

TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE ROSTER MEETING
SLEEPY EYE BREWING COMPANY, SLEEPY EYE, MN
Wednesday, July 29, 2026

The roster meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 6:40 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at Sleepy Eye Brewing Company in Sleepy Eye by League President Al Flor. Roll call was taken with all teams present, including three teams using Google Meet.

The minutes from the annual meeting on February 4, 2026, were emailed by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye, 2nd by Doug Jones of St. James to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of \$3,533.11 reported. The remaining expenses for 2026 were noted as the League Secretary-Treasurer salary of \$300, website maintenance \$200, and website hosting/domain \$200. Other potential expenses are October and November MBA meeting travel reimbursements and a meal for the fall meeting. We are still awaiting payment for 4 ads on the league poster schedule. Marty has followed up with all of them and should be receiving payments soon. A motion was made by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth, 2nd by Collin Helget of Searles to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

St. James' Doug Jones reported on the All-Star Game that was held against the Corn Belt League at St. James on Saturday, July 11. The Tomahawk East won their 7th straight, 7-6. Jones felt attendance was good and their concession stand did well. Jones spearheaded a HR Derby with 16 participants and reported that the first round took the most time by far, after that, the homeruns came much more quickly. The winner of the HR Derby was Connor Neubeck of Marshall. Chris Knowles of Hanska was the runner-up. Jevan Richert of J. Richert Bats donated a custom bat for the game MVP. Hanska's Chris Knowles was named the 2026 All-Star game MVP. With the win, the game will be held in another Tomahawk East League ballpark in 2027. League officers will be in touch with Corn Belt officers to get the 2027 game scheduled with potential dates of 6/20, 6/25, 6/26, 7/9, 7/10, or 7/11/27 in mind. Fairfax has expressed interest in hosting.

With the completion of the regular season on Sunday, July 26, the Region 2C Tournament is set. Details were emailed to all involved by Region 2C Commissioner Marty Brandl. Highlights of the 2026 tournament include: Sleepy Eye, New Ulm and Springfield serving as the host sites. The 16-team double-elimination bracket begins with 4 games in Sleepy Eye and 4 games in Springfield on Saturday, August 1. Admission will be \$10 for adults 18+ and \$1 for those 17 and under. Paid admission allows fans to travel between host sites if they desire.

It was noted that some thought head-to-head matchups were the first tiebreaker. This is not the case. Head-to-head was removed from the tiebreakers due to teams coming from different leagues not having a head-to-head matchup. This could be changed for 2027 if it is desired.

Brandl will distribute QR codes to be posted at games for people to scan and bring up all the info for the Region 2C Tournament, including team rosters, and a live bracket.

Commissioner Brandl has been communicating with host sites about the expectations in terms of announcers, national anthem, taking admission, and providing ground rules. Hosts are asked to provide game balls for the games at their site. Umpires will be paid by the hosts \$320 per game for a two-man crew and reimbursed by Region 2C. With games going on at the same time at both host sites, there are plans to stream the games from the opposite site as well.

All teams are asked to submit their potential draftees to Marty by the end of the first weekend of the tournament. This list will be used for the four teams who advance to the State Tournament to select their three draftees from the twelve teams not advancing to the State Tournament. If a player is not on the list, they cannot be drafted. Teams are encouraged to try to make sure their best pitchers are willing to be drafted, even if they are only available one or two weekends of the tournament so our region has a great showing at State.

We will again take team pictures of all teams when they play during the tournament. These will be posted on the league website Teams page and shared with teams for use as they wish.

Al Flor shared an overview of the section tournament in which the Class A New Ulm Brewers will be participating. There are eleven teams who are playing for four State Tournament bids. The teams in Section 1A are Dundas, Hampton, Hastings, Lakeville, Miesville, Rochester Royals, Elko, Faribault, New Market, Owatonna and New Ulm. Games are scheduled for August 1-2, 8-9 and 14-15. The bracket can be found on the league and state websites.

Team rosters were emailed by League Secretary-Treasurer Brandl a couple times leading up to the meeting with teams making last changes. The following are the numbers of players on each team's 2026 final playoff roster: Courtland 17, Essig 19, Fairfax 20, Gibbon 19, Hanska 22, Lamberton 21, Leavenworth 20, New Ulm 24, St. James 15, Searles 20, Sleepy Eye 24, Springfield 22, and Stark 19. Zach Mickelson noted that David Schroepfer should be removed from the Leavenworth playoff roster. Motion made by Wade Werner of Gibbon, 2nd by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to approve the final official 25-man (max) playoff rosters of the 13 teams of the Tomahawk East League, with the last change by Leavenworth. Motion carried.

A concern was raised about the forfeit of a game by St. James to Lamberton on Friday, July 17. Teams were encouraged to work together to play all their games, but the league rules do state that forfeits can happen if the teams can't find a reschedule date. Any changes that are desired to the league rules can be brought to the November meeting. NOTE: League Secretary-Treasurer Brandl found that there has been a total of three forfeits in the league going back to 2014 after the meeting.

The fall meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6pm at Searles Bar & Grill.

Motion made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2nd by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl
Secretary-Treasurer