

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING
ESSIG BALLPARK, ESSIG, MN
Wednesday, July 23, 2025

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 5:36 p.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at Essig Ballpark in Essig by League Vice-President Dusty Mangen. Roll call was taken with all teams present, except St. James and New Ulm. President Al Flor, representing New Ulm, joined the meeting after completing an umpiring assignment.

The minutes from the annual meeting on January 12, 2025, were emailed by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2nd by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of \$2759.11 reported. The remaining expenses for 2025 were noted as the League Secretary-Treasurer salary of \$300, website maintenance \$200, and website hosting/domain \$200. Other potential expenses are October and November MBA meeting travel reimbursements, State Tournament radio ads, and a meal for the fall meeting. A motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Scott Black of Fairfax to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Stark's Dusty Mangen reported on the All-Star Game that was held against the Corn Belt League at Stark Ballpark on Friday, July 11. The Tomahawk East won their 6th straight, 6-5 in 12 innings. Mangen felt attendance was good and things went well. Our league purchased a custom bat for the game MVP from Jevan Richert of J.Richert Bats. Courtland's Nolan Drill was named the 2025 All-Star game MVP. With the win, the game will be held in another Tomahawk East League ballpark in 2026. League officers will be in touch with Corn Belt officers to get the 2026 game scheduled with a potential date of Friday, July 10, 2026, in mind.

With New Ulm hosting the 2026 MN State American Legion Baseball Tournament with Sleepy Eye and Springfield helping out, there was a brief discussion about potential opportunities to spread the region tournament around the league a bit more. Teams were encouraged to think about what this might look like with further discussion planned for the fall meeting.

With the completion of the regular season on Sunday, July 20, the Region 2C Tournament is set. Details were emailed to all involved by Region 2C Commissioner Marty Brandl. Highlights of the 2025 tournament include: Springfield and Sleepy Eye serving as the two host sites. The opening game is an elimination game between the #11 and #12 teams later today. The 16-team double-elimination begins with 4 games in Sleepy Eye and 4 games in Springfield on Saturday, July 26. Admission will be \$10 for adults 18+ and \$1 for children all day at a site or \$5 for adults & \$1 for kids on days with just one game at a site.

With the addition of the five teams from the Corn Belt and simultaneous hosting, an issue with the rules has been noted. The two host sites, Springfield & Sleepy Eye match up in the first round. The rules state that hosts will play their games at home and if hosts play each other the game will be played at the originally scheduled site. This did not consider the hosts seeding with Springfield TEL #3 and Sleepy Eye TEL #7. This will be changed for 2026.

Brandl will distribute QR codes to be posted at games for people to scan and bring up a Region 2C Tournament program, including team rosters, and bracket. This program is a developing asset for the region and in future years, could potentially be printed, and ads sold as a source of revenue.

Commissioner Brandl has been communicating with host sites about the expectations in terms of announcers, national anthem, taking admission, and providing ground rules. Hosts are asked to provide game balls for the games at their site. Umpires will be paid by the hosts \$320 per game for a two-man crew and reimbursed by Region 2C. With games going on at the same time at both host sites, there are plans to stream the games from the opposite site as well.

All teams are asked to submit their potential draftees to Marty on the shared spreadsheet by Monday, July 28. This list will be used for the four teams who advance to the State Tournament to select their three draftees from the thirteen teams not advancing to the State Tournament. If a player is not on the list, they cannot be drafted. Vice-

President Mangen encouraged teams to try to make sure their best pitchers are willing to be drafted, even if they are only available one or two weekends of the tournament so our region has a great showing at State.

Marty will take team pictures of all teams when they play during the tournament. These will be posted on the league website Teams page and shared with teams for use as they wish.

District 8B Commissioner Al Flor shared an overview of the district tournament in which the Class B New Ulm Brewers will be participating. They are using a seven-team double-elimination tournament with all games played in New Ulm. The seven teams in District 8B are Bird Island, Raymond, Willmar Indians, Fairmont, Luverne and North Mankato. Games are scheduled for August 2-3 and 9-10 and the bracket can be found on the league website.

Team rosters were emailed by League Secretary-Treasurer Brandl a couple times leading up to the meeting with teams making last changes. The following are the numbers of players on each team's 2025 final playoff roster: Courtland 20, Essig 22, Fairfax 18, Gibbon 20, Hanska 18, Lamberton 19, Leavenworth 20, New Ulm 24, St. James 17, Searles 24, Sleepy Eye 22, Springfield 18, and Stark 19. Motion made by Chris Koob of Hanska, 2nd by Dan Reinke of Searles to approve the final official 25-man (max) playoff rosters of the 13 teams of the Tomahawk East League. Motion carried.

The fall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6pm with the location to be announced.

Motion made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2nd by Collin Helget of Searles to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer