

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE SPECIAL MEETING
RAILWAY BAR & GRILL, SLEEPY EYE
Thursday, November 3, 2011

A special meeting to determine whether or not the Tomahawk East League might be receptive to re-admitting the New Ulm Brewers (who were reclassified to Class B by the MBA at their meeting on May 14, 2011) to the Tomahawk East League in 2012 was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Railway Bar & Grill in Sleepy Eye by President Myron Seidl. Roll call was taken with six teams present—Essig, Hanska, Lamberton, Redwood Falls, Sleepy Eye and Springfield. Teams absent were Gibbon, Leavenworth, Searles, Stark and St. James. Also in attendance were Brian Hall, Al Flor and Bob Reinhart of the New Ulm Baseball Association.

The minutes from the June 20, 2011 Tomahawk East roster meeting were read by League Secretary-Treasurer Terry Helget. A motion was made by Bruce Woitas of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Matt Knakmuhs of Lamberton to accept the minutes of June 20, 2011. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$802.03 in the league checking account. A motion was made by Josh Junker of Redwood Falls, 2nd by Tyler Reiner of Lamberton to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Brian Hall of the New Ulm Baseball Association then spoke to those in attendance of the Brewers' desire to get back into the Tomahawk East League. As of now, the Brewers are not a member of the Tomahawk East League because of their Class B status within the MBA. Brian cited the Brewers' long history within the league and that they would like that to continue. He presented a proposed roster for 2012 with 19 names on this proposed roster. Those names are Ryan Domeier, Rodney Drexler, Landon Rewitzer, Brock Sieve, Taylor Rolloff, Wade French, Aaron Pfaff, Chris Cariveau, Garrett Fischer, Kyle Fischer, Luke Altmann, Adam Nilson, Chris Peters, Zach More, Adam Slander, Andy Irlbeck, Brady Ranweiler, Zach Hoffmann and Drew Pfaff. He stated that the MBA is asking teams like the Brewers who are considering approaching the MBA Board about being reclassified back down to Class C should approach their prospective leagues to gauge interest from those leagues as to whether they would be receptive to accepting them into their league if the MBA were to reclassify them to Class C. That is why New Ulm asked the league for this special meeting.

After asking the New Ulm representatives to leave the room, the teams in attendance discussed at length the ramifications of New Ulm's request. By general consensus of the six teams in attendance, it was determined that the Tomahawk East League would probably be receptive to accepting the Brewers back into the league in 2012 assuming they would be reclassified to Class C by the MBA and that they also not deviate dramatically from the proposed roster submitted at this meeting. The League would like the right to have a final review of New Ulm's proposed roster at the January annual meeting. Also of concern was making sure that New Ulm would be placed on some sort of probation if accepted back into the league. In the past, new teams entering the league were placed on a two-year probationary period whereby it would only take a majority vote of the remaining teams in the league to vote that team out of the league for whatever reason.

At this point, the New Ulm representatives were invited back into the room and told of the league's decision. In short, the Brewers must be reclassified to Class C before the Tomahawk East annual meeting in January and must also bring a very firm proposed roster to the annual meeting to be approved by the league before they could be considered to be re-admitted back into the Tomahawk East League for 2012.

Motion made by Matt Knakmuhs of Lamberton, 2nd by Josh Junker of Redwood Falls to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Helget
Secretary-Treasurer