Notes from Fall meeting

Sept. 24th

Fall meeting was called to order at 6:04p.m. at Freddie’s Restaurant in Mora

**Present:** South president Jayson Pauzke

Central president Dallas Jelmberg

North VP/umpire coordinator Jim Jarvis

Central VP Chuck Fitzer

South VP Terry Olson

Jason Hofstedt umpire

Joe Rydel umpire

Chuck Fitzer - Chisago Lakes

Steve Allen -Isanti

Dallas Jelmberg - East Bethel

David Englund - Isanti

Ben Poidinger - Ramsey/Region commissioner/webmaster

John Patnode - Princeton

Lucas Athey - Quamba

Tom Kopitz - Rum River

Andy Beckstrom - Braham

Ted Hasz - Hinckley

Terry Olson - Nowthen

Jayson Pautzke - Mora

**Absent with league notification** - Jim Skroch - North President/ North Branch

**Absent without league notification** - Luke Scardigli St. Francis - did text Jayson Pautzke aftwards apolozing for missing the meeting

Ham Lake (2nd straight missed league meeting) - indicated afterwards that they are not getting emails from Jim Brennan

**Motion by Isanti - seconded by East Bethel** to accept the July end of season league meeting minutes

**Motion approved** \*\*note - we need to get meeting minutes on the website - last two meeting minutes aren’t on website

**Jayson Pautzke presented league championship trophies**

2023 North Champions Hinckley

2023 South Champions Princeton

2023 Central Champions Isanti

**Season Review**

Everyone thought it was a good year - fun season - league has improved so there’s more parity - managers great to work with - thank you umpires - no complaints

**Region Review**

-Teams did receive there checks for game shares - sales tax was also taken care of

- baseballs: there were plenty of leftover baseballs - either return to teams OR keep for next year’s region tournament ?

-region didn’t make quite of much this year so the game shares were a little less than prior year

-run well by Princeton - very competitive tournament - some very good games

-maybe need to tweek the bracket to make things a little more equitable/”fair” - work on scheduling a bit better

-draftees - this situation needs to be addressed - a player declined to play for one team and then got drafted by the other team - that shouldn’t happen - it was proposed that prior to the region tournament each team supplies a list to the region commissioner of players that would be draftable. If an injury occurs to one of those players during the region tournament then that player can be removed from the list.

**New Business**

-No potential new teams were present - Elk River and Zimmerman were briefly discussed

-The topic of attendance at regions was discussed - one thing that will be looked into is live streaming the region games for a subscription fee and counting those subscriptions towards attendance?

**By Laws Committee**

-will meet sometime between Christmas and New Year’s (probably)

- The committee will be : Dallas Jelmberg, Jayson Pautzke, Terry Olson, Ted Hasz, Chuck Fitzer

Please send recommendations for additions, deletions, or changes to the by-law committee prior to their meeting

-one suggestion was to see if there is a way to set up a password to access our league website after the region tournament is completed - that way teams that qualify for the state tournament don’t have their stats available to other teams for “scouting” purposes

**MBA annual fall meeting**

-Sat. Oct. 14th 10:00a.m. at East Side VFW in St. Cloud

-Each of the 3 leagues in the Eastern MInny has a vote

-Good experience to attend - give you a chance to meet state board members and what their -jobs are on the board

-If interested in attending contact Jim Brennan OR Dallas Jelmberg - the league will pay for your meal.

**Other**

-Dallas Jelmberg presented umpire coordinator Jim Jarvis with a lifetime achievement award for all of his years of service and dedication to the Eastern MInny League/Metro Minny League/and to baseball in our area. Thank you Jim for all your hard work and everything you’ve done, you will be missed !

-Rum River was given a check to refund their forfeiture reserve - Tom Koplitz reported that he has retired as manager and no one at this point has stepped forward to take over the team. Stay tuned.

-Topic of Ham Lake missing two straight meetings was brought up - they don’t respond to texts and emails - it was suggested that after notification of the upcoming league meeting is sent that managers should send a confirmation email saying they received the notification.

**Next meeting - organizational meeting**

Sunday, February 4th, 2024 4:00 at Freddie’s Restaurant in Mora