

Minnesota Senior Men's Amateur Baseball Association Incorporated
Winter Meeting
March 8th, 2014

American Legion on Marschall Road, Shakopee, Mn
Fellowship Breakfast 9am-10am Annual winter meeting at 10am

Call to Order

President Duane Gaulke called the meeting to order at 10:15am

Roll Call

Board Members Present (10 Total): Duane Gaulke (President), Pete Moulton (Vice President), Jerry Peer (Secretary), Rich Ellis, Jeff Knutson, Curtis Romano, Ken Schmidt (RVL President), Gary Kern (NW League President), Gary Gulbrandson, Brad Busch

Board Members Absent (1 Total): Carl Kiser

Introduction of Attending Body

President Gaulke invited those in attendance to introduce them selves (19 teams were represented)

Vendors in Attendance: Rich Ellis from Max Bats and Jason Schmit from Embroider Me

Review Voting Procedure

President Gaulke reviewed the voting procedure with those in attendance, it was determined that with 10 board members in attendance, 6 votes would be needed to pass any motions.

Meeting Minutes

President Gaulke called on Secretary Jerry Peer to read the minutes from the last meeting March 9th , 2013, (Motion made to accept)

minutes as read by Gary Gulbrandson and a second by Jeff Knutson, motion carried 10-0

Financial Report

President Gaulke presented the financial report. Pete Moulton made a motion to approve the financial report as read and was seconded by Curtis Romano motion approved 10-0

Committee Reports

President Gaulke asked Secretary Jerry Peer if there were any Committee reports. None at this time

Remembering

None at this time

Oldest Player for 2013 was Grant Anderson of the Le Center Braves 68 years old.

Oldest Team for 2013 was the Jordan Alers at 51.4 years old

League Reports

River Valley League Report: RVL President Ken Schmidt reported that the weighted schedules that were used for 2013 with 3 divisions of 7 teams worked well and heard nothing but positive feedback from the league. Schmidt reported that we have 21 teams for 2014.

NW League Report: Gary Kern reported that the NW League will have 8 teams and that all 8 teams are expected to come to the State Tournament for 2014

State Tournament host Site Report

Jordan, Shakopee, Prior Lake, St Peter (1st weekend), Belle Plaine (2nd weekend) were site hosts for the 2013 State Tournament, Brian

Buesgens Jordan reported all went well, Mike Zellmann from Belle Plaine and Jeff Knutson from St Peter reported that all went well, Jerry Maas from Prior Lake reported that they were disappointed with the amount of money made, Shakopee was not in attendance for the meeting.

State Tournament Results / Awards

President Gaulke called for the presentation of the championship awards from last years State Tournament

Secretary Jerry Peer presented the following awards:

To Dan Quinlan of Edina Grays who defeated Jordan Alers 6 to 3 to win the class C championship

To (Pete Moulton accepting for) LeSueur Legends who defeated New Hope 6 to 1 to win the class B championship

To Troy Mahoney of Jordan Millers who defeated Loretto Sox 8 to 0 to win the class A championship

To Jeff Knutson of St Peter Saints who defeated Searles Bullheads 20 to 4 to win the class AA championship

Introduction and invitation to new teams: Ken Schmidt explained that an invitation was given to the 6 teams that left the league last year that we would accept them back and were looking for 3 teams for 2014, there was no response from those teams.

Old Business

President Gaulke reviewed the new rules: Home Field and Dug-out choice during the state tournament shall be selected by the higher seeded team.

Require all teams play a minimum of 8 games in an organized league to be eligible for the state tournament championship awards (Discussion among the board and all in attendance, it was agreed that teams invited to the tournament could win the tournament but not receive the trophy to keep.)

Motion was made (By Romano and 2nd by Busch): To fill a void for the State Tournament it was agreed that approaching Vic Marotta of the 50+ league to recruit 1 to 3 teams for 2014, Board approved 10-0

The 2014 State tournament to be held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of each weekend

New Business

1. President Gaulke asked for discussion for **a policy for accepting new teams**, after limited discussion President Gaulke said that perhaps we don't need a formal policy, we would just ask that new teams abide by the rules that the State Board has in place and that should be good enough.
2. **League alignments and number of teams**. The RVL president Ken Schmidt reported 21 for 2014. He said he will work on the RVL alignment in the coming weeks before the scheduling meeting in April
3. President Gaulke noted that no league games may be scheduled beyond August 3rd and that all make up games to be completed by August 9th
4. **State Tournament Dates for 2014:**
August 15-16-17 and 22-23-24

5. State Tournament Sites

State Tournament Sites for 2014: President Gaulke asked for teams to bid for the 2014 state tournament: President Gaulke asked for teams to bid for the 2014 State Tournament. Gaulke said that Bids for the 2014 State Tournament should be directed to the State Tournament Seeding Committee (send Bids to Jerry Peer jpeerpainting@aol.com) as soon as possible so we can determine the sites and begin planning for the 2014 state tournament. Seeding committee members are Jerry Peer, Ken Schmidt, Gary Kern, Rich Ellis, Jeff Appel

6. State Dues @ \$300w/2 dozen baseballs + fees required by each league. State Tournament entry fee @ \$275 per team (Additional baseballs \$45.00 per dozen)

7. Recommendation by President Gaulke to set up a 3 man arbitration committee to handle team affiliation conflicts and policy for handling protests etc. discussion, Ken Schmidt suggested we table for discussion and decide at the RVL scheduling meeting and NW scheduling meeting who will be on this committee for 2014

8. Volunteers to form a MSMABA Hall of Fame: Rich Ellis, Troy Mahoney and Colin Quinn

9. State Tournament Program Volunteers : Curtis Romano, Brad Busch, Jerry Maas

10. Drafting Players for State Tournament

Gary Kern asked that the rule Gary Gary Kern asked that the rule to allow a draft of players on teams not coming to the state tournament be eliminated from the rule book. Motion to Eliminate the State tournament Draft Rule by Ellis/Knutson: Motion approved 10-0

- 11. Wood Bat vs new Composite Bats Discussion:** topic brought up by Rich Ellis, discussion about how some of the new Demarini Composite bats are advancing their technology and is a concern that these bats give an advantage to the user. Board discussion to leave bat rule the same as it is.

Election of 3 Board Members: Declared Candidates: Jeff Knutson, Carl Kiser, Curtis Romono : Motion to approve all 3 candidates to a 3 year term by Gulbrandson. Moulton seconded. Motion approved 10-0

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kern and seconded by Moulton, motion passed 10-0

Election of 2014 Officers

Following the regular meeting the Board re-elected President Duane Gaulke, Vice President Pete Moulton, and Secretary Jerry Peer

Submitted by Secretary Jerry Peer _____

Approved by President Duane Gaulke _____

