

August 13th, 2020

To: All Minnesota American Legion Baseball Teams

From: Randy Schaub, Minnesota State Baseball Director

Subject: Possible 2020 Fall Season and 2021 Summer season

Dear Managers and Coaches

The Minnesota State American Legion Baseball Board had a virtual meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 to discuss the possibility of having a 2020 Fall season and to discuss the upcoming 2021 baseball season. Brandon Raymo had sent out a survey to team managers to get their feelings about a fall season. After reviewing the survey, the Board voted to not offer a fall season. The reasons for voting against a season centered around availability of high school coaches to coach, players already signed up to play fall baseball for club teams, and availability of ballparks to host games. A big thank you to all of you who responded to the survey and voiced your opinions. My goal is to always have an ear for coaches and managers thoughts and opinions and to seriously consider them!

The Board went into a long discussion on what a 2021 Legion season could look like. We are hoping to have a small group of directors meet with representatives of the MSHSL to voice concerns and to work toward a common goal. I want to inform you that unless there are unforeseen circumstances that develop between now and next season, the Minnesota American Legion will be sponsoring a baseball season and we will have playoffs and state tournaments for all of the divisions! What that season may look like could vary depending on local factors. We realize that some of you may choose to sit out 2021, but we are hoping you stay in the program! We have the number one Legion baseball program in the country for registered teams and my hope is that next June, we will still be number one!

Stay tuned! I will send out updates to you as we learn more and plan for 2021! My best, Randy