

Eastern Minny League organizational meeting

Feb. 4th 2024

Organizational meeting was called to order at 4:05 at Freddie's Restaurant in Mora

Present:

Dallas Jelmberg - East Bethel
Jayson Pautzke - Mora
Ben Poidinger - Ramsey
John Gaub - Rum River
Terry Olson - Nowthen
Steve Allen - Isanti
Dave Englund - Isanti
Marina Udd - Twin Ports Timbers
Derek Magaard - Ogilvie
Jeff Brooks - Elk River
Dillon Titterud - Ham Lake
John Patnode - Princeton
Jim Skroch - North Branch
Ted Hasz - Hinckley
Lucas Athey - Quamba
Chuck Fitzner - Chisago Lakes
Luke Scardigli - St. Francis
Andy Beckstrom - Braham
Joe Rydel - umpire coordinator
Jason Hofstedt - umpire

OLD BUSINESS

Motion by Isanti - seconded by East Bethel to accept the fall meeting minutes

Motion approved unanimously

Twin Ports Timbers- Marina Udd Class B team

Looking for games and to possibly join the league

Games would not count toward standings - but would count towards the 4 games needed for playoff eligibility.

Twin Ports would supply umpires (wouldn't be assigned by our umpire coordinator)

Home games for Twin Ports are played at Wade Stadium

NEW BUSINESS

TREASURER'S REPORT

EASTERN MINNESOTA LEAGUES

Financial Statement
As of December 31, 2023

| | 12/31/2022 Balance | 2023 Activity | 12/31/2023 Balance |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| TEAM FORFEIT RESERVES | \$2,040.00 | \$511.00 | \$2,551.00 |
| LEAGUE OPERATING FUND | | | |
| Beginning Balance | 1257.26 | | |
| Team Dues | | 3,455.00 | |
| Missed Mtg Fee | | 60.00 | |
| Eric Ravio Fine | | 150.00 | |
| League Trophies | | (158.28) | |
| Region Trophy | | (84.25) | |
| Postage | | (10.05) | |
| Office Supplies | | (15.43) | |
| Copies | | (44.10) | |
| Secretary Salary | | (840.00) | |
| Umpire - Coordinator Salary | | (840.00) | |
| Web - Administrator | | (500.00) | |
| - Site Fee | | (865.00) | |
| - Domain Fee | | 2 Yrs (44.34) | |
| Ending Balance | | | \$263.55 |
| - Telephone / Postage | | | |
| Jan 1, 2023 Balance | \$3,297.26 | | |
| 2023 Operating Fund Activity | | \$263.55 | |
| 2023 Total Activity | | \$ 774.55 | |
| Dec 31, 2023 Balance | | | \$2,814.55 |

TEAM FORFEITURE FEE STATUS

| | Dec 2022 Balance | Payments | Missed Mtg Fee | Missed Meeting Payment | Game Stats & Forfeit Fees | Game Stats & Forfeit Payment | Pre Pay League Dues | Expenses Paid By League | Forfeit Fee Refunded | Dec 2023 Balance |
|---------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Braham | \$175.00 | | | | | | \$20.00 | | | \$195.00 |
| Chisago Lakes | \$175.00 | | | | | | \$96.00 | | | \$271.00 |
| East Bethel | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Ham Lake | \$0.00 | \$135.00 | -\$40.00 | | | | \$250.00 | | | \$345.00 |
| Hibbing | \$140.00 | | | | | | | | -\$140.00 | \$0.00 |
| Hinckley | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Isanti | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Mora | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| North Branch | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Nowthen | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Princeton | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Quamba | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Ramsey | \$175.00 | | | | | | | | | \$175.00 |
| Rum River | -\$175.00 | \$350.00 | | | | | | | -\$175.00 | \$0.00 |
| St. Francis | \$150.00 | \$35.00 | -\$20.00 | | | | | | | \$165.00 |
| Total | \$2,040.00 | \$520.00 | -\$60.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$366.00 | \$0.00 | -\$315.00 | \$2,551.00 |

Missed Mt 7/25/24 Ham Lake
9/2 4/24 Ham Lake, St. Francis

Nowthen makes a motion to accept treasure's report - Ramsey seconds - passes unanimously

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

In honor of Jim Brennan - Dallas Jelmsberg presents Jim with the Eastern Minnesota League lifetime achievement award. Jim will be stepping down as league secretary after many years of incredible service to baseball in our league and in the state.

