

**TOMAHAWK EAST LEAGUE**  
**FALL MEETING**  
CARL'S CORNER, ESSIG, MN  
Wednesday, November 6, 2024

The fall meeting of the Tomahawk East League was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at Carl's Corner in Essig by League President Al Flor. Roll call was taken with all teams present.

The minutes from the roster meeting were emailed and read by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl. A motion was made by Sam Hansen of Essig, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Salfer of Sleepy Eye to accept the minutes from July 21, 2024. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report was presented by League Secretary-Treasurer Marty Brandl with a balance of \$1264.42 reported. We are still missing payment for the 2024 \$50 schedule ad from Last Chance Saloon in Hanska. Al will work on that. A motion was made by Dusty Mangen of Stark, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Helget of Springfield to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

President Flor complimented the Tomahawk East League representatives in the State Tournament: New Ulm, Courtland, Hanska, and Springfield for representing the league well. Region 2C Tournament plaques will be presented at the annual meeting in January.

Secretary-Treasurer Brandl reminded teams to send him team graphics and logos to be shared on the league website for any social media or other graphics that teams put together. So far, Courtland, Essig, Stark and Springfield have submitted theirs. The graphics can be found on the "Teams" page of the website.

At the October MBA meeting, the State Board approved the new 3 class system. The State Tournament sizes will be Class A (24): teams with 36 or more criteria points, Class B (24): teams with 20-35 criteria points, Class C (32): teams with 19 or less criteria points. For the Tomahawk East League, New Ulm will move up to Class B, playing in District 8 with Willmar, Bird Island, Raymond, Luverne and Fairmont. Those 6 teams will be playing for 3 berths in the Class B State Tournament. Al Flor will serve as the District 8 Commissioner. The other 12 teams will be joined by Marshall, Milroy Yankees, Sacred Heart, Granite Falls, and Wabasso from the Corn Belt League to make up Region 2. Those 17 teams will battle for 4 spots in the Class C State Tournament. Marty Brandl will continue to serve as the Region 2 Commissioner.

A lengthy discussion on the 2025 Region 2C Tournament ensued. Commissioner Brandl has been in communication with the Corn Belt League President Jeremy Mortensen and others to gather input on what those teams had done previously in their region and their ideas for coming together. Numerous conversations have occurred, and emails have been exchanged with the TEL officers and team representatives as well. All the input resulted in the proposed tournament bracket and rules.

Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Hansen of Essig to have a 17-team Region 2C Tournament. Motion carried. Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chris Koob of Hanska to have each league play their own league schedule and use pre-determined slots for teams seeded 1-5 from the Corn Belt and seeded 1-12 from the Tomahawk East. Motion carried. Discussion about the sites and playing dates led to a motion made by Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to place the winner's bracket games at the same site as the loser's bracket games on the second day of the tournament so teams can watch their next opponents at the same site. Motion carried. Derrick Jenniges of Lamberton made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jared Schwanz of St. James to remove the last 2/3 seeding games from the bracket and adjust playing dates so the last two State berths will be determined by two games on Friday night of the last weekend. The tournament will conclude on Saturday with the two teams from the loser's bracket playing for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place and the two teams from the winner's bracket playing for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd place. Motion carried.

Commissioner Brandl then went over the proposed Region 2C Tournament rules. The rules were a blend of the previous 2C rules along with the rules that had been used for the Corn Belt teams in their previous region tournament. A motion was made by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to approve the proposed rules as written. Motion carried.

The Corn Belt League will be meeting on Wednesday, November 13. They will discuss the Region 2C Tournament proposal. After their meeting, Commissioner Brandl will work to come to an agreement on any differences between the two leagues and we will look to approve the final setup for the 2025 tournament at the January meeting.

There was a brief discussion about host sites and how some regions have advertisements in a program book put together by the hosts. This money is then used to pay for the umpires so that regional game shares are higher. With this being the first year of the new layout and not wanting to put any more work on the host sites, Al and Marty will try to see what they can come up with for ads to help get things off the ground for further development in years to come.

Marty will send out the proposed 2025 Tomahawk East League schedule. We are in year #2 of the  $12 + 4 = 16$  game schedule where all teams will play each other four times over the course of 3 years. Teams are encouraged to look it over and communicate with opponents about potential changes and let Marty know about those to update the schedule. We will also have time for teams to discuss changes at the January meeting.

To maintain value for games against Class B teams (currently just New Ulm), it was proposed that a new tiebreaker be added for league standings. A motion was made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dusty Mangel of Stark to have the #2 tiebreaker be a team's win(s) against Class B teams. If there is an unequal number of games played against Class B teams, the first game will be the result taken for the tiebreaker. Motion carried.

The 2025 All-Star Game against the Corn Belt will be played on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at 5:00pm at a Tomahawk East ballpark. Teams were asked to voice their interest in hosting by the January meeting when a host will be decided.

SCUA president and scheduler, Al Flor, asked teams to let him know how many umpires they would like to have scheduled for their games. He can schedule either 2-man crews or a single umpire for games, whichever teams prefer.

One of the current rules of the Tomahawk East League is that the league is a "Class C" league. With New Ulm now classified as Class B, a motion was made by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton to keep New Ulm as a member of the league. It was noted that the Rules of the Tomahawk East League were last updated in 2013 and could use some updates.

Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth noted that communication with the Leavenworth team should be routed to him as Dave Schroepfer is stepping away from managing the Orioles.

The annual meeting of the Tomahawk East League was set for Sunday, January 12, 2025, at 11am at a location to be determined.

Motion made by Isaac Jenniges of Lamberton, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zach Mickelson of Leavenworth to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Brandl  
Secretary-Treasurer