

WISCONSIN NAFA STATE MEETING  
AMERICAN LEGION  
HIXTON, WI  
APRIL 11, 2010

Spring Meeting of the Board of Directors of Wisconsin NAFA

Board Members Present: Ronn Kopp, Loren Lathrop, Larry Duerkop, Bob Neville, Greg Spindler, Jerrod Dulmes, Bill Erickson, Bud Olson, Herb Blaisdell, Gil Rowley, Mark Nelson, Joe Melegano, Jim Dahlke, and Steve Vail.

Board Members Absent: Dan Slama.

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 p.m. by State Director Ronn Kopp.

New board member, Joe Melegano, was introduced. Election took place via internet ballot box in March.

Lathrop pointed out that the Board needs to do a better job of communicating with past and present board members.

A language change to the 2009 Fall Meeting minutes was considered. A correction to the final sentence of page one from “umpiring was terrible” to “umpiring was not up to previous standards” was offered.

**Moved by Spindler, seconded by Erickson to accept the minutes of the 2009 Fall Meeting as amended. 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.**

A guest appearance was made by Kevin Kammuller from Minnesota. He shared with the NAFA board some of the issues affecting Minnesota fastpitch and was looking for ideas as to how to improve them. He also shared some ideas of how to encourage more participation from young players.

A short discussion took place on travel league for this year. Fifteen teams, but really only 14 will participate each weekend, as J&D Tube will only participate the first weekend and Kenosha Drifters will only participate the second weekend.

**Moved by Olson, seconded by Spindler that Loren Lathrop should purchase Diamond Flyers softballs at around \$45 a dozen from Badger Sporting Goods in Madison. Motion passed 13-1.**

The AA state tournament will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> at Bowling Green.

**Moved by Nelson, seconded by Vail to have a payout of \$400, \$250, and \$150 at the AA state tournament (based on an 8 team tournament.) Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion was held on how to try to encourage younger ball players to play fastpitch and develop their fastpitch skills.

**Moved by Vail, seconded by Rowley to hold a four team developmental tournament on July 17<sup>th</sup> at the A State Tournament in Baldwin. There would be no entry fee and no payout. Motion passed 11-3, with Lathrop, Kopp, and Duerkop voting nay.**

Olson, Dulmes, Nelson, and Blaisdell will try to bring teams.

**Moved by Vail, seconded by Dulmes to create a classification committee made up of Lathrop, Nelson, and Spindler. Motion passed unanimously.**

Neville made a presentation on new rule changes. He also emphasized the correct interpretation of NAFA's DP/DH rule.

**Moved by Olson, seconded by Vail to honor Al Sarbaker with a plaque for his years of service as a NAFA umpire. Motion passed unanimously.**

Award for the 2009 season were voted on.

Player of the Year: Jeff Jahn (13-1). (Josh Calleja finished second.)

Pitcher of the Year: Don Potting (8 votes). (Jermaine Holmen and Bryan Lathrop each received 3 votes.)

Manager of the Year: Travis Cunningham of Farmington (9 votes.) (Appleton Buzz manager Paul Skora 4 votes and New Image Salon manager Jeramie Holman 1 vote.)

It was noted that all national tournaments are still the same weekends as shown on the national website (no changes since the fall).

Discussion was held on possibly having one travel league weekend in May and one in June.

**Moved by Nelson, seconded by Vail to have 2011 Travel League weekends of May 14 & 15 and May 21 & 22, pending the possible movement of one weekend to June. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Moved by Spindler, seconded by Melegnano to have the fall meeting at Bowling Green on the first Sunday in October 2010 that the Packers do not have an afternoon game. Motion passed.**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Minutes taken by Larry Duerkop