

11/19/2016 MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES OF THE BOARD
EASTSIDE VFW– ST. CLOUD, MN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

Meeting called to order by President Richter at 11:10 AM

Roll call showed all Directors present with the exception of Nagel and Forsman

Motion Brennan, seconded Kreger, carried to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

There were 16 dedicated baseball people in attendance.

The Calendar of Events was discussed. Motion Lemke, seconded Kreger, carried to approve the calendar of events for 2017. The official MBA calendar will be posted on the MBA Website.

The Board reviewed and made changes to the 2017 MBA Handbook. Motion by Lemke, second Roufs, carried to approve all the changes made.

Tournament Chairpersons Chris Damman, Mel Sprengler and Rich Schug – Hamburg, Troy Breyer – Green Isle and Charlie Storm, Jim Zellmann – Norwood were present to give an update on the details of their respective fields and work that was completed this fall, as well as, discuss projects for next spring in preparation for the 2017 State Tournament. All three sites are busy with some major improvements to each of their respective ballparks. All three sites also said that they still have things to complete, but they feel that they are on schedule.

Bruce Rosenau, Hutchinson gave a review of the 2016 State Tournaments and congratulated the champions in each class; Minnetonka - Class A, Miesville – Class B and Raymond – Class C. He also complimented Dassel and Litchfield on a great job. He also thanked Brownton for a great job and being ready on short notice.

Motion Barry, second Brennan, carried to approve the Belle Plaine Tigertown Tournament scheduled for June 9-11, 2017.

Fred Roufs reviewed the Format for the 2017 Class B State Tournament. It was presented that Class B would go to 4 Sections with 4 teams qualifying for the state tournament from each section. Motion Roufs, second Barry to go to 4 Sections and have each section qualify 4 teams for state tournament play as follows:

Section 1 – Austin Greyhounds, Austin Blue Sox, Dundas, Elko, Hastings, Miesville, Northfield, Red Wing, and Rochester Royals (9)

Section 2 – Brainerd Bees, Cold Spring Springers, Duluth Express, Hibbing, Marshall, Moorhead Brewers, Sauk Rapids Cyclones, and St. Cloud Beaudreau's (8)

Section 3 – Burnsville, Chanhassen, Chaska, Eagan, Prior Lake Jays, Savage, Shakopee Indians and Victoria (8)

Section 4 – Andover, Anoka, Blaine, Brooklyn Park, Champlin, Coon Rapids, Elk River Wood Ducks, Forest Lake, Hamel, Isanti, Monticello, Ramsey, Rogers, and St. Michael (14)

The MBA Board would then seed the tournament.

Four teams petitioned the Board to be reclassified from Class B to Class C; Albertville, Marshall, Red Wing, and Sauk Rapids. After a lengthy discussion it was determined as follows:

Motion Roufs, second Barry, carried to reclassify Albertville to Class C contingent on joining a new league.

Motion Kreger, second Brennan, carried to reclassify East Bethel to Class C contingent on joining a new league.

Motion Barry, second Roufs, carried to retain Sauk Rapids Cyclones, Marshall and Red Wing as Class B teams pending the criteria development project which will be completed during the 2017 season.

It is noted that the Elk River Wood Ducks will need to apply to and join a league to be eligible to play in the MBA in 2017.

It is duly noted that Joe Kreger will confirm the specifications on the proposed Rawlings baseball for use in the 2017-2019 MBA Regional, Sectional and State Tournaments. He will present the data at the MBA January, 2017 meeting.

Motion Lemke, second Roufs, carried to allocate \$2,200 to pay for the software development needed to generate and assist in the criteria project for classification of Class B and Class C.

Just a reminder to all teams; a player cannot be signed to a contract before March 15th, or after June 30th.

Being no further business, motion Lemke, seconded Brennan, carried, to adjourn at 1:04 pm

Next meeting of the MBA will be Saturday, January 7th, 2017 at the Prairies Edge Casino, Granite Falls, MN at 1:00 PM

Happy Holidays to everyone!!!!

Submitted by Dave Hartmann, MBA Secretary/Treasurer