

Spring 2006

March 23, 2006

Wisconsin NAFA
Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors

The agenda (drafted by Loren Lathrop):

1. Call to order
2. Introduction of new Board member - Bob Neville
3. Recording of attendance
4. Presentation of minutes of October 2nd meeting
5. Presentation of treasurer's report
6. Appearances before Board (if any)
7. Discussion of Board membership
 - A. List of potential candidates
 - B. Dismissal if necessary
8. Selection of 2005 Wisconsin NAFA award winners
 - A. Player of the year
 - B. Pitcher of the year
 - C. Manager of the year
9. Travel League
 - A. Selection of participating teams if number exceeds what we can handle
 - B. approval of 2006 schedule
 - C. Request from a lady in Chippewa Falls
 - D. Tee shirts
10. State Tournament
 - A. Allowing out of state teams to play
 - B. Review of items passed last fall
 - C. Committee to determine appeals on teams and players
11. Umpires
 - A. Rule changes if any
 - B. Comments by Bob Neville, new UIC
 - C. Protest committee
12. National
 - A. Playing dates for each classification of play
 - B. Classification of Wisconsin teams
 - C. National decision on players
 - D. More sanctioned events so Appleton can have more local teams
 - E. Matt White- problem with 2005 national award
13. Board members comments and concerns
14. Establishment of date for 2006 fall meeting
15. Adjournment

Please be in attendance.

Ronn Kopp, Wisconsin NAFA State Director

April 2, 2006
Wisconsin NAFA State Meeting
Sunset Tavern
Black River Falls, Wisconsin

The meeting was called to order at 12:43 p.m. by State Director Ronn Kopp. Larry Duerkop volunteered to record the meeting minutes in the absence of the league secretary.

Board Members Present: Kopp, Duerkop, Loren Lathrop, Kevin Musolf, Matt Pronschinske, Bud Olson, Rick Radloff, and Joe Schaefer.

Guest Present: Bob Radawitz.

Board Members Absent: Secretary Steve Krupke, Jay Hrdlicka, Mark Nelson, Dan Slama, Mike White, Greg Spindler, and Bob Neville.

It was moved by Olson and seconded by Pronschinske that the minutes of the October 2, 2005 meeting be approved as presented to each member in printed form. All present voting aye. Motion carried.

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

Bob Radowitz was in attendance to be recognized for his years of service on the NAFA board and UIC from October 2000 to October 2005. A commemorative plaque will be presented to Bob on opening night of the Rice Lake Invitational.

Lathrop talked about board membership and read the resignation letter of Jay Hrdlicka. Hrdlicka's resignation from the board was effective immediately.

Discussion was held on possible candidates to replace Hrdlicka on the NAFA board. Jarrod Dulmes (Waldo), Chad Mix (Appleton), and Steve Vail (Baldwin) were named as three possible replacements. A vote was taken and Dulmes received six votes and Mix two votes

The board discussed the poor attendance of some board members.

Selection of award winners from 2005. The eight members in attendance voted. In addition, board member Mike White voted by proxy. Player of the Year: Josh Johnson, 6 votes; Scott Elmer, 2 votes; David Lay, 1 vote. Pitcher of the Year: Mark Stickney, 5 votes; Jeramie Holman, 3 votes; Bryan Lathrop, 1 vote. Manager of the Year: Holman, 5 votes; Greg Gehrig, 2 votes; Mike Watson, 1 vote; Saw-Dust City Staff, 1 vote.

Discussion was held on how to obtain more accurate statistics and more rapidly process and publish the statistics.

Lathrop announced 2006 travel league membership as 17 teams. Eleven of these teams have paid their entry fee or contributed a down payment toward that fee. Lathrop is in the process of completing the schedule.

Discussion was held on whether to allow a woman from Chippewa to paint faces at Casper Park during the travel league weekend there.

Motion was made by Musolf and seconded by Schaefer to allow the woman to have a face painting stand. 7 aye and Kopp abstained. Motion carried.

Last year's T-shirt sales were discussed. While some money was made, discussion was held as to other possible income sources. Pronschinske will check into the possibility of the sale can coolers.

State tournament discussion was held regarding allowing out of state teams into the tournament. It was decided to continue the same as last year, that states bordering Wisconsin may enter, with Lathrop classifying them as A or AA.

Lathrop asked for the addition of a fourth member to the Appeals committee, in case one of the other three members is involved in the dispute. Radloff volunteered to be the additional committee member.

Schaefer mentioned there was only one rule change that applied to NAFA fastpitch. First Baseman mitts that are no more than 14" long can be used at any position in the field.

Protest committee members will now consist of: Lathrop, Neville, and the local tournament director.

Playing dates for NAFA World Series in Appleton are August 18th-28th, 2006.

Lathrop reported changes in classification of teams and players. The most significant one was Dan Wall, who is now eligible to throw NAFA AA and ISC II, based on the decision of an NAFA committee commissioned by Executive Director Ben Hedgecock and a similar committee of the ISC. In addition, Wilber Lime will be playing AA by ruling of the same committee, despite the view of some Wisconsin directors that Wilber Lime should be classified AAA.

The Appleton NAFA committee is requesting as many teams as possible be allowed to compete in the 2006 World Series, in order to achieve maximum economic output. In order to achieve this, Appleton wants more sanctioned NAFA events. The board discussed and decided that in order to qualify as a sanctioned NAFA event, the criteria should be: 1) Follow NAFA Rules. 2) Use NAFA softballs. 3) Have a UIC and use NAFA umpires. 4) Fences optional, with fastpitch distance fences preferred.

The umpire rate for NAFA events in WI is \$27.50 and that is what NAFA tournaments should be paying if it is a sanctioned event.

Matt White's disputed AA ALL-WORLD status has been resolved. A commemorative plaque is being sent to Mr. White.

The balls used in 2006 state tournament play will again be the diamond flyer.

It was moved by Pronschinske and seconded by Radloff that the meeting be adjourned. Aye 7, Nay 1, with Kopp voting nay. Motion carried. Time of adjournment: 3:32 p.m.

Minutes taken by Larry Duerkop