

Fall 2007

October 17, 2007

FALL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors of the Wisconsin NAFA will meet in regular session Sunday, October 21, 12:30 p.m., at Bowling Green Recreation Center, Middleton.

The agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Recording of attendance
 - A. Filling vacant position(s), if any
 - B. Revise list of names for filling future Board vacancies
3. Presentation of minutes of April 15, 2007 meeting
4. Presentation of treasurer's report
5. Appearances before Board (if any)
6. Umpires
 - A. Report from State Umpire In Chief
 - B. Concerns of any Board member regarding umpiring
7. Travel League
 - A. Review of 2007 season
 - B. Establishment of playing dates for 2008 season
 - C. Selection of 2008 playing site
 - D. Establishment of team fees for 2008
8. State Tournament
 - A. Review of 2007 event
 - B. Establishment of playing dates for 2008 event
 - C. Selection of 2008 playing site
9. National NAFA
 - A. Review of 2007 event in Des Moines
 1. National championship
 2. Total Wisconsin team participation
 3. Teams entering National after by passing state events
 - B. Dates and site for 2008
 - C. Proposal of rotation of future sites presented to Hedgecock by Lathrop
10. Board members comments and concerns
11. Establishment of date for 2008 spring meeting
12. Adjournment

Please be in attendance.

Ronn Kopp, Wisconsin NAFA State Director

WISCONSIN NAFA STATE MEETING
BOWLING GREEN RECREATION CENTER
BOWLING GREEN, WI
OCTOBER 21, 2007

Fall Meeting of the Board of Directors of Wisconsin NAFA

Board Members Present: Ronn Kopp, Loren Lathrop, Kevin Musolf, Larry Duerkop, Rick Radloff, Mike White, Steve Vail, Bob Neville, Dan Slama, Mark Nelson, Greg Spindler, Jerrod Dulmes, and Bill Erickson.

Board Members Absent: Matt Pronschinske and Bud Olson

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 p.m. by State Director Ronn Kopp.

Radloff announced that he wished to submit his resignation from the Board effective at the conclusion of the current meeting.

A discussion took place on a potential replacement Board member.

Moved by Vail, seconded by Musolf to recommend the following list of potential replacements: 1. Tom Marquart, 2. Chad Mix, 3. Dan Severson, 4. Tony Schaaf. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Radloff, seconded by Erickson to accept the minutes of the 2007 spring meeting as presented to each member in printed form. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Spindler, seconded by Vail to accept the Treasurer's report as presented to each member in printed form. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion took place on payouts at the state tournament. Ideas discussed were paying the top four places for the "A" tournament and paying more to the top two teams in the "AA" tournament. A decision will be made at the Spring 2008 meeting for the 2008 State Tournament.

Vail presented comments from an umpiring perspective for both 2007 and 2008.

Moved by Vail, seconded by Erickson to have umpiring fee be increased to \$32.00 per game for 2008. Motion passed 8-3.

The 2007 Travel League season was reviewed. Wilber Lime won was crowned league champion. There were no forfeited games though several games were cancelled due to inclement weather.

Dates for 2008 Travel League play were set for May 9th-11th and May 16th-18th. Three bids were received to serve as Travel League host, those from Bowling Green Recreation Center of Middleton; the tri-cities of Medford, Stetsonville, and Whittlesey; and Circle Tap Bar of Denmark.

The first weekend of Travel League was awarded to Bowling Green by a unanimous 11-0 vote. The second weekend was awarded to Circle Tap on an 8-3 vote.

Due to the increase in umpire fees for 2008 as past previously, a discussion took place on increasing the entry fee for Travel League. No action was taken.

A review of the 2007 State Tournament was presented by Lathrop. Favorable comments were received on host city Baldwin. Fifteen teams entered in "A" and eight in "AA."

Dates for the 2008 State Tournament were discussed. It was noted that the Progress Days Tournament in Bristol will move to the 2nd weekend in July, same as NAFA State. The 4th of July being on a Friday is causing problems with weekends available.

It was decided that either June 27th – 29th or July 18th – 20th would be the date of the tournament. Two bids were submitted from Bowling Green and Chippewa Falls. Bowling Green can only host the 3rd weekend in July. It was believed Chippewa could host either weekend and Board members preferred the last weekend in June.

Lathrop requested a “straw” vote. Chippewa Falls was selected by a 6-5 vote. The 2008 State Tournament will thus be held in Chippewa Falls providing they agree to the June 27th – 29th dates. If Chippewa Falls cannot host that weekend Bowling Green will host the State Tournament July 19th – 20th.

The 2007 NAFA World Series was discussed. New Image Salon won the “AA” major championship. This is the first team to win back-to-back titles. Over 100 teams participated in total. Des Moines received good reviews as a tournament site from all Board members except Erickson. Lathrop pointed out that there were four teams at the World Series that did not play in an NAFA event during the season: Point Blank Tattoo, The Bar of Appleton, Wilson Organic Farms, and SLO/Glacier.

Discussion on sanctioning tournaments took place. Many ideas on what criteria to adopt were presented. No action taken at this time.

Dates for the 2008 World Series at Mankato, Minnesota: “AA” major August 14th-16th or 15th – 17th. “A” major is the 14th – 17th. “A” is 21st – 24th.

Lathrop detailed a plan that would create a 4-year rotation for Nationals: Appleton or Eau Claire, WI; Des Moines, IA; Mankato, MN; and a fourth location, such as Memphis TN (which will host in 2009) or Salem, OR (which has received rave reviews).

Women participating in NAFA events was brought up. NAFA sponsors women’s fastpitch in Canada and is exploring creating in a division for women in the United States.

Lack of updates to the State NAFA website was discussed. Webmaster Slama cited lack of material being provided to him.

It was moved by Spindler, seconded by Erickson to recognize the service to the Wisconsin NAFA of retiring member Rick Radloff. Motion passed unanimously.

The date of the 2008 spring meeting was established as April 13th with the site to be Black River Falls and the starting time 12:30 p.m.

Moved by Musolf, seconded by Vail to adjourn meeting. Motion passed 12-1 (Kopp voting Nay.)

Minutes taken by Larry Duerkop