

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING
SLEEPY EYE COMMUNITY CENTER
Sunday, January 27, 2019

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 2:05 p.m. on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at the Community Center in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all 11 teams present and St. James absent.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East roster meeting of June 21, 2018 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Ryan Panning of Gibbon to accept the minutes of June 21, 2018. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. An ending balance of \$607.95 as of December 31, 2018 was reported. A motion was made by Doug Radloff of Essig, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Myron then gave a quick review of 2018 making special note of how well the KNUJ games and the All Star Game went as well as congratulating Hanska, Lamberton and Sleepy Eye for representing the league in the State Tournament.

By general consensus, it was agreed to have all 11 teams of the Tomahawk East League be in one division for 2019 after having been informed by Sam Carlson of the St. James Express that they would be unable to field a team in 2019 due to a lack of player commitments. St. James will be given a one-year leave of absence and will still pay league dues in 2019.

A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to set league dues at \$50 for 2019. Motion carried.

It was then proposed each team of the Tomahawk East League again pay \$50 towards the South Central Umpires Association like they did in 2018 to make it so the individual umpires won't have to pay game fees to SCUA anymore in the hopes of encouraging more people to umpire. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Ryan Panning of Gibbon to have each of the 11 teams pay \$50 towards 2019 South Central Umpires game fees. Motion carried.

Craig Hanson sent an email on behalf of KNUJ radio whereby KNUJ is again interested in broadcasting six games on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the regular season with the goal of promoting amateur baseball. Craig said there would be plenty of prizes again this year and more promotion of amateur baseball. He felt things went very well in 2018 and hopes the relationship between KNUJ and the league can continue to grow. Craig said KNUJ is again asking for a total of \$900 from the league this year. The League decided to collect \$135 from each of the six host organizations and \$35 from the four teams not hosting radio games in 2019 (Lamberton does not participate based on geography). The six teams to host radio games in 2019 will be Gibbon, Courtland, Essig, New Ulm, Searles and Stark. A motion was made by Ryan Panning of Gibbon, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to approve this arrangement for 2019.

A motion was made by Chris Koob of Hanska, 2nd by Steve Helget of Springfield to have each team come up with a \$25 sponsor for the Tomahawk East League web site. Motion carried.

Instead of making an official motion regarding maximum admission prices that could be charged by teams as has been done in the past, President Seidl stated admission fees (if any) would be at each team's discretion since most teams no longer charge admission anyway.

Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton then made a suggestion to the League to perhaps go together to solicit bids on baseball prices directly from the manufacturer or a different vendor than Nicklasson's. After some discussion on this matter, this subject was tabled until the scheduling meeting to allow Derrick and Myron an opportunity to solicit a few bids from a few different vendors.

The Corn Belt/Tomahawk East ASG will be played on Friday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. at a site TBD in the Tomahawk East League.

Myron informed the team representatives that no new advertisers for either the poster or pocket schedules are needed, but to let him know if any new sponsor is interested. By general consensus, poster schedule ads will remain at \$70 and pocket schedule ads will remain at \$60 for 2019.

A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark (with Steve Helget's help), 2nd by Jordan Guggisberg of Essig to increase the Secretary-Treasurer's salary to \$300 (from \$250). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Frank Forstner of Searles to begin the 2019 season on Sunday, May 5, and end on Sunday, July 21. Motion carried. Teams who wish to start their seasons before May 5th may still do so, however. Also of note, the league is again allowing a reschedule date of Monday, July 22, or Tuesday, July 23 as a make-up date for games postponed on Sunday, July 21 ONLY. Other postponements throughout the season will need to be played before Monday, July 22, 2019.

A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Andy Cook of Leavenworth to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for the current slate of league officers in 2019. Motion carried.

As a result of this motion:

Myron Seidl is President for 2019.

Marty Brandl is Vice President for 2019.

Terry Helget is Secretary-Treasurer for 2019.

The scheduling meeting of the Tomahawk East League was tentatively set for Sunday, February 10, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at the Sleepy Eye Community Center.

A motion was made by Doug Radloff of Essig, 2nd by Ryan Panning of Gibbon to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer