

DRS League Meeting
November 6, 2019 7 pm Doublewide Bar
421 St Joseph St, Elko New Market, MN 55054

Roll Call – Meeting called to order by President Sticha. All league teams present. New managers in attendance were as follows: Tanner Graff of Shakopee, Brent Goracke of St. Patrick and Mike Prochaska of Webster. Todd Klehn will be the assistant manager for Webster.

Secretary's Report

- 1. Approve last Meeting's Minutes as distributed to teams. Motion Shakopee, second Union Hill to approve. Motion carried 13-0.**

Treasurer's Report

- 1. Financial update from Treasurer Hertaus showed a balance of \$3,210.02. After upcoming year end expenses and start-up costs, Hertaus expects to have roughly \$450 on hand. This is a healthy balance based on league history.**
- 2. Tax ID update. President Sticha secured a tax ID on behalf of the league to utilize as needed. Our bank has indicated a desire for us to have it. No cost to league.**

Motion Webster to approve the Treasurer's Report, second Faribault. Motion carried 13-0.

Old Business

- 1. 2019 Season/Playoff/Region 3C feedback. After opening the floor for comments, no comments or concerns raised.**
- 2. Bar Cards. Nick Schoenecker and Mike Sticha presented the concept as done by the Crow River League for years. It would be a fundraiser for the DRS. Interest among league to proceed. Nick Schoenecker will chair on behalf of the league. He will gather information from managers and contact the bars to get the process started. We will take the next steps at our meeting in January.**

New Business

- 1. MBA Annual Meeting (October 19th) updates**
 - a. Classification criteria/points – Todd Bergstrom, New Market, presented a possibility of a third class to the MBA at their meeting. There wasn't huge support apparently from the MBA, but Todd feels that he got the discussion going and it could happen in the future.**
 - b. Other - The points threshold for B/C will be 49 points. Teams would get a year notice. More automation coming in terms of paper contracts and releases. Discussion on roster limits and how different leagues count players and points. MBA will look to clarify and explain how rosters can be manipulated and are counted.**
- 2. New Market – Class B as of 2020 season**

3. **2020 League set-up (teams, Division(s), etc.)** Discussion on how to set up our league schedule and divisions now that New Market is a Class B team. The decision was made that all teams will now play NM only once as they do Elko. A team that has NM as a home game will have Elko as a road game that same year. The next year it will reverse. The league schedule will now be 22 games.
4. **2020 season start/end dates**
 - a. Start/end date options – There were multiple options presented for discussion. All of the choices would affect start date, end date, length of regular season and length of post-season. The group landed on a start date of April 26th. The regular season will end on July 29th for a length of 13.5 weeks. Playoffs will begin on August 2nd and end on August 16th. State tournament begins on August 21st.
 - b. Region 3C condensed idea – A format was decided on for the playoffs and regions. There will be further discussion on region details, but it must fit within the confines of the dates above and could be affected by MBA decisions for our region.
 - c. There were two different motions to amend or eliminate the scheduling by-law that requires a team to play at least one game in the first two weeks of the season. Both votes failed to pass. The by-law reads as follows:

10-29-15 ; By 8-4 vote, it passes that a team must have a game scheduled within the first two weekends of the start of the season schedule. If both teams agree to reschedule the game, it can be done without penalty.

5. **Schedule Requests/Schedule Creation timeline** – Schedule requests for 2020 to President Sticha by December 1st. Make sure any date requests for certain opponents are cleared with the opponent first. This would include dates, start times, etc.
6. **2020 All Star game** – No interest from the group to play an All-Star game in 2020.
7. **NW Umpires**
 - a. 2019 Evaluation Pilot – Overview report by President Sticha. Additional comments provided by Greg Faue as league representative.
 - b. Contract negotiation – Proposed umpire fees were presented by Faue. Additional talking points were also brought to the league's attention. No change to 2-man umpire crew requirement. Motion by St. Patrick, second Elko to approve new two year contract with NW Umpires.
8. **Sponsorship Ad: Expanded League Standings** – President Sticha presented the option of pursuing this as revenue for league. League was interested and thought it was a good idea. President Sticha will pursue finding an advertiser.
9. **Any other New Business items?** – Home Town Bats expects to have their fundraiser event on June 27th. Requested the league not schedule games that day. Teams should let Mike know their preference.

Topic of a DRS Hall of Fame was brought up by Terry Fredrickson. Will continue to be discussed in the future. Many worthy candidates. Many details to be hashed out as well.

DRS Schedule Poster, NP Times coverage and KCHK coverage were all touched on as well. They will be further discussed at the next league meeting.

Next meeting: Will be scheduled in early January

Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 9:18 by President Sticha