

# NSS Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2016

## Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Ron Kunert	Duane Carolus	X
X	Ed Tworek	Ron Franck	X
X	Chuck Grubb	Jim Price	X
X	George Scott	Paul Hamel	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Rick DuVall	Kathleen DuVall	X

## Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Ron Kunert

### Approval of October 20, 2015 Minutes

The motion to approve the minutes made by Duane and seconded by Paul. The motion passed unanimously.

### Old Business:

#### 2015 Membership Meeting and election of new Board members - Chuck Grubb

Chuck stated that only 28 people attended the Membership Meeting and that there were 72 absentee ballots. The group agreed that they did not want to eliminate the meeting. Chuck and George will look at the calendar for the next year and see if there are weeks where we will not have the fields due to other activities so we can schedule at that time.

#### Sale of the electronic scoreboard on eBay – Chuck Grubb

The sale of the scoreboard expired without a buyer. Chuck will list it again in March as we get closer to softball season as well as posting it on Craig's List.

#### Compression testing of bats – Paul Hamel

Paul sent email to 7-8 people and got responses from people willing to assist with a committee. He proposed adding an umpire in an advisory capacