6. Lambert Long Sox 9-7
7. Leavenworth Orioles 8-8
8. Sleepy Eye Indians 5-11
9. Essig Bluejays 4-12
10. Searles Grizzlies 4-12
11. Fairfax Cardinals 2-14
12. Gibbon Reds 1-15

Region 2C officer Myron Seidl reported that he, Derrick Jenniges, Marty Brandl and Region 2C Commissioner Bryce Pack met on July 12, 2021 to setup the details of the 2021 Region 2C Tournament. The Region 2C Board started with the 12-team, double-elimination format with host sites that was voted on by the league with a 12-0 vote at the February 16, 2020 league meeting. After significant deliberation, attempting to take into account feedback from the 2020 Region Tournament and the thoughts and concerns of many who are involved, the Region 2C Board released the tournament format to the League on Friday, July 16. Complete details can be found in the Region 2C Board meeting minutes which were emailed to the teams and posted on the Tomahawk East League website. Highlights include: Springfield and New Ulm serving as the two host sites. They were chosen because of their readiness to host the 2020 State Tournament. Except for the opening round on Thursday, July 29th, all games on a given day will be played at one of the two host sites. This was done in the hope of providing a tournament feel much like the State Tournament and the hope of significant crowds of fans converging in a single location. Admission will be \$6 for all day at a site. Players get in for free on the days they play in the tournament. Tournament hosts are being asked to provide game balls for all of the games. Since all 12 teams will enter the region tournament, there will be no draft until after the region tournament is completed with the three teams advancing to State selecting three draft picks each in alternating fashion from the other nine teams not advancing to State based on each team's seed heading into the State Tournament. Region 2C now has a Twitter account @MBARegion2C which will be used to publicize all the details of the tournament in addition to the traditional media of newspaper and radio.

It was noted that there is much concern among teams in the league regarding the Region 2C Tournament going forward. Some concerns included: sending all 12 teams from the league to the region tournament, no drafting until the State Tournament, criteria for and rotation of host sites and lack of home playoff games during the years teams are not hosting. The league will have an opportunity to provide feedback at the Tomahawk East League Annual Meeting in January. The Region 2C Board then plans to meet and have the details for the 2022 tournament in place by the league's scheduling meeting.

With 2021 marking the first year that the MBA has gone completely paperless with rosters, contracts and releases, League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl has been working with teams to get everything in order on Scoremonster. The MBA has asked that leagues hold their roster meeting after the completion of their regular season, but before their playoffs. Teams are now able to set "Active" in Scoremonster only the players who have met the game requirements and will make up their final 2021 playoff roster. Players must be on this roster in order to participate in the region and state tournaments. The MBA also asked that teams complete all of the information that shows up on the official rosters including uniform number, positions, high school, and college. This information is used by State Tournament hosts in the State Tournament program book.

Team rosters were then read by League Secretary-Treasurer Brandl making note of any last changes and answering any questions about specific players. The following are the numbers of players on each team's 2021 final playoff roster: Courtland 19, Essig 19, Fairfax 18, Gibbon 19, Hanska 22, Lamberton 21, Leavenworth 19, New Ulm 25, Searles 21, Sleepy Eye 19, Springfield 23, and Stark 17. Motion made by Terry Helget of Essig, 2nd by Ryan Panning of Gibbon to approve the final official 25-man (max) playoff rosters of the 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League. Motion carried.

Discussion ensued regarding an incident on July 21 in Stark during a game between Springfield and Stark. Springfield player, Mason Rummel, was ejected from the game. Al Flor of the South Central Umpires Association had emailed all team managers a Tomahawk East Ejection Policy at the beginning of the season. The policy states that an ejected player shall be suspended for 2 additional games. It was unclear whether or not this would include the postseason or just regular league games. Tomahawk East President Seidl and SCUA President Flor came to the decision that Rummel would serve his suspension during the final regular season game of 2021 (which he did earlier in the day in Leavenworth) and during the first game of the 2022 regular season. It was also requested that the ejection policy be brought to the league for discussion and possible adjustments/clarifications in 2022.

Motion made by Al Flor of New Ulm, 2nd by David Schroepfer of Leavenworth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer