



DRS League Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2020 7 pm Doublewide Bar
421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Roll Call/Call to Order ----

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by President Sticha. All teams present except Montgomery. Per league by-laws, they will be fined \$50. Payable prior to start of 2020 season.

Secretary's Report

1. Approve last Meeting's Minutes

- Motion to approve last meeting's minutes by Union Hill and seconded by Faribault. Approved by vote 13-0.
- There is a new contact for the New Prague Times replacing Chuck Kajer. See league contact list for the contact information.

Treasurer's Report

1. Financial update

- a. Per Secretary Hertaus we have a balance of \$2,560.02. After expected league expenses we should head into the season with about a \$900 balance. A solid financial position per the Secretary. Approve Prior Lake, second St. Patrick. Approved 13-0.

Election of Officers/Assign Duties

1. Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

- a. Motion Webster, second St. Patrick to keep all officers in place. Approved 13-0 with no further discussion or nominations.
- b. Mike Sticha-President, Greg Faue-Vice President, Chris Hertaus-Treasurer and Sean O'Neill-Secretary will retain positions for another year.

2. Designate Webmaster/Twitter/Facebook & owner of Contracts/Releases

- a. Motion Webster, second Faribo to keep Mike Sticha in place. Approved 13-0.

Old Business

1. Bar Cards

- a. Nick Schoenecker presented on the progress and interest in the fundraiser/promotion. Good interest from bars that were approached with minimal non-participants. Discussion then went to is this a go or not and how should the money be distributed to the teams. Bar cards are \$10 each. Teams will get 90% of ticket and DRS will get 10% of ticket. Teams will buy from the DRS up front for the 10% the DRS gets. Unsold tickets can be returned. The DRS will cover printing costs if a sponsor can't be found. The initial bulk buy will be 3000 tickets – that would be about 230 tickets per team if evenly distributed. Nick Schoenecker will iron out final details and dates, but it is a go.



2. Sponsorship Ad: Expanded League Standings

- a. Innovative Graphics will sponsor for 2020 at a fee of \$500. FYI to all.

3. MBA updates

- a. Changes were emailed out by Secretary O'Neill. All teams are responsible for being aware of changes and to abide.

New Business

1. 2020 Schedule – prelim schedule distributed by Meeting time; Final by Feb 15

- a. 2 home games/2-umpire games (Class C teams); home teams add to ScoreMonster
 - i. Request to have finalized by 2/15/2020 so that the league poster schedule can be created.
 - ii. Home teams can begin entering games into Score Monster.

2. Set League Dues - \$100 last year – no change for 2020 in DRS.

3. Set Admission Prices - \$3 adults; 17 and under free last year – no change for 2020 in DRS.

4. Confirm Managers/communication – 2 contacts per team (phone, email, one mailing address). All is up to date after 1/8/2020. Will review at Spring meeting.

5. Rosters/Contracts – Signing date opens March 15th – Team Score 49 for B/C classification. Keep this in mind. All roster transactions should be sent to Mike Sticha.

6. DRS Poster Ads – pricing (\$20 & \$40 last year) & timing (Feb 15)

- a. League wants to keep doing this and keep pricing the same.
- b. Discussion on limiting the number of printed copies, but landed on keeping at 200.
- c. Team reps need to confirm their advertisers by 2/15/2020 if at all possible and report back to Mike Sticha. Need sponsorship money by our April meeting.

7. Designate Official Baseball(s)/Baseball Orders

- a. Pricing/options will be distributed at meeting
- b. Four vendors bid on our RFP. Motion by New Market and second by St. Benedict to go with Innovative Graphics bid and use the Rawlings FSRMBA ball for our league standard.
- c. Teams placed their orders at tonight's meeting.

8. New Prague Times coverage

- a. Jay Schneider from the Waterville office will cover DRS baseball. Taking the place of Chuck Kajer. His contact info is on our league contact sheet. More information to come from Jay.
- b. Discussion on how to get all games reported to the paper by all teams. Understandably some teams don't have a vested interest as their fans and team don't follow the paper. How can we make it equitable and a value to the DRS and readers of The Times? All teams will do their best.



9. KCHK Coverage/Advertising

- a. Proposal from Aaron Worm for KCHK ad package. Season sponsorship by the DRS includes commercials, Hot Stove Program, regular season, regions and state tournament games. Cost of sponsorship is \$500. Motion Prior Lake, second Elko to approve. Approved 13-0.

10. 2020 MBA Handbook Ad – \$75 last year (yes or no). Motion to advertise St. Benedict, second Prior Lake. Motion carries 12-1.

11. Next meeting – April. Final date and time to be determined after talking to all constituents.

12. Any other New Business items?

- a. Question on clarity for the Class A boundary per confusion from State Board email. The boundary should follow the roads and not the river.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Filed by Sean O’Neill, League Secretary