

Eastern Minnesota League

Date: February 9, 2022

To: Distribution

From: Jim Brennan

Secretary-Treasurer

Eastern Minnesota League

Subject: 2022 Organization Meeting Minutes

The League meeting was called to order by Jay Pautzke at 4:05 p.m. on Sunday, February 6, 2022 at Sidelines Bar and Grill in Cambridge.

Present:	Central President	- Dallas Jelmborg	Chisago Lakes	- Chuck Fitzer
	South President	- Jay Pautzke	Ramsey	- Ben Poidinger
	North Vice President	- Jim Jarvis	Rum River	- Tom Koplitzl
	Central Vice President	- Tom Koplitz	St. Francis	- Luke Scardigli
	South Vice President	- Terry Olson	Isanti	- Steve Allen, David Englund
	Nowthen	- Terry Olson	Mora	- Jay Pautzke
	North Branch	- Nick Solberg	Quamba	- Lucas Athey
	Hinckley	- Ted Hasz	East Bethel	- Dallas Jelmborg
	Princeton	- John Patanode		
Absent:	North President	- Jim Skroch		
	Braham (No notification)			
	Webmaster	- Derrick Hinds		

Motion by Isanti, Second by Chisago Lakes "To accept the October 4, 2021 Fall meeting minutes."

VOTE: Yes 14, No 0 MOTION PASSED

Old Business

Hibbing – The Eastern Minnesota Leagues received notice that Hibbing has joined the Northwest Border League in Region 10C.

Eric Raivo – On December 15, 2021 the MBA Board of Directors upheld the penalties placed on Eric Raivo by the Eastern Minnesota Leagues at the Fall meeting

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented for year ending December 31, 2021. Motion by East Bethel, Second by Chisago Lakes "To accept the Treasurers Report as presented." VOTE: Yes 12, No 0 MOTION PASSED

New Business

League Membership

No new teams had applied for membership.

Motion by Chisago Lakes, Second by East Bethel "To use the same 2021 three leagues structure for the 2022 season:

Eastern Minnesota South

East Bethel

Nowthen

Princeton

Ramsey

St. Francis

Eastern Minnesota Central

Chisago Lakes

Isanti

North Branch

Rum River

Eastern Minnesota North

Braham

Hinckley

Mora

Quamba

VOTE: Yes 12, No 0 MOTION PASSED

Election of Officers

South - Motion by Princeton, Second by East Bethel "President Jay Pautzke, VP Terry Olson."

MOTION PASSED Yes 5, No 0

Central - Motion by Chisago Lakes, Second Isanti "President Dallas Jelmborg, VP Tom Koplitzl."

MOTION PASSED Yes 4, No 0

North - Motion by Mora, Second by Hinckley "President Jim Skroch, VP Jim Jarvis."

MOTION PASSED Yes 3, No 0

Motion by Mora, Second by Isanti "Nominating Jim Brennan Secretary – Treasurer for all three Leagues".

VOTE: Yes 12, No 0 MOTION PASSED

Website Administrator - - Motion by East Bethel, Second by Isanti “Nominating Derrick Hinds Website Administrator”
MOTION PASSED Yes 12, No 0

Umpire Coordinator - Motion by East Bethel, Second by Chisago Lakes “Nominating Jim Jarvis Umpire Coordinator”
MOTION PASSED Yes 12, No 0

Umpires - - Motion by Chisago Lakes, Second by East Bethel “Approve the following Umpire fees for the 2022 season”
\$150 one man 9 inning game
\$120 one man one 7 inning game
\$200 one man two 7 inning games \$120 per game
\$115 per man, two men one 9 inning game
\$16 per inning for resumption of a suspended game if it is piggybacked to another game.

Region 1C Commissioner – Ben Poidinger has been recommended for approval as Region 1C Commissioner at the February 12th MBA meeting.

MBA AD – The price for the AD was increased to \$100 from \$75.

