

Spring 2007

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 – Steve Vail
3. Recording of attendance
4. Presentation of minutes of fall meeting
5. Presentation of treasurers report
 - A. Discussion of beer can coolers
 - B. Any other plans that we can lose money on
6. Appearances before board if any
7. Discussion of board membership
 - A. Resignation of board member Steve Krupke
 - B. Commendation of Mr. Krupke for his service to Wisconsin NAFA
 - C. Appointment of replacement board member
 - D. Election of board secretary
 - E. Expansion of board
 - F. Conducting meetings Via Teleprompter (Greg Spindler)
 - G. Potential resignation of yours truly
8. Selection of 2006 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
 - B. Approval of 2007 schedules
10. State Tournament
 - A. Getting word to out-of-state teams that they are allowed to play in our state tournament.
 - B. Review of items passed last fall
 - C. Committee to determine appeals on teams and players
11. Umpires
 - A. Rule Changes
 - B. Comments by Bob Neville
 - C. Report of national situation
 - D. Protest committee
12. National
 - A. Playing dates for each classification of play
 - B. Classification of Wisconsin teams
 - C. Problems at National Tournament
 - D. Other sanctioned events
 1. Cottage Grove
 2. Eagleton
13. Board member comments and concern
14. Establishment of date for 2007 fall meetings
15. Adjournment

Please be in attendance.

Ronn Kopp, Wisconsin NAFA State Director

April 15, 2007
Wisconsin NAFA State Meeting
Sunset Tavern
Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Board members present: Ronn Kopp, Loren Lathrop, Mike White, Steve Vail, Larry Duerkop, Bob Neville, Matt Pronschinske, Dan Slama, Rick Radloff, Mark Nelson, Greg Spindler, Jerrod Dulmes, and Bud Olson

Board members absent: Kevin Musolf.

Also present: Bill Erickson.

Meeting was called to order by Ronn Kopp at 12:32 p.m.

Steve Vail was introduced as the newest member of the board.

Moved by Spindler, seconded by Radloff to accept the minutes of 2006 fall meeting as presented to each member in printed form. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Lathrop commented on the fund raising can coolers project and the need for teams to purchase these at upcoming NAFA Events.

There were no appearances before board.

The Board accepted the resignation of Board member and Board Secretary Steve Krupke.

Moved by Radloff, seconded by White to accept the resignation and commend Mr. Krupke for his service to NAFA. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Vail, seconded by Spindler to formally approve the nomination of Bill Erickson to fill the Board vacancy created by the resignation of Krupke. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Olson, seconded by Erickson to nominate Matt Pronschinske as Board secretary.

Moved by Vail, seconded by Pronschinske to nominate Bill Erickson as Board secretary.

Moved by Spindler, seconded by Neville to close nominations. up. Motion passed. The Board, by a margin of 11-3, elected Pronschinske to the position of Board Secretary.

The Board discussed potential new members in case of future vacancies. Discussed as possible candidates were Chad Mix and Tom Marquardt.

Moved by Lathrop, seconded by Duerkop to nominate Tom Marquardt as top choice for replacement Board member.

Moved by Spindler, seconded by Dulmes to nominate Chad Mix as top choice for replacement Board member.

Moved by Spindler, seconded by Neville to close nominations. Motion passed unanimously. The Board, by acclamation, declared Tom Marquardt top choice for replacement

Board member.

The Board briefly discussed conducting meetings by conference call.

Lathrop presented the Board with his potential resignation after the 2007 season.

Board discussed the ways to lessen the workload of Lathrop in ways such as umpire scheduling for NAFA events and other tournament responsibilities.

Further discussion was tabled to the 2007 Fall Meeting.

Selection of 2006 Wisconsin NAFA award winners was conducted, with Brent Holman, Dale Horton, Rob Key, Mark Nelson, Bill Erickson, Chance Schmid and Ryan Humpal being nominated for Player of the Year based on the statistics and criteria provided.

Result of balloting: Nelson 9, Holman 4, Horton 1. Mark Nelson selected as 2006 Wisconsin NAFA Player of the Year.

Jeramie Holman, Larry Cushman, Bryan Lathrop, and Rick Radloff were nominated for pitcher of the year based on the statistics and criteria provided.

Result of balloting: Holman 13, Radloff 1. Jeramie Holman 2006 Wisconsin NAFA Pitcher of the Year.

Tim Hall, Jeramie Holman, Neil Jones and Ed Mataczynski were nominated for Manager of the year.

Result of balloting: Jones 11, Mataczynski 3. Neil Jones 2006 Wisconsin NAFA Manager of the Year.

The Wisconsin NAFA Travel League was reviewed.

A request was presented to allow teams to play in only one of the Travel League weekends if they desire.

Moved by Vail, seconded by White to disallow teams from playing in only one weekend. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Erickson create an amendment allowing teams to play in just one weekend in event of inclement weather creating the need to reschedule a weekend. Motion passed unanimously.

As part of a discussion on the state tournament, Board noted that out-of-state teams are encouraged to participate.

Moved by Lathrop, seconded by Olson to appoint Mike White as an alternate to the Competition Committee. Motion Passed.

Neville provided the Umpires Report to the Board. Discussion focused on rule changes, The Governing Body of the rules and the issues pertaining to use of illegal bats in NAFA events.

Neville and Vail will draft a policy on bats that will be provided at NAFA events.

At 1:59 p.m. Lathrop announced that he had to piss and declared a ten minute recess.

At 2:09 p.m. the Board reconvened.

The Board discussed the 2006 and 2007 National Tournaments (World Series).

Motion by Nelson, seconded by Neville to promote the NAFA Hall of Fame induction of umpire Hank St. Claire.

Board discussed the issues regarding the payment of umpires in the event of rainouts at NAFA events, especially in

the case when umpires travel a significant distance. Further discussion tabled until the fall meeting.

Discussion regarding the protest committees at NAFA Events. At NAFA events the Umpire-In-Chief will select a protest committee before each event.

Dates for the National Tournament were discussed.

A request was made by Pronschinske to change the names of the classes of play so that they are easier to understand for fans and new players, i.e., changing AA-Major to Class 4 or something that does not sound like a military rank or a pack of batteries.

Discussion of problem with teams providing the names of their pitchers to the National Office too shortly before the national tournament to properly rule on a team's classification of play.

Moved by White, seconded by Neville to keep Travel League, Rice Lake Invitational and State Tournament as the only NAFA Qualifier events in the future. Motion passed unanimously. Cottage Grove and Eagleton will not be NAFA Qualifiers in 2007.

Board members expressed some concerns about the keeping, submission, and accuracy of scorebooks at NAFA events.

Moved by Olson, Seconded by Duerkop to set the Fall Meeting on Oct. 21, 2007 at Bowling Green Recreation Center. Meeting to begin at 12:30 p.m. Motion passes 11-3 with some Viking fans objecting.

Motion to adjourn by Neville, Seconded by Radloff. Motion passed 13-1 (Kopp voting Nay).

Minutes taken by Matt Pronschinske