

Fall 2005

September 26, 2005

Wisconsin NAFA
Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin NAFA will meet in regular session Sunday, October 2, 12:30 p.m., at Sunset Tavern, Black River Falls.

The agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Recording of attendance
 - A. Welcoming of new member (Matt Pronschinske)
 - B. Establishing or system for filling future Board vacancies
3. Presentation of minutes of April 3, 2005 meeting
4. Presentation of treasurer's report
5. Appearances before Board (if any)
6. Travel League
 - A. Review of 2005 season
 - B. Establishment of playing dates for 2006 season
 - C. Selection of 2006 playing site
 - D. Discussion of elimination of ten player batting order (see enclosure)
7. State Tournament
 - A. Review of 2005 event
 - B. Establishment of playing dates for 2006 event
 - C. Selection of 2006 playing site
 - D. Review of tournament entry fee and sponsor expense money
 - E. Team classification review
 - F. Review of pitching list
 - G. Playing of championship game (see enclosure)
8. National NAFA
 - A. Review of 2005 event in Mankato
 - B. Discussion of 2006 event scheduled for Appleton
 - C. New vice-presidential territory
 - D. Comments of Executive Director concerning Wisconsin
9. Board members comments and concerns
10. Establishment of date for 2005 spring meeting
11. Adjournment

Please be in attendance.

Ronn Kopp, Wisconsin NAFA State Director

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Sunset Tavern Lower Arcade
Black River Falls, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. by State Director Ronn Kopp. Kopp advised that Zone Vice-President/Travel League Director would preside over the proceedings.

Board Members Present: Kopp, Lathrop, Kevin Musolf, Larry Duerkop, Greg Spindler, Mark Nelson, Bud Olson, Mike Watson, Mike White, Dan Slama, Rick Radloff, and Matt Pronschinske.

Board Members Absent: Secretary Steve Krupke, Jay Hrdlicka, and Joe Schaefer.

Lathrop extended on a welcome on behalf of the Board to new appointee Matt Pronschinske.

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Duerkop that retiring Board member Bob Radawitz be commended for his service as both Board member and Umpire-in-Chief from October 22, 2000 to October 2, 2005, and that a plaque denoting his service be presented to him. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kopp and seconded by Musolf that the minutes of the April 3, 2005 meeting be approved as presented to each member in printed form. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Watson that the report of the treasury be approved as presented in printed form. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Pronschinske, seconded by Nelson that Kopp be paid the balance of the outstanding loan made to the organization in October of 2003. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lathrop asked for a volunteer to supervise souvenir tee-shirt sales should the Board decide to undertake this fund raising project in 2006.

Lathrop reviewed the 2005 Travel League, citing inclement weather postponements and miserable playing conditions during the first weekend at Medford/Stettsonville/Whittlesey as the chief problem. He announced that the New Image Salon had posted the best won-loss record at 7-1. He also explained the circumstances of the two forfeited games.

Pronschinske voiced concern at continuing play as field conditions deteriorated. White suggested having radio contact between fields when the locations were physically separated.

Playing dates and sites for the 2006 Wisconsin NAFA Travel League were discussed. Dates selected were May 13-14, week 1, and May 20-21, week 2. Applications for hosting the event were submitted by Bowling Green (Middleton), Chippewa Valley Convention and Visitors Bureau (Chippewa Falls), and Lounge Around Bar, Medford/Stettsonville/Whittlesey. Lathrop implored that any site guaranteeing to include corn on the cob in its concessions menu be given special consideration.

Board member balloting, with each member asked to select both sites, produced the following result (number of votes in parentheses):

May 13-14: Bowling Green 11, Medford/Stettsonville/Whittlesey 1
May 20-21: Chippewa Falls 7, Medford/Stettsonville/Whittlesey 5

Lathrop announced that Bowling Green (Middleton) has been awarded the Travel League's first weekend, May 13-14, and that Chippewa Falls has been awarded the League's second weekend, May 20-21.

Lathrop introduced legislation which would repeal Board action of October 17, 2003 allowing the extra hitter

provision for Travel League play.

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Radloff that the Travel League observe official NAFA rules for all sanctioned play, including Travel League. Aye 8, nay 4, with Olson, Duerkop, Watson, and Pronchinske voting nay. Motion carried.

Lathrop reviewed the 2005 state tournament, reporting that 23 total teams competed in the two class event. The major problems were the non-playing of the "if necessary" game of the AA division and the incorrect decision on a run-rule question in an A division contest.

Playing dates for the 2006 Wisconsin NAFA State Tournament were discussed. Selected were the dates of July 15-16.

