

October 10, 2011

The Meeting of the Board Members was called to order at 5:25 pm at LaVista Sports Complex.

Board members present: Steve Quinn, Ron Kunert, Ed Tworek, Dick Smith, Dave Dye, Dave Janda and Chuck Grubb (arrived late). Absent: Dave Banghart. Board Member elect: Mert Opfer.

2011 FALL BANQUET: The 2011 Banquet will be held on November 4, 2011 at Elk Ridge Village Clubhouse, 19303 Seward Plaza, Elkhorn, NE. Banquet tickets have been distributed to all managers. If additional tickets are needed, contact Chuck Grubb. The FIRM deadline for purchasing tickets is Oct 30, as a final count needs to be turned into Elk Ridge Village. Cost for tickets is \$18 single; \$35 couple. The league will be subsidizing \$1.50 per plate. All league members with a valid e-mail address, including summer players who had not registered for the fall, should have received an informational e-mail from Chuck.

SUMMER & FALL CHAMPION AWARDS: Dick Smith reported that the cost for jackets is higher than anticipated. A wind pullover is more in line with budgeted cost. He is working with the vendor on the design. Dick suggested that the Fall Champs receive a sweatshirt. Steve Quinn recommended that a wind pullover should be given to both the Summer & Fall Champs. A motion to award wind pullovers to Summer and Fall Champs was made by Dave Dye and 2nd by Dave Janda. Board members present voted 5 in favor; 0 opposed. The motion carried. Chuck Grubb was not present at this time to vote. As agreed upon by a board vote at the February 7, 2011 meeting, awards will be issued to the Champions only of the Summer and Fall seasons.

FINANCIALS: Ed Tworek asked if there were any pending expenses from the season that have not yet been turned into him at this time. At this time the only pending expenses are for the upcoming banquet.

PLAYER BEHAVIOR/UMPIRE SITUATION: The board members present discussed the incidents which occurred during league play on the evening of Wednesday Oct. 5. In 2 separate games players used derogatory language directed toward the umpire, for perceived bad calls. As a result the umpire left the field of play without finishing his duties in the final game. Also, unfortunately, the umpire involved has resigned from officiating any further games for Nebraska Senior Softball. Although both cases were unfortunate for the league, Steve feels at this time it would make no sense to suspend any player for the remaining 3 games. However, it is the responsibility of managers to enforce the code of conduct, specifically for vulgar language. Steve has spoken with the managers of both teams involved and expressed that any disciplinary action should be the responsibility of each manager. If managers cannot control their players it may be necessary to revisit the issue with the disciplinary committee. Dave Dye expressed his concern that we lost a good umpire over poor behavior of players. He reminded everyone that prior to the start of the fall season, he sent out the manager responsibilities to all board members for review, but did not receive any response. He feels that it is necessary to address the situation immediately. Dave Janda commented that he was witness to the events of the late game on that evening, and stated that the umpire made the unprofessional choice to leave

the game. Steve again stated that he has talked with managers and players involved and feels that there is no sense in pointing fingers at who is right or wrong. We need to move forward and in the future set strict guidelines for handling poor behavior of players. Mert Opfer commented that no action of the situation is setting the precedence for the future. Ed Tworek commented the responsibility of player behavior should be put on the managers. Finally, Dave Janda stated that it would be helpful if an active board member is present at all times during league play to assist with clarification of rules and monitoring any cases of disagreement.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE: Chuck Grubb reported that the inaugural meeting for the auxiliary committee is scheduled for Thursday, Oct 13, 6:30 pm at Lansky's at 36th & 370. Chuck explained that this committee is not limited to spouses only; any family member of a league player or former league player is welcome to attend. There is no requirement for participation. Chuck will chair this first meeting and has an agenda outlined for discussion.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS: This is the last meeting for the outgoing board members: Dave Banghart and Ed Tworek. Newly voted board members, Mert Opfer and Dennis Steinhauser will become official voting members at the next meeting to be held after the annual banquet.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Janda and 2nd by Chuck Grubb. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Submitted by:
Sue Kunert
NSS Secretary