

# Eastern Minnesota League

Date: April 13, 2024

Subject: 2024 Spring Meeting Minutes

The league Spring Meeting was called to order by South President Jay Pautzke at 12:36 on Saturday, April 13, 2024 at East Bethel fire #1

## **Present:**

Dallas Jelmsberg - East Bethel - League Secretary - North President

Tyler Marcio - East Bethel – Web Master

Jayson Pautzke - Mora - South President

Ben Poidinger - Ramsey - Region Commissioner

Terry Olson - Nowthen - South Vice President

Steve Allen - Isanti

Dave Englund - Isanti

Derek Magaard - Ogilvie

Chris Carpenter - Elk River

Dillon Titterud - Ham Lake

Jim Skroch - North Branch - North Vice President

Matt Solberg - North Branch

Cody Gustafson - Hinckley

Judd Rabe- Hinckley

Justin Krie - Quamba

Luke Scardigli - St. Francis

[Jason Kuerschner](#) - State Board Member

## **Absent:**

Rum River, Braham, Princeton, Chisago Lakes

Motion by Isanti, Second by Nowthen to accept the Organizational Meeting minutes from Feb. 4th, 2024

VOTE: Yes 12 No 0 MOTION PASSED

<b>New Business</b>
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**Line up cards** - Dallas forgot to bring them so he will mail them out to the teams that want them

**Forrest Barclay with North Metro Photography** - Forrest is the official photographer for the Metro Minny - contact him if you'd like him to come out and cover a game for you [forrestbarclay@gmail.com](mailto:forrestbarclay@gmail.com)

## **Contracts and releases**

- Glitches are getting worked out on the state site

- Reminder that you need to send a picture of driver's license OR something that proves residency prior to March 15<sup>th</sup> - If no driver's license (School ID - bill - parent sign off )

- Dallas will start going through the contracts and releases

- There was discussion about a potential player for St. Francis that is from Faribault - he lives in Camplin with Aunt and Uncle and teaches at St. Francis HS (since the beginning of the school year) Jason Kuerschner referred Luke Scardigli to state handbook Article 9.

- There is a player that wants to play for North Branch, but was last on Rum River's roster. Rum River will have to re-sign that player and then release him.

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**MBA Handbook** - Dallas emailed managers all the changes to the state handbook - managers are encouraged to go through those changes. Pay particular attention to the criteria for 2025 as there will be (class A, class B, class C) Jason Kuerschner reminded managers that the point total for 2025 will be taken from the roster as of April 15th.

**Website** - Tyler Marcio will be supporting Ben with the website with Webmaster duties. The league would like to see more stuff on the website in order to try and draw more interest and fans to the league.

If you have any ideas please feel free to get in touch with Tyler(763) 412-7268  
[easternminnywebmaster@yahoo.com](mailto:easternminnywebmaster@yahoo.com)

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\* After the meeting it was agreed that Tyler will take over the website fully  
- thank you, Ben, for your past work to keep the website going  
-make sure to put non-league games on the website

## Umpires

-The umpire coordinators were not at the meeting, but Joe Rydel wanted to remind managers to go over their schedule on Arbiter and make sure games are ALL correct  
-There are some new umpires - feel free to give Joe input on the performances of the umpires  
-If you schedule any new games (non-league) please let Joe know ASAP.

## Region discussion

-This will be the last year of the current format because changes in 2025  
-Princeton has already put in a bid - Representatives from Hinckley stated there would be a bid from Hinckley  
-Region commissioner Ben Poindinger presented 3 different format options for the 2024 regional tournament.  
-After much discussion pertaining to different formats:  
MOTION from Steve Allen (Isanti) to have a full 16 team double elimination tournament regional tournament (will involve ALL teams in the Eastern Minnesota) SECOND by Terry Olson (Nowthen)  
ALL IN FAVOR: Mora, East Bethel, North Branch, Elk River, Ramsey, Ogilvie, Ham Lake, Hinckley, Quamba  
OPPOSED: St. Francis  
NOT VOTING BECAUSE OF BEING ABSENT: Rum River, Braham, Chisago Lakes, Princeton  
MOTION PASSES: The 2024 Regional tournament will be 16 team double elimination tournament.  
-The Region Board will meet in the next month or so to put together the details of the tournament.

## League finances

Dallas reported that the league paid \$103 for line up cards and \$925 for website fee

## NEXT MEETING

**Tues. June 25th 6:00 at Freddie's in Mora - this is the roster review meeting**

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Allen (Isanti)  
Second by Terry Olson (Nowthen)  
Motion passes unanimously - meeting adjourned at 1:49p.m.