



Minnesota Baseball Association

Meeting Minutes
Green Isle Community Center
July 13th, 2024

11:00am

Sixteen dedicated baseball enthusiasts in attendance.

Sympathies & moment of silence to the family of Dennis Brennan regarding the loss of his brother Jim Brennan.

President Forsman called the meeting to order at 11:00am

Members absent: Schleper, Kuerschner

Approval of previous meetings minutes
Carries 7-0

Motion: **Brennan** 2nd: **Lemke**

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Motion: Vogt 2nd: Sticha

Nagel Reviewed checking, Edward Jones balance, loan fund payments, corporate sponsor from Beacon put in EJ MM account

Budget requested, to order new caps for state tournament umpires.

Motion: Lemke: 2nd: Brennan Carries: 7-0

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Board Committee Reports

Umpire committee report

- Selection process has begun, umpires will be notified by the first weekend in August.

- Note to applicants, with the tournament expanding to three classes for next year there will *potentially* be more opportunity for umpires to work in the state tournament.

Website Committee Report:

- Need rosters to have player numbers, consider making a required field for 2025 & beyond, logo & team record the sheets. Data is only as good as the data that's submitted.
- Post June 30 transactions are open to allow for **resigning** of inactive, current players who were not in the system.

2024 State Tourney Host Report - Need each sites list of chairs and their phone numbers and email addresses.

Glencoe will be the 4th site for 2025.

Old Business

Website Update - Nick and John Gerads (See committee report)

Other Old Business

New business

Thank you from the Brennan family for the flower arrangement for Jim Brennan's services.

Mitch Minnig - East Bethel Bandits - Request to use the Heritage Rule. Mitch signed his first contract with the Bandits in 2009 and played through the 2014 season, then went to the Blaine Fusion and played for 2 seasons. He has not played for any MBA team since 2014 and requested to use the Heritage Rule as he lives now in Eagan, which is over 30 miles from East Bethel. As MBA Secretary, Jason Kuerschner approved this request on June 30th so as to allow Mitch to play and not have to wait until the July 13th, MBA Meeting. See previous email for additional information.

Motion Brennan 2nd Lemke

Carries: 7-0

Austin Blue Jays - due to not being officially in a league and now being considered a Class B team for playoffs, their previously scheduled games with the Twin Rivers have been canceled due to weather related issues and not rescheduled. This has put a lot of pressure on the Blue Jays with

regards to getting players eligible for the playoffs. How can we proceed from a board perspective to help them have enough games to get their required games for playoff eligibility?

Motion: Austin will be able to use the games that were pulled from them due to other teams needing to play make up league games to count toward the 4 game player eligibility.

Motion: Nagel 2nd: Gerads Carries 7-0

Duly Noted

St Paul Mudhens - these players will NOT need to get their 4 games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Josh Kirchhoff - Minnesota Mudpuppies

Colten Becker (Minnesota Mudpuppies)

Alex Matchey (Warren County Crop Dusters M.I.N.K. Collegiate League)

Teige Lethert (Minnesota Mudpuppies)

Ian Koosman - Raymond Rockets, to play with the Willmar Stingers of the NWL and return to the Rockets for the playoffs, he does **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible.

Louis Magers - St Clair Wood Ducks - to play with the Mankato Moondogs of the NWL and return to the Wood Ducks for the Playoffs, he does **NOT** need to get his four game in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Rosen Busch Light Tournament - June 28-30

Matt Werk - Waterville Indians - To play in the NWL and return to the Indians for the playoffs, he does **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Jake Osowski - Ada Athletics - to play with the Fargo-Moorhead Redhawks of the Independent league and return to the A's for the playoffs, he does **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Aidan Byrne - Eagan Bandits - to play in the NWL and return to the Bandits for the playoffs, he does **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Christian Morel -Coon Rapids Redbirds - to play with the Rockford Rivets of the NWL and return to the Redbirds for the playoffs, he **DOES** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Joey Flom - Watertown Red Devils - to play for the Wellington Heat of the Kansas Collegiate League and return to the Red Devils for the playoffs, he will **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Jackson Kruger - Belle Plaine Tigers - to play in the NWL and return to the Tigers for the playoffs, he does **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Victory League All-Stars to play the Brainerd Legion team in an exhibition on July 2nd.

Moorhead Brewers playing Jamestown on Aug 7 in Fargo

Tomahawk & Cornbelt playing All Star Game on Jul 13, 2024

Luke Logeais - Shakopee Indians - Playing for the Mud Puppies of the NWL and return to the Indians for the Playoffs, he will **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Carter Scanlon - Montrose Waverly Stingers - To play with the Genesee Rapids of the NYCBL and return to the Stingers for the Playoffs, he will **NOT** need to get his four games in to be eligible for the playoffs.

Jared Alexander - Montrose Waverly Stingers - is a member of the National Guard and has been put into active duty to be stationed at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee (July 9th -19th). This will not allow him to get his 4 games completed as he was also active for training for 3 weeks in June. Jared is eligible for playoffs due to Article 9.7 of the MBA Handbook and does **NOT** need to get his 4 games in.

NSPN.tv - in communications with Andy Price, we are finalizing a deal with Bally's Sports to broadcast recap shows of the State Tournament weekends. These shows will be produced by Andy and his team then broadcast on Bally's Sports North following the Twins Post Game show on Sunday late afternoon. Then on Tuesday Morning the MBA would be able to post to our Youtube Channel. There will be 4 total shows, one each the first two weekends, then two on the third weekend. The Sunday of the third weekend will have results up to that point in time. With another show put together for Tuesday following the Twins Post Game Show, that will go over the final Championship recaps and any other games missed with the Sunday show. Andy's group also had a couple of features during these shows to help spotlight the host towns or fields or organizations. They will plan to do this again as well. Though unable to attend secretary Kuerschner's recommendation is to continue with this process both monetarily and exposure for our MBA brand. Andy is also still planning on doing the Bracket Reveal Show on Aug. 11. This will be exclusively on the MBA Youtube Channel.

Other New Business

Next Meeting - October 12th, Eastside VFW, St. Cloud for the Annual Meeting

Adjourned

Motion Vogt 2nd Sticha

Carries 7-0