LEAUGE MEMBERSHIP

Twin Ports (see above)

Elk River - Jeff Brooks representative - currently plays for Forest Lake but lives in Elk River - varsity baseball coach reached out about starting an amateur team - day games at varsity field - night games at youth athletic complex with lights

Roster would be made up Elk River players only (wouldn't reach out beyond) - would roster up to about 20.

Ogilvie - Derek Magaard representative - players would be from Ogilvie - possibly Isle - 17 players interested thus far - local businesses willing to sponsor

Ramsey makes a motion to accept Elk River and Ogilvie and go to 4 leagues of 4 teams. Isanti seconds.

All in favor - Chisago Lakes, Braham, Quamba, Ham Lake, Ramsey

Opposed - Mora, East Bethel, Rum River, Nowthen, Isanti, Princeton, North Branch, St. Francis, Hinckley

Motion fails 9-5

St. Francis makes a motion to accept Elk River and Ogilvie, play everyone once - two leagues of 8 teams each Braham seconds

All in favor - Braham, St. Francis, Quamba, Princeton, Chisago Lakes, North Branch, Hinckley, Ham Lake, Isanti, Rum River, Mora, East Bethel, Ramsey

Opposed - Nowthen

Motion passes 13-1

The Eastern Minny League has agreed to try and schedule games with Twin Ports to help them get games towards their playoff eligibility

North

Braham

Hinckley

Mora

Quamba

Ogilvie

North Branch

Princeton

Rum River

South

Ramsey

Nowthen

East Bethel
St. Francis
Elk River
Ham Lake
Isanti
Chisago Lakes

Motion- East Bethel to accept the leagues with the teams in those leagues as listed above
Second - Isanti
Motion passes unanimously

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ramsey makes a motion for Dallas Jelmborg to be president of the North and Jayson Pautzke to be president of the South - vice president nomination for Terry Olson for the South and Jim Skroch for the North

Isanti Seconds

Passed unanimously

New league secretary to replace Jim Brennan

Isanti makes a motion to have Dallas Jelmborg become the league secretary/treasurer for the Eastern Minnesota Leagues effective immediately.

Chisago Lakes seconds

Passes unanimously

Isanti motions that Ben Poidinger continue as webmaster

Chisago Lakes seconds

Passes unanimously

UMPIRES

Rates same - \$150 per 9 inn game (single ump)

\$120 per 7 inn game (single ump)

\$130 per umpire for a 2 man crew (9 inn. game)

Managers please check arbiter consistently

ANNUAL TEAM DUES

Nowthen makes a motion to keep the league dues at \$250

Chisago Lakes seconds

Motion passes unanimously

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

-play each other once

OTHER

WEB ADMINISTRATOR

Send schedule to Ben in excel spreadsheet document he sent to managers

REGISTRATION IN THE NEW SOFTWARE

Note: According to the MBA Ham Lake has not registered yet

BY-LAW AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

By-laws

Article 4 paragraph H

Delete "helmet" as part of coaching attire

Article 4 paragraph S

Delete whole sentence (Base coaches are required to wear helmets when on the field coaching)

Article 7 paragraph A

Add: last sentence of paragraph A - at the end of the final sentence "That player is an illegal player." Just for a bit more clarity.

Add: probably need a paragraph B

There is nothing that speaks to a player being ejected for some other reason other than a dispute with the umpire (for example and illegal slide, fake tag, verbally attacking another player or fans, etc....)

"A player ejection that doesn't involve a dispute with an umpire will result in a minimum of a 1-game suspension and the league reserves the right to add more games if it's deemed necessary."

Add to article 5 of the constitution

"All member teams will vote on all matters that involve the Eastern Minnesota League" - this way we will not have voting in just the "little leagues" (North, South for example)

Mora makes a motion to accept these changes to the by-laws and constitution

Nowthen seconds

Passes unanimously

PLAYOFFS/REGION

-bids to host regional tournament must be turned in to the regional commissioner by Sun. May 19th

-list provided in advance of players that are "draftable" - streamlines the drafting process

-start streaming region tournament ? Look at counting this towards attendance ?

-16 team region - 30 games - may need two sites for the 1st two weekends and just one site for the final weekend - teams need to prepare financially - more games, more \$\$\$\$

STATE BOARD MEETING

Sat. Feb. 10th 10:00a.m. at St. Cloud East Side VFW

Next meeting - spring meeting

Sunday, March 24 at 4:00 at Freddie's

Isanti motions to adjourn

Princeton seconds

Passes unanimously at 7:15 p.m.