

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING
RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE
Monday, June 21, 2010

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Monday, June 21, 2010 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by League President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with all teams present except Stark.

The minutes from the March 21, 2010 Tomahawk East scheduling meeting were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. Motion by Bob VanHee of Redwood Falls, 2nd by Mikale Gustafson of Hanska to accept the minutes from March 21, 2010. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget with a balance of \$337.33 reported. Motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton, 2nd by Steve Kloeckl of Searles to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Final team rosters were presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. By general consensus, the final roster submissions of all 12 teams of the Tomahawk East League for 2010 were approved.

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.

Discussion ensued as to whether Redwood Falls should forfeit their game vs. Gibbon from Friday, June 18, 2010. Redwood Falls contacted Gibbon on or about June 17 asking if their June 18th game could be moved to another date because Redwood Falls wouldn't have enough players on June 18. Gibbon had players ready to travel to Redwood Falls for the June 18 game and didn't want to bunch up games at the end of the year. Citing our league rule whereby it is Gibbon's option to force a forfeit in a case where a team simply can't play a scheduled game for reasons other than weather or other acts of God, Redwood Falls was required to forfeit their game vs. Gibbon on June 18, 2010.

Discussion was held on this year's All Star Game in Hanska on Friday, July 2, 2010, 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). Bruce Woitas from Sleepy Eye will manage the West All Stars and Jeremy Drexler from Hanska 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 Bruce and Jeremy. Admission will be determined and kept by Hanska Baseball Association.

Ralph Zwaschka expressed a few ideas as to how to bolster the amount of money in the league treasury. After some discussion, Marty Brandl suggested each team in the league solicit a local sponsor for our league web site and charge them \$25 to place an ad on the site. These monies would be deposited in the league treasury and could be an annual windfall. Motion by Derrick Jenniges of Lambertton, 2nd by Andrew Woitas of Sleepy Eye to have each team find a sponsor to place an ad on the league web site for \$25. Motion carried.

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 National and Patriot Divisions of the Tomahawk East League. Games of each series will be held Friday, July 30, Sunday, August 1, and Tuesday, August 3 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 American Division, a double elimination tournament will be set up between Gibbon, Stark 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 30, with the #2 seed hosting the #3 seed. The winner of Game 1 will travel to play the #1 seed on Saturday, July 31 in Game 2. The loser of Game 2 will play the loser of Game 1 on Sunday, August 1 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 3, in Game 4. If a Game 5 is necessary, the winner of Game 4 will be the home team on Wednesday, August 5. The five winners of these playoff series will advance to regional play. A one game playoff to determine the champion from each of the National and Patriot Divisions will be held on Wednesday, August 4. 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 American 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 two batterymen alternately within their own divisions beginning with the champion. In case of rain on the 4th, the "draft game(s)" in the National and Patriot Divisions will be moved to Thursday, August 5. A motion was made by Tony Stadtherr of Gibbon, 2nd by Al Flor of New Ulm to accept this playoff format. Motion carried.

A short discussion ensued about the umpiring in the Tomahawk East League. No real issues were brought up by the teams. Overall, the umpiring has been satisfactory.

A motion was made by Bob VanHee of Redwood Falls, 2nd by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer