

**TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ANNUAL MEETING**  
**SLEEPY EYE BREWING COMPANY, SLEEPY EYE, MN**  
Sunday, January 12, 2025

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 11:09 a.m. on Sunday, January 12, 2025 at Sleepy Eye Brewing Company in Sleepy Eye by President Al Flor. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the Tomahawk East fall meeting were emailed by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to accept the minutes of November 6, 2024. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. An ending balance of \$664.42 as of December 31, 2024 was reported. A motion was made by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dusty Mangen of Stark to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The rules and bracket for the 2025 Region 2C Tournament were distributed with tweaks as requested by the Corn Belt teams. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chase Meyer of Courtland to approve the tournament bracket and rules. Motion carried.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for Secretary-Treasurer were made, a motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to cast a unanimous ballot for Marty Brandl as Secretary-Treasurer for 2025. Motion carried.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for Vice President were made, a motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to cast a unanimous ballot for Dusty Mangen as Vice President for 2025. Motion carried.

After the required number of nomination solicitations for President were made, a motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to cast a unanimous ballot for Al Flor as President for 2025. Motion carried.

2025 Tomahawk East League Officers:

**Al Flor - President**  
**Dusty Mangen - Vice President**  
**Marty Brandl - Secretary-Treasurer**

A motion was made by Steve Helget of Springfield, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to pay Marty Brandl \$200 for maintaining the Tomahawk East League website: [www.tomahawkeast.com](http://www.tomahawkeast.com), \$200 to reimburse him for website hosting and domain name and \$300 for the Secretary-Treasurer salary for 2025. Motion carried.

President Flor reported that he had been in communication with KNUJ radio. They offered to again broadcast six games on Sunday evenings at 5:00 p.m. during the regular season for \$950. A motion was made by Chris Koob of Hanska, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to forgo the KNUJ radio games in 2025. Motion carried.

There was discussion about the printed pocket and poster schedules for the league. A motion was made by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Koob of Hanska to skip printed schedules in 2025. Motion carried. Marty will create QR codes that can be posted by teams that will link to schedules. The suggestion was made to put the sponsors from the printed schedule on the page of the website with the schedule. Sponsors may also be placed in the Region 2C Tournament program.

Al Flor reported that the South Central Umpires Association had not met yet. He will plan to schedule one umpire for games, unless teams let him know otherwise. He asked for teams to understand the difference between having one umpire and two in their games. Each team will pay \$200 to compensate for umpire scheduling.

Teams of the Tomahawk East League were reminded to again come up with a \$25 TEL web site sponsor.

A motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Slander of New Ulm to set league dues at \$350 to cover umpire scheduling, website ad, salary, reimbursements and any other expenses of the Tomahawk East League for 2025. Motion carried.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl distributed sheets to all teams asking them to verify and update their league directory information, website sponsor ad, caps, Twitter accounts and website addresses. Brandl will make necessary updates and distribute the league directory in addition to posting it on the league website. He also requested that teams send him their logos and graphics to be shared on the league website to aid in the promotion of our league.

Teams were reminded to use flat-seamed baseballs: Wilson A1010Pro, Diamond D-1 Pro LS, or Rawlings FSOLB baseballs for the 2025 season. Rawlings is the ball used by the MBA for the State Tournament.

Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl briefly discussed team rosters, contracts, and releases. Team registration will take place between 3/15 and 4/14. All players currently “property” of your team are in the MBA website. Any player on a team’s roster that is currently “Inactive” can be simply changed to “Active” to make them eligible to play. No more re-signing of contracts is required. Teams were encouraged to pay special attention to their players with points and consider keeping them “Inactive” until you know for sure they will be playing to avoid unnecessary points for your team. Remember to update player experience for players who have graduated and gone on to play college baseball. Also, double-check that players marked as “exempt” are in the school district or city limits. Sometimes those boundaries aren’t as obvious as one might think. If a player who played in 2024 is going to be signed by a new team, they should show up in the Free Agents list. If you’d like to sign someone who didn’t play in 2024, but played in 2023 or before, please talk to Marty to get all of their paperwork in order to get them into the MBA system. Marty will communicate additional details coming from the MBA with teams prior to roster moves beginning on March 15.

Marty reminded teams to check out the MBA Handbook online. The proposed changes for 2025 are available in the November MBA meeting minutes and will be finalized at the February State Board meeting.

The Tomahawk East League will host the 2025 All-Star Game against the Corn Belt League due to their win in Essig in 2024. A motion was made by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Koob of Hanska to have Stark host. Motion carried. Stark will host the game on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 7:30pm. The Tomahawk East All-Stars will be managed by Al Flor of New Ulm and Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth. The managers were chosen due to New Ulm and Leavenworth finishing first and second in the regular season in 2024. Before this year’s game, teams will be asked to submit their top 3 players. Then Flor and Mickelson will construct the All-Star roster with each team having at least one representative.

Teams have been working on the 16-game 2025 Tomahawk East League schedule. The season will begin on Sunday, May 11 and end on Sunday, July 20 with Monday, July 21 available as a make-up date for postponements from 7/20 only. The setup of games is a 16 game schedule for the next 3 seasons (2025 is year #2), formatted as follows: 12 games (one each against the other 12 teams, 6 home and 6 road) plus 4 additional games (2 home and 2 road at the opposite site of the teams’ other game, randomly drawn for 2024, then rotated with 4 different teams in 2025 and the final 4 teams in 2026, so each team will play all 12 other teams a total of 4 times over the course of 3 years). Teams were asked to wrap up their final edits to the schedule by 2/1/25 to allow umpire scheduling to begin. Any changes to the schedule before or during the season should be communicated to Al and Marty.

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was set for Wednesday, July 23, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the site of the TEL11 vs TEL12 opening game of the Region 2C Tournament via a motion by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dusty Mangen of Stark. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl  
Secretary-Treasurer