Playing site selection for the 2005 Wisconsin NAFA State Tournament was discussed. The only bid submitted was by Bowling Green Recreational Center (Middleton) in the amount of \$550. The Board accepted the Bowling Green bid.

Team entry fee and sponsor expense money was discussed.

It was moved by Kopp and seconded by White that the entry fee for both the AA and A divisions be set at \$185 and that the sponsor expense money be as follows:

A division, based on 14 entries: 1st - \$450; 2nd - \$350; 3rd - \$250

AA division, based on 8 entries: 1st - \$400; 2nd - \$300; 3rd - \$200

Lathrop advised of the circumstances of the 2005 state AA championship contest, with the two squads involved agreeing not to play the "if necessary" game, declaring themselves co-champions. Radloff, a member of one of the teams involved, explained that it was the opposing squad which initiated the discussion, thereby placing the onus on his team to force the contest (he states that his team was willing to play) or be cast as the villain in view of the extremely uncomfortable weather conditions.

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Pronchinske that any team or teams that refuse to play or conspire with the opposing squad not to play a scheduled tournament game will forfeit any sponsor's expensed money earned during the tournament. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lathrop asked Musolf, an attorney at law by profession, if a disclaimer could be placed on the flier advising that the Wisconsin NAFA reserves the right to reject the entry of any team. The barrister advised that such action could indeed be taken.

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by White that all teams classified as AA and A-Major be made to play in the AA division for state tournament play, with classification subject to state appeal. Aye 11, nay 1, with Kopp voting nay.

Lathrop reported on the 2005 NAFA World Series at Mankato, Minnesota. He offered rave reviews for the site and the administration of the event. He extended congratulations to the many Wisconsin teams that competed, specifically noting that New Image Salon had finished fourth in AA play and Saw Dust City placed third and Budweiser fourth in A. He also announced that Board member Watson, manager of the class A American Express/Schneid's Bar squad, has been selected NAFA class A manager of the year for 2005..

Musolf, a member of the tournament committee for the 2006 World Series in Appleton-Kimberly noted that the two diamonds at Sunset Park in Kimberly as well as seven diamonds at the same location in Appleton would be in use. Four "satellite" fields in the immediate proximity are also available if needed.

Lathrop announced that the national, or more correctly "continental," number of vice-presidents had been reduced from three to two, and that he would be in charge of all states and provinces east of the Mississippi River and Jon Kegel of Fargo, North Dakota would be in charge of those west of the Mississippi.

Lathrop reported that NAFA Executive Director had made the following statement about the Wisconsin NAFA: "Wisconsin is the flagship state of NAFA and is the example other states should strive to emulate. But it is also the state that cheats the most in allowing teams and players to compete below their appropriate level of play."

Kopp responded that any team in any division but major which experiences even a modicum amount of success in a tournament is accused of sandbagging or other forms of chicanery. He advocated encouraging teams to set a goal of a 0-3 World Series finish in attempt to avoid scrutiny.

Kopp further pointed out that it was not uncommon for individuals to play on a regular basis for more than one team during a particular season, meaning that an individual player appearing on the rosters of both an AA team and an A-Major team, for example, is in all probability a legitimately rostered player on both teams.

Lathrop bellyached (something he does often and ardently) about having to travel from Madison to Black River Falls, a distance of 130 miles, twice each year for state NAFA meetings.

It was moved by Kopp and seconded by Duerkop that beginning in 2006 the NAFA spring meeting would be held in Black River Falls and the fall meeting in Middleton. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

Lathrop seemed surprised, confused, and disappointed that the issue did not involve controversy.

Watson announced that he had moved to the state of Kansas and was thus resigning, effective immediately, from the Wisconsin NAFA Board. He further reported that he has been assigned NAFA regional responsibilities for the states of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Colorado, and Missouri.

It was moved by Kopp and seconded by White that Mike Watson be commended for his dedicated service as a member of the Wisconsin NAFA State Board from October 27, 2002 to October 2, 2005 and that his resignation be accepted with respectful reluctance. A unanimous ballot was cast approving the motion.

A discussion on a replacement Board member ensued. Two individuals were nominated and a secret ballot followed.

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Radloff that Bob Neville of Stoughton be offered the positions of Wisconsin NAFA State Board Member and State Umpire-in-Chief, effective with his acceptance. Steve Vail of Baldwin was designated as alternate appointment. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Spindler and seconded by Musolf that April 2, 2006 be established as the date of the spring 2006 meeting of the Wisconsin NAFA Board of Directors. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Nelson and seconded by Slama that the meeting be adjourned. Aye 10, Nay 2, with Olson and Kopp voting nay. Motion carried. Time of adjournment: 3:05 p.m.

Minutes taken by Ronn Kopp