

**TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE
FALL MEETING
CARL'S CORNER, ESSIG, MN
Wednesday, November 12, 2025**

The fall meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 6:22 p.m. on Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at Carl's Corner in Essig by League President Al Flor. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the roster meeting were emailed by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2nd by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to accept the minutes from July 23, 2025. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of \$1859.11 reported. Remaining expenses for 2025 will be tonight's meal and payment for whomever attends the November MBA board meeting. A motion was made by Doug Jones of St. James, 2nd by Sam Hansen of Essig to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Flor complimented the Tomahawk East League representatives in the State Tournament: New Ulm, Hanska, Courtland, Leavenworth, and Lamberton for representing the league well. Region 2C Tournament plaques were presented to the four Class C State Tournament teams. Sleepy Eye and Springfield were complimented for doing a great job hosting.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for President were made, a motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Adam Slander of New Ulm to cast a unanimous ballot for Al Flor as President for 2026. Motion carried.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for Vice President were made, a motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Doug Jones of St. James to cast a unanimous ballot for Dusty Mangel as Vice President for 2026. Motion carried.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for Secretary-Treasurer were made, a motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2nd by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to cast a unanimous ballot for Marty Brandl as Secretary-Treasurer for 2026. Motion carried.

2026 Tomahawk East League Officers:
Al Flor - President
Dusty Mangel - Vice President
Marty Brandl - Secretary-Treasurer

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl shared that the 100th Anniversary of the Tomahawk (East) League is coming up in 2028. The league was founded in Gaylord in 1928. Ideas for celebrating were solicited and included sharing history at the All-Star Game and postseason tournaments. Casey Lux of Searles offered his assistance in gathering history.

The 2026 State Tournament will be hosted by Shakopee, Jordan, New Prague, and Chaska. There is some shifting involving our league based on teams' criteria points. New Ulm is moving up to Class A. Marshall is moving up the Class B.

Region 2C Commissioner, Marty Brandl presented proposed updates to the Region 2C Tournament bracket and rules for discussion. With Marshall moving up, the region will now be made up of 16 teams, removing the need for the single-elimination pig-tail game. The Corn Belt League will also be playing a 16-game regular season schedule. Given the same number of league games being played, teams from the Tomahawk East and Corn Belt will be seeded #1-16 based on their league record. The following tiebreakers will be used if teams finish with the same record: total wins of teams defeated, total runs allowed against teams defeated, total run differential in games lost, coin flip.

Other changes include changing rules for a 16-team tournament, removing the \$5 price for days with a single game, every day admission will be \$10.00 for adults and \$1.00 for under 18. Due to quality issues with Rawlings baseballs, any MBA approved baseballs can be used with the same balls used at both sites. If host sites play each other, the game will be played at the high seed.

The Tomahawk East will again be the host for the Region Tournament in 2026. Teams were encouraged to let Commissioner Brandl know if they are interested in hosting. Brandl mentioned the possibility of having sites for just one day or one weekend if that would make things more manageable for other teams to host. It might also help with concerns of long driving distances if a trip only needs to be made once. The criteria for hosting should not exclude interested hosts. For example, we can come up with a plan for temporary fencing, if needed.

The Corn Belt League will be meeting soon. They will discuss the Region 2C Tournament proposal. After their meeting, Commissioner Brandl will work to come to an agreement on any differences between the two leagues and we will look to approve the final setup for the 2026 tournament at the January meeting.

The 2026 league schedule was discussed. By consensus, the league will begin play on Sunday, May 17th and conclude on Sunday, July 26th with 18 playing dates and two byes for each team. Marty will send out the proposed 2026 Tomahawk East League schedule. We are in year #3 of the $12 + 4 = 16$ game schedule where all teams will play each other four times over the course of 3 years. Teams are encouraged to look it over and communicate with opponents about potential changes and let Marty know about those to update the schedule. We will also have time for teams to discuss changes at the January meeting.

The 2026 All-Star Game against the Corn Belt was discussed with St. James expressing interest in hosting. A motion was made by Jacob Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Sam Hansen of Essig to play the All-Star Game on Saturday, July 11, 2026, at 5:00pm in St. James. St. James is planning to host a home run derby before the game as part of the festivities and details will be shared as we get closer.

SCUA president and scheduler, Al Flor, mentioned he is proposing that umpires freeze their prices for 2026.

Casey Lux spoke briefly as the new KNUJ representative who will be working with the Tomahawk East. He shared some ideas he has for promoting the league on the radio and maybe even a podcast.

The annual/scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was set for Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:30pm at the Sleepy Eye Brewery.

The meeting was adjourned by President Flor at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer