

Eastern Minnesota League

Date: October 5, 2021
To: Distribution
From: Jim Brennan
Secretary-Treasurer
Subject: 2021 Fall Meeting Minutes

The 2021 Fall meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. on Monday, October 4, 2021 at Sidelines Bar & Pub in Cambridge.

Present:	North President – Jim Skroch	East Bethel – Dallas Jelmsberg
	South President – Jay Pautzke	Rum River- Tom Koplitz
	Central President – Dallas Jelmsberg	Ramsey – Ben Poidinger
	North Vice President – Jim Jarvis	North Branch – Jim Skroch
	Central Vice President – Tom Koplitz	Isanti – Steve Allen
	South Vice President – Terry Olson	Nowthen – Terry Olson
	Secretary – Jim Brennan	Chisago Lakes – Chuck Fitzer
	Mora – Jay Pautzke	Princeton – John Patnode
	Quamba – Lucas Athey	St. Francis – Luke Scardigli
	Hinckley – Ted Hasz	Braham - Andy Beckstrom

Absent with League Officer Notification: Hibbing

Motion by Isanti, Second by Chisago Lakes “To accept the minutes from the July 25th End of Regular Season meeting.”

Motion Approved.

Trophies

Dallas Jelmsberg presented the following trophies:

- 2021 Eastern Minnesota South League Champion to Princeton
- 2021 Eastern Minnesota Central League Champion to Isanti.
- 2021 Eastern Minnesota North League Tri-Champion to Mora.
- 2021 Eastern Minnesota North League Tri-Champion to Quamba.
- 2021 Eastern Minnesota North League Tri-Champion to Hinckley.

2021 Season Review

Season Review – This is a summary of comments from the teams:

- Good season, Fun season, Umpires were good, Thank all Managers for their hard work and cooperation.
- Congratulation to Isanti and Princeton for representing the Eastern Minny Leagues in the State Tournament.
- League website is very good.

Region

Region 1C Commissioner Tom Koplitz presented the following:

- Thanks to the Princeton community and organizations for all the volunteer work during the tournament.
- The playing field was in very good condition even after a heavy rain caused standing water on the field it was made playable.
- An MBA board member commented about why non tournament teams had to pay donations.
- For future tournaments don't charge \$1 admission for children, instead charge \$1 admission for Veterans.

Umpire Assault

- During the East Bethel – Mora game, Mora player Eric Raivo while batting hit an infield ground ball. As he ran and approached first base, he slid head first to the base, the throw to first base pulled the first baseman off the base. After catching the ball, the first baseman swiped and tagged Raivo. The first base umpire called Raivo out. Raivo immediately charged the umpire and bumped him several times, then he pushed the umpire several times and was ejected from the game.
- The following League By-Law was reviewed and discussed:

ARTICLE 7. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

- D. The League will suspend a Player or Manager for a minimum of one (1) calendar year for attacking an Umpire. The Player or Manager's team will be fined \$150.

Motion by North Branch, Second by Ramsey “To suspend Eric Raivo for one (1) calendar year (2022) season, Pay a \$150 fine and appear before the League for reinstatement to play.”

Vote: Yes, 11, No 1 (Nowthen), Abstain 1 (Mora)

Motion Passed.

- Region 1 Commissioner Tom Kopplitz will notify the Minnesota Board of Director about the action taken by the Eastern Minnesota Leagues.

New Business

- No new teams were identified.
- All teams present indicated they intend to have a team in 2022.
- Motion by Ramsey, Second by Chisago Lakes “Since Hibbing was not present, they must provide the following information at the 2022 Organization meeting:
 - Commitment not to forfeit games.
 - Umpire availability.
 - Eliminate social media comments towards players and the League.
 - Commitment to attend League meetings.
 - Commitment to be a member of an Eastern Minnesota League in 2022.”

Vote: Yes, 13, No 0

Motion Passed

- Assure that all League documents are worded accurately to avoid misinterpretation.
- Mora will use Quamba’s field for home games in 2022. The radius address will be the same as what was used in 2021 with MBA approval.
- By-Law Committee needs to be established before the next meeting.

MBA Annual Meeting- October 9, 2021 Eastside VFW St. Cloud

Meeting schedule: 11:00 MBA Regular meeting, 1:00 Annual meeting.

Next Meetings

Organization Meeting – 4:00 Sunday February 6, 2022
Sideline Bar Cambridge

Motion to adjourn by Isanti, Second by East Bethel

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Jim Brennan

Secretary