

Crow River Valley League

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May 4th, 2016 Special Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by North President Denis “Soup” Campbell at 7:09 pm.

It was noted that all teams were represented.

The floor was given to Jimmy Zellmann, as he represented the Norwood Indians and their informing the league they will not have a team for the 2016 season. Jim stated that the club was not going to be able to comfortably have 9-11 players consistently, therefore the Indians decided to contact the league officers and officially forfeit their schedule for 2016. Jim stated that the Norwood Baseball Club is going to re-group this summer and see where they are come this fall. Jim continued and indicated that the Norwood ballfield will still be available for use if needed by teams for makeup games. They are not going to abandon the field, it will be kept up in 2016.

After Jim was done speaking on behalf of the Norwood Indians there was discussion among the other 14 team representatives on what to do with the Norwood Club going forward. Rich Schug (Hamburg), moved to grant Norwood a leave of absence and be an inactive member of the Crow River Valley Central League, and to revisit their status at the October league meeting. Adam Dammann (Plato) seconded, motion carried

The meeting shifted gears to discuss now how to deal with the schedule that is now void of games being played by Norwood. Secretary Kuerschner informed the whole group, the suggestion of the officers, from their meeting on April 27th. The Officers felt that it was important to maintain an equal number of games played/forfeited across all the teams. The recommendation from the officers were to make all the Norwood games be a Forfeit for all the teams, which would result in 18 games for records. This would mean the 4 teams remaining in the Central League would be awarded 2 forfeits and the other 10 teams would receive 1 forfeit. The other option was to lower the total number of games to 17 and then the Central Division would receive one forfeited win and all teams would lose one game from their schedule. There was a lot of discussion regarding these options as well as other options and ideas. Doug Schuette (Brownton) moved to have the Central League play a third game within their League to count as a league game, this opponent would be drawn out of a hat, seconded by Paul Malberg (Mayer). There was much discussion about this motion and the validity of it as this affected the Central Division but all leagues would be voting on the motion. The consensus was that this was not a fair motion to the Central League and Doug Schuette (Brownton) rescinded his motion. Joe Kreger (Green Isle) moved that all 14 teams will get one forfeited win from Norwood, Josh Monohan (Watertown) seconded, more discussion ensued until the motion carried 13-1 by show of hands. This forfeited game will be a 9-0 score in the book.

There was discussion regarding the Playoffs/Regions and all teams will still be seeded 1-14 based on winning percentage with the top two teams advancing to the final 8 double elimination tournament. There was then discussion regarding how to determine tie breakers

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in the loss column. So if there are teams with equal losses the head-to-head result will be the determining factor for seeding. The issue is when there are 3 ties, one from each of the three leagues. There was further discussion on this topic until Adam Dammann (Plato) moved to adjust the 3 way tie-breakers as follows:

#1 – Overall Record

#2 – Head-To-Head

#3 – Runs Scored Head-To-Head

#4 – Overall Runs Scored per Game

#5 – Individual League Winning Percentage

#6 – Coin Flip

Brandon Stender (Young America) seconded, motion carried.

Secretary Kuerschner was then asked to contact the Herald Journal and inform them to give each team the forfeited win right away on the website. The individual teams will need to update their state webpage.

Secretary Kuerschner then brought to the attention of the group the request for an ad in the Legion District 3 Tournament Program, hosted by Cologne and Norwood. Three years previous the same locations hosted this tournament and the league posted a \$150 ad in the program. Treasurer Kuerschner then informed the group, that the balance in the league checking account was \$1,863.73. Adam Dammann (Plato) moved to do a \$150 ad in the Legion District 3 Tournament Program, seconded by Josh Monahan (Watertown), motion carried.

There being no other business to discuss, President Campbell asked for a motion to adjourn, Dennis Zabel (St Boni) so moved, Paul Malberg (Mayer) seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Next meeting will be June 27th at Dubb's in Glencoe at 7:00 pm, this will be the playoff roster meeting.

Teams were also reminded that the state website roster page will be updated in early June so be aware of this and make the necessary adjustments to the information required of your rosters.

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