Annual Team Dues – Motion by Chisago Lakes, Second by East Bethel “Increase the Team Fees by \$50 to \$250, Increase the Team Forfeit Balance by \$35 to \$175 for a total payment of \$285 for 2022.”

League Schedule – The 2022 Schedule was prepared.

Schedule Changes – April 15th is the cutoff for changes. This is the schedule that will be used for assigning umpires. All changes after April 15th must be sent to Jim Brennan, Jim Jarvis and Derrick Hinds.

Constitution and By-Law Changes

Motion by Isanti, Second by Chisago Lakes “To accept the following changes to the Constitution and By-Laws.”

VOTE: Yes 12, No 0 MOTION PASSED

The By-Law Committee recommended the following changes to the Constitution and By-Laws:

Constitution

Change Article 3. – Membership - Paragraph 2.

To: Each member team must pay annual dues which will be determined each year at the January / February Organization meeting and maintain a forfeiture fee reserve balance with the League based on the current year’s game umpire fee plus \$25. The dues payment for new teams will be a two-year payment of the amount set.

(This was changed in 2021 to the above, January / February Organization meeting was changed in 2022)

Change Article 6. – Meetings - Paragraph 2.

From: The League schedule will be prepared with April 15th being the date that the final schedule changes will be allowed. Final plans for the season will be made. Any player questionnaires requested for League review after this meeting will require a Special meeting called by the League President.

To: The Spring meeting will be held in March / April and the League schedule will be prepared with April 15th being the date that the final schedule changes will be allowed and League playoff formats must also be determined by this date. Any player questionnaires requested for League review after this meeting will require a Special meeting called by the League President.

New – Article 9. – Code of Ethics Policy

Individuals who are members or associated with teams of the Eastern Minnesota Baseball Leagues should use best judgement in posting material in social media that is inappropriate or harmful to the Leagues, individual teams, players, coaches or umpires. This policy includes posting commentary, content, or images that are defamatory, harassing, or create a hostile environment that reflects negativity on the image of the leagues, teams or individuals. Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action. These disciplinary actions will be determined by members of the Eastern Minnesota Leagues. (i.e., fines, suspensions, etc.)

By-Laws

Change Article 4. – Game Rules - Paragraph J.

From: The official baseball for the Eastern Minnesota Leagues shall be the official ball of the MBA State Tournament (Rawlings flat seam baseball FSRxxx). Unless a different baseball is agreed upon in writing by both Managers.

To: The official baseball for the Eastern Minnesota Leagues shall be the official ball of the MBA State Tournament.

Change Article 9. – League Play-Offs - Paragraph B.

From: Any team having three (3) games forfeited during the season may be determined as not qualifying for playoffs. This will be presented to a League vote.

To: Any team having three (3) games forfeited during the season will be determined as not qualifying for playoffs. A team has the right to appeal any one of their forfeits within 7 days of the forfeit to a review board that will include the President and Vice President of all Eastern Minnesota Leagues.

Dues – Check Payable to Jim Brennan

<u>Dues</u>	<u>Dues</u>	<u>Forfeit Fee</u>	<u>Missed Mtg</u>	<u>Game Stats & Forfeits</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Due</u>
Braham	250	35	20			0	305
Chisago Lakes	250	35		50		335	0
East Bethel	250	35			215*	500	0
Hinckley	250	35				0	285
Mora	250	35				285	0
Isanti	250	35				285	0
North Branch	250	35				0	285
Nowthen	250	35				285	0
Princeton	250	35				285	0
Quamba	250	35				285	0
Ramsey	250	15				265	0
Rum River	250	35				0	285
St. Francis	250	35				285	0

Team Forfeiture Reserve was increased \$35 to \$175

*Forest Lake Laker payment for umpire fees paid by the league

Next Meeting

Open Items - Website Game Statistics Monitor

- MBA Ejection Rule
- Include League Playoffs in the By-Laws

Sunday March 20, 2022

4:00

Sidelines Bar and Grill

Cambridge, Mn

Meeting adjourned at 6.20

Jim Brennan

Secretary