

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING
RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE
Monday, June 20, 2011

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by League President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except Redwood Falls.

The minutes from the special meeting on May 23, 2011 were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. Motion by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska, 2nd by John Branstad of St. James to accept the minutes from May 23, 2011. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget with a balance of \$727.11 reported. Motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2nd by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Region 2C Commissioner Bryce Pack reported that he and the Tomahawk East League officers had just met and came up with a 5-team, double-elimination region tournament to be played from August 6-14, 2011. The format of the tournament will be similar to the Region 2C tournament held in 2010 with a few changes in host sites throughout the tournament. The minutes from this region meeting along with the bracket will be emailed to the teams within a few days.

John Branstad of St. James expressed that he disagrees with how the teams will be seeded for the Region 2C Tournament. He feels that instead of seeding teams based on their regular season records and basically disregarding the results of the divisional playoffs, he would like to see the three division playoff champions automatically receive the top three seeds in the regional tournament. John feels this would place more emphasis on the division playoff championships. John's comments certainly have merit, but the consensus from most, if not all, of the other teams was that they would like to see the regular season records of the regional tournament participants hold more weight to determine the regional seedings.

Myron Seidl asked team managers to get him game results to help him with his radio show on KNUJ each Saturday morning called Behind Home Plate.

Discussion was held on this year's All Star Game in Sleepy Eye on Friday, July 1, 2011, between the teams of the Tomahawk East League west of State Hwy 4 (Lamberton, Leavenworth, Redwood Falls, Sleepy Eye, Springfield and St. James) and the teams east of State Hwy 4 (Essig, Gibbon, Hanska, New Ulm, Searles and Stark). Derrick Jenniges from Lamberton will manage the West All Stars and Steve Kloeckl from Searles will manage the East All Stars. Each team will be guaranteed one player on the roster. After that, the balance of the 20 man rosters and assistant coaches will be determined by Derrick and Steve. Admission will be determined and kept by Sleepy Eye Baseball Association. Each team is reminded to bring a team cap and new baseball as prizes during the game.

President Myron Seidl asked the team representatives to give some thought to any team who causes the league to hold a special meeting in the future, that that team be responsible for the expenses of the other team reps getting to and from that special meeting. Myron also expressed disappointment that the New Ulm Brewers filed a lawsuit against the MBA for being reclassified to Class B. Brian Hall from New Ulm stated the biggest reason for the lawsuit was an attempt to remain in the Tomahawk East League in the future.

President Myron Seidl then asked the teams if and when certain games were going to be made up to make sure we don't have any problems bunching up games at the end of the year. He also reminded teams to contact him within 48 hours after a postponement with a make-up date.

Final team rosters were presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, seconded by Steve Helget of Springfield, and carried to approve the final roster submissions of all 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League for 2011.

Marty Brandl from Springfield asked the teams in the league to consider sending him a team photo to be placed on the Tomahawk East League web site.

Playoff dates for the Tomahawk East League were set. The first and only round of league playoffs will be a best of three series featuring the #1 seeds vs. the #4 seeds and the #2 seeds vs. the #3 seeds in the American and National Divisions of the Tomahawk East League. Games of each series will be held Friday, July 29, Sunday, July 31, and Tuesday, August 2 if necessary. The higher seed in each series will host Games 1 and 3, the lower seed will host Game 2 unless another arrangement is made between the two teams. In the Patriot Division, a double elimination tournament will be set up between Gibbon, Sleepy Eye and St. James. The three teams will be seeded based on their final league records with the #1 seed receiving a bye. Game 1 will be played on Friday, July 29, with the #2 seed hosting the #3 seed. The winner of Game 1 will travel to play the #1 seed on Saturday, July 30 in Game 2. The loser of Game 2 will play the loser of Game 1 on Sunday, July 31 in Game 3. The home team in Game 3 will be the team who hasn't had a home game in the tournament yet. If both teams in Game 3 have had the same amount of home games, a coin flip will determine home team. The winner of Game 3 will travel to meet the winner of Game 2 on Tuesday, August 2, in Game 4. If a Game 5 is necessary, the winner of Game 4 will be the home team on Wednesday, August 3. The five winners of these playoff series will advance to regional play. A one game playoff to determine the champion from each of the American and National Divisions will be held on Wednesday, August 3. The higher seed in each of these two divisions will host. These championship games will determine drafting rights for the regional playoffs. There will be no "draft game" in the Patriot Division since the winner of their double elimination tournament will be the only team advancing to regional play. The teams advancing to regions will draft one pitcher within their own divisions beginning with the champion. In case of rain on the 3rd, the "draft game(s)" in the American and National Divisions will be moved to Thursday, August 4. This playoff format was agreed upon by general consensus.

A motion was made by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska, 2nd by Steve Kloeckl of Searles to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer