

Spring 2008

WISCONSIN NAFA STATE MEETING
SUNSET TAVERN
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN
APRIL 13TH, 2008 12:30 P.M.

Spring Meeting of the Board of
Directors of Wisconsin NAFA

The Agenda (Drafted by Loren Lathrop)

1. Call to order
 2. Introduction of new board member – Tom Marquardt
 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 Loren Lathrop
 - B. Appointment of replacement board member
 - D. Election of secretary-treasury
 - E. Election of web-master
 8. Selection of 2007 Wisconsin NAFA award winners
 - A. Player – Pitcher - Manager
 - B. How to select
 9. Travel League
 - A. Selection of participating teams
 - B. Discussion of schedule
 10. State Tournament
 - A. Problems at Chippewa Falls
 - a. Motels
 - b. Balls
 - B. Getting information to all teams as we are on different weekend
 11. Umpires
 - A. Rule changes if any
 - B. Comments by Bob Neville
 12. National
 - A. Playing dates for each classification of play
 - B. Classification of Wisconsin teams
 - C. Decision on sanctioning other invitational tournaments
 13. Board member comments and concern
 14. Establishment of date for 2008 fall meeting
 15. Adjournment
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Board Members Present: Ronn Kopp, Loren Lathrop, Kevin Musolf, Larry Duerkop, Mike White, Bob Neville, Dan Slama, Mark Nelson, Greg Spindler, Jerrod Dulmes, and Bill Erickson, Bud Olson, and Tom Marquardt.

Board Members Absent: Matt Pronschinske and Steve Veil

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. by State Director Ronn Kopp.

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

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

The resignation of Loren Lathrop from Wisconsin NAFA Board, State Tournament Director, and Travel League Commissioner was received. Discussion took place on passing duties on to someone else. After discussion, Loren agreed to stay on the board until the conclusion of the fall board meeting.

Moved by Spindler, seconded by Erickson to appoint Mike White as Travel League Director, effective immediately. Motion passed 11-1.

Moved by Spindler, seconded by Marquardt to have Larry Duerkop replace Matt Pronschinske as secretary. Motion passed.

Moved by Dulmes, seconded by Musolf to appoint Bill Erickson as Wisconsin NAFA statistician/historian. Motion passed.

Selection of award winners for 2007 took place.

Pitcher of the Year: Dan Wall (7), Dave Maxon (5), Bryan Lathrop (1), Jermaine Holmen (0).

Player of the Year: Brent Holmen (8), Chuz Gamroth (4), Jared Johnson (1), Scott Elmer (0).

Manager of the Year: Dave Maxon (10), Mark Repking (2), John Salsman (1).

The board was in recess until 2:00 p.m.

Travel League was discussed. Seven teams have paid, while seven more are possible. Six teams from last year are assumed not to be playing travel league this year. The cut off for registration is April 27th.

Discussion was held on how to make travel league schedule “fairest” for everybody, as some lower teams do not like playing the AA teams. An effort will be made to match similar ability teams as much as possible.

The 2008 State Tournament was discussed. Due to several other large events in the Chippewa Valley, Loren Lathrop has 50 rooms blocked at the Sleep Inn Suites on 5872 33rd Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Phone: (715) 874-2900

Discussion was also held on softballs used at the state tournament. In the past, the host site has purchased the softballs.

Motion was made by Musolf, seconded by White that the Wisconsin State NAFA board will purchase the softballs for the state tournament and the host site will buy them from the board, starting with the 2008 state tournament. Motion passed.

Board members were encouraged to spread the word on the change of weekends for this year’s state tournament. The tournament will be held June 27-29 at Casper Park near Chippewa Falls.

Bob Neville, umpire-in-chief, gave an update on rule changes.

- 1) There are four new banned bats this year.
- 2) Teams are allowed to start play with 8 players.
- 3) If you start with 9 players, one gets disqualified, and no replacement is available, the team must forfeit.
- 4) He stressed that there are no major rules changes.

Playing dates for the National NAFA Tournament in Mankato, MN were shared. AA Major and A Major are August 14-17, AA and A are August 21-24.

Rep & Baja’s requested a change in the team classification for nationals from AA to A Major. A decision will be made at a later date.

It was brought up that Wisconsin NAFA will not sanction other tournaments in the future. (This is the same as in the past.)

Discussion was held on the possible creation of a Wisconsin NAFA Hall of Fame or Friend of NAFA Award. This will be discussed at the fall meeting.

Wausau softball has resolved past issues and would be interested in hosting NAFA events in the future.

Some board members would like a change in venue for the spring meeting as the current site is quite noisy. Larry Duerkop will check into other options.

The date of the fall meeting will be decided upon once the Packer schedule is known.

Motion to dismiss the meeting was made by White, seconded by Neville. Motion passed 12-1, with Kopp voting nay.

Minutes taken by Larry Duerkop