

DRS League Meeting
June 27, 2019 7 pm Doublewide Bar
421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Roll Call/Call to Order

Meeting called to order by President Sticha at 7:03pm. Roll call showed all teams present with Faribault arriving late. Faribault did arrive for the meeting about a half hour late.

Secretary's Report

1. Approve last Meeting's Minutes

Motion to approve last meeting's minutes by Union Hill and second New Market.
Approved on a 12-0 vote.

Treasurer's Report

1. Financial update

Current balance of \$2,500.78 in checkbook. After salaries, 2019 fees and 2020 fees we will have \$445.78 balance for 2020 and that is a healthy place. Motion to approve update by Webster and second by Shakopee. Approved 12-0.

Our bank is telling us that our checkbook should not be run through a personal account owner. In our case it is Treasurer Chris Hertaus. They say we should get our own Tax ID# to tie to the checkbook. We are hesitant to do so, but will investigate what other leagues do first. Tasked to President Sticha.

Old Business

1. 2019 Playoff/Region format

Quick review of the region format and addressed a couple of questions regarding start times of games. Everyone is on the same page.

2. Bar Cards (introduced in April)

Discussed further and consensus is to formalize the plan on this for the October meeting.

New Business

1. Final Roster Submissions

- a. MBA Playoffs: 25 player max (which is already DRS League max)
- b. Ensure these 25 (or less) players are listed on your Team Roster Websites as "active"
- c. If any of the 25 players do not fulfill 4 League games played during the Regular Season (except for Summer Wood Bat players who've been on your Roster), they should be changed to "inactive" and are not eligible for Postseason
- d. Copies of each team's Rosters must be signed by all League Team Reps tonight
- e. No further transactions can take place after tonight

As of tonight, it isn't completely clear that Union Hill and St. Benedict have their rosters in order. It is due to technical snafus and the State Board is aware and neither team will be penalized as it will be worked through. All other teams are set at this point. All teams reviewed and signed off tonight on each other's rosters. No further movement after tonight. Rosters are now frozen.

An exception will be made for Elko to finalize their roster on June 30th as opposed to tonight as they are the lone Class B team in the league. Motion New Market, second Union Hill to approve. Motion passed 12-0.

2. League Dues/Payments: pay timely (deadline or fine needed in future?)

We are starting to have an issue with teams not getting their dues and payments made in a timely fashion. This leads to stress on the DRS being able to pay their bills in a timely manner. How can we rectify this? Most popular idea was to make items COD before delivery. Motion Elko to make payment mandatory before anyone takes receipt of any equipment ordered for them by the league. Seconded by St. Benedict. Motion passes 13-0.

3. Early season – shortage of players

Do we need to adjust our season start date? Do we need to reduce our schedule? Are changes needed or not? There are polar stances on this. Some feel change is needed. Others feel that it is what it is and we all need to just deal with it. Come prepared to discuss and have solutions at the Fall meeting.

4. League 25-man Roster Maximum

Should we look at expanding the roster size to eliminate some of the paperwork and help teams field a team early in the season? No real strong movement to change tonight. Tabled until October.

5. NW Umpire update

a. Ejection policy – League games only

Concern from the Umpires Association that there may be no penalty for physical abuse by a player or coach in a non-league game. Cannon Valley League recently changed their policy to include non-league games for physical abuse. There will probably be an edict coming down from NW Umpires requiring the policy change before they will work games.

b. Fall – contract negotiations

NW Umpires will have their next contract up for renewal and be presenting to leagues this Fall. This was just a heads up from Mike Sticha and teams should begin thinking about this as well as we move into the Fall.

6. Next meeting Oct/Nov

President Sticha will try to avoid conflicts with major events and let us know a date. Location will remain at the Doublewide.

7. Any other New Business items?

No other new business items brought forward. So with that.....

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by President Sticha at 8:12pm.