

Nebraska Senior Softball Board Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2012

Present: Board Members: Dave Janda, Mert Opfer, Dave Dye, Dick Smith, Steve Quinn, Ron Kunert, Chuck Grubb, Dennis Steinhauser and Roberta Steinhauser.

Manager Survey Results - Dave Dye.

Dave sent an email with score statistics at a summarized level from the Manager Survey results to the Board. Dave will provide each manager with the league average scores and their average score results plus comments from the players on their team. Only 2 or 3 out of 30 comments reflected an opportunity for improvement. Dave will send these results this week to the individual managers. Dave is extending the opportunity for each manager to call Dave to discuss the information. 95 (approx 60% of the league) responded to this survey. Dave Dye, Steve Quinn and Chuck Grubb are the only Board members that had access to view the detail from the survey results. (Information was not included in this survey for participants to express if they had an interest in coaching – this inquiry will be provided through other channels.)

Coaches Responsibility Document posted on Website - Dave Dye

Dave will send the Coaches Responsibility document file to Paul to post to the website. Location recommended: Have Paul create a new link on the left side panel titled “Managers” to post this information”

Extra Jersey/Hats Post to Website for Sale – Steve

Dick noted jerseys of various sizes and caps are in supply for posting to sell on the website. Dick will bring one of the hats and shirts to Steve to take a picture of for posting with the sale information on the website.

LaVista Fields interest in 3rd Pitcher Screen – Steve

Steve informed LaVista parks personnel of the opportunity to have the 3<sup>rd</sup> Pitcher Screen.

Tom's interest in 2012 Season Umpire- Steve

Steve left a voice mail for Tom inquiring if he had interest in a 2012 season league umpire.

LaVista Field Confirmation for 2012 Season – Steve

Steve is still working with Scott for a contract for the league use of the LaVista fields.

Board Calendar - email to Board – Steve

Steve will make a list of the 2012 Board Meetings and work with Chuck for a calendar. Begin/End Registration, First Practice Date, etc should be on this calendar. Registration started on January 15, 2011. (2011 Online registrations: 23 registered in Jan – 41 in Feb and 50 in March) Recommendation for Feb 1<sup>st</sup> as a start date for 2012 registrations. April 1st was the registration deadline in 2011. Board consensus to close registrations on April 1, 2012. Chuck is

looking into simplifying the registration process and working with Paul to build a real-time update of the website from their enrollment when it is electronically submitted. Registration form is basically ready to go. Might need an extra meeting in January to identify league calendar dates. Registration fees also need to be confirmed. Dave will meet with the managers late Jan or early Feb to communicate to their teams the deadline for registrations. Board consensus reached for registration fees: \$65 fee for returning members, \$90 fee for new members.

#### NSS Auxiliary Update – Chuck

Officers were elected: Catherine Grubb-President, Tricia LeSieur-Vice President, Sally Kruse-Secretary, Donna Stephan-Board Director. Goal is to select 2 or 3 initiatives to focus on for achievement this season.

#### Umpires

Dave Janda will work on getting the umpires contacted to confirm for the 2012 season.

Scheduling Software - Dennis/Ron Pending review of the software. Recommendation for consideration of double headers. (Player survey in 2011 indicated 45% approval for doubleheaders, 55% chose buys over doubleheaders.) Recommendation to add this to question to the 2012 league survey. Scheduling factors to consider are the number of divisions and teams. Question raised if we could start 1 week earlier this year for games. First games could start on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April. This could shorten the number of practices for new players and those going into the draft. If looking at 20+ games it is difficult to ensure every team is played twice in both divisions and you factor rain out game dates. Priority should be to ensure each team has 2 games with teams in their division. Looking into a tournament at the end of the season as a qualifier for the championship. Seating for the tournament would be based on the season team placement ratings.

#### Board Decisions on Practice Session Timeframe and New Players

Board motion made to have practice sessions for the first 3 weeks in April. Board approved this motion. Second motion made that any new players that do not make any practices will become a pool player until they can be evaluated. Board approved this motion.

#### League Survey - Dave Dye

Board approved the following questions to be on the League Survey:

- 1) Would you be in favor of having a cap of 5 runs per inning per team? yes/no
- 2) Changing courtesy runner rules to eliminate confusion and provide clarity. Are you in favor of changing the name to “pinch runner” with 2 pinch runners allowed per inning? yes/no
- 3) Would you be in favor of having 3 innings required for all players? yes/no
- 4) Select your vote on the number of home runs per game. A) Keep 2 run limit B) Have a 3 run limit C) Have a progressive limit (once both teams max out at 2 home runs then each team gets 1 more home run)
- 5) Would you be in favor of having some back to back game time double headers instead of buys to increase the number of games played? yes/no
- 6) Would you be in favor of keeping the batter box matts?

Dave will create a draft of these questions and email the draft to the board first part of next week.

Decision made to not include a question for hiring Scorekeepers for all games. Cost to do this per game would be an issue to have for all league games. Stats would be nice to have for the players but would be difficult to accommodate for all teams. Board decision that keeping game statistics is up to each manager if they want a scorebook/stats of games. Cost estimates of \$10.00 + as a fee per person for the league to hire scorekeepers. Recommendation to bring this up for discussion at the summer meeting to see if there is interest and get input on the players subsidizing this cost. Board does not have the resources to operationalize this now.

New Business:

Scheduling concern expressed for the 60 and 65 Travel Teams members that leave on Wed for tournaments. Tournament dates will be requested to evaluate impact and scheduling options.

Ultimate Baseball Academy changed the type of softballs allowed for use in their facility.

Board invitation extended to a meeting Jan 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss a league tournament and an Allstars game before the Championship game.

Date for the next meeting is February 6. The location is TBD.

Roberta Steinhauser  
Secretary