



### **DRS League Meeting Minutes**

**November 3, 2021 7 pm Doublewide Bar**

421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

#### **Roll Call/Call to Order**

- President Mike Sticha called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- Roll call showed that all teams were in attendance.

#### **Secretary's Report – Sean O'Neill**

- Secretary O'Neill asked for questions on last meeting's minutes and a vote for approval with there being no questions.
- Motion Shakopee, second St. Benedict to approve the minutes. Passed 13-0.
- There was one update to team contact information. Greg Westerman will be replacing Tom Flicek as the manager for Montgomery in 2022. Tom will be the assistant.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Chris Hertaus**

- Financial update from Treasurer Hertaus was reporting a balance of \$3,654.09. Sales tax on region gate of \$575.22 remains to be paid.
- Treasurer Hertaus finds the league to be in sound financial shape.
- Motion Faribault, second Union Hill to approve the report. Passed 13-0.

#### **Old Business**

- 2021 Season Recap was presented. No comments from the teams on last year.
- Bar Cards were a successful fundraiser for the teams and league last year. There is wide support to continue in 2022 with some minor tweaks. Nick Schoenecker will take the lead. Teams should let him know by February 15<sup>th</sup> which bars will participate.
- 3.2 Liquor Licenses was discussed. The elimination of 3.2 is a major threat to fundraising and revenue for all teams. Authorities at the county and local levels are not involved and it must be attacked through the state legislature. There was mention that some leagues have begun the push. There was request that the MBA take a strong lead here to unite the association to push for allowance of strong licenses for teams. There is more power and strength in a united and consistent message. Zack Stephenson (DFL-36A) is the State Rep that holds the lead on this issue. Teams should begin by contacting him directly to turn up the volume on the issue.



## New Business

- **NW Umpire Update.** Derek Roberts of NW joined the meeting to discuss their rate increases and other topics. He was immediately told to check his phone. He had missed some calls. There will be a rate increase they are willing to work with the league on how it is phased in. Talk of their membership status, two-man games vs. one-man games, feedback, etc. It was a good discussion. The league was able to hear their perspective and challenges. Greg Faue will take the lead for the DRS on the contract language. Gopher Classic and Father's Day weekends remain very busy and challenging for reschedules.
- **Don Dvorak HOF Banquet Ad.** Don will be inducted into the MSHBCA HOF in November. The league will take out a \$100 add in the banquet program to honor Don. Don is a long-time New Prague teacher and baseball coach. He also has years of involvement in the DRS as a player, manager and league officer. Congratulations Don! Motion Elko, second Veseli to approve. Passed 13-0.
- **League Baseball order.** It was suggested the league order earlier due to lead times on everything right now. It is best to get ahead of it. All agreed this was a good idea and to continue to use Innovative Graphics as our supplier. There will be an approximate \$2/dozen increase. A dozen balls is now about \$60. Motion New Market, second St. Patrick. Passed 13-0. Secretary O'Neill collected each team's order and will forward to President Sticha for ordering.
- **MBA Updates**
  - **Shakopee Coyotes Class B.** It appears that the MBA will place the Coyotes in Class B. The DRS League will petition the MBA to keep the Shakopee Coyotes in the DRS and Class C for 2022. There is unanimous league support for this. Shakopee's results and roster in recent years do not equate to them being able to compete in Class B. There is a real possibility that the team may fold over this. Is this good for baseball in MN? NO!
  - **MBA Ejection Policy idea.** The DRS does not support the MBA injecting themselves into the game with an ejection policy during the regular season. Let leagues handle it themselves. The DRS one game policy works well and has reduced our ejections since instituted. The MBA can handle their state tournament as they wish. The extra management will only stifle and slow things down. Ask leagues to have their own strong policy and govern internally.
- **Class B vs. Class C games – Standings**
  - There was a discussion about not counting the results of the games between the C teams and the B teams. Some felt that there were inequities in how serious some teams take those games. After discussion it came up to a vote. Motion New Prague, second Webster to not count those games. The vote was 11-2 against. Motion failed.



- **2022 Season:**
  - League Set-up: (teams, Division(s), number of games). The DRS league will again be a one division league. C teams will play the B teams once. C teams will play each other twice. B teams will play each other per their section set-up.
  - Start/end dates for the season. Motion Prior Lake, second Shakopee for the league season will begin on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Per motion by Webster, second by New Prague the season will end on July 27<sup>th</sup>. The league playoff format will be Option B. That will be shared online once the playoffs near.
- **2022 Schedule creation timeline**
  - Mike Sticha requested that schedule requests from the teams be submitted by 12/3.
- **Next meeting** – It will be held in January 2022. Time and location TBD.
- **Any other New Business items?** With no other new business, motion to adjourn.

#### Adjournment

President Sticha adjourned the meeting at 9:14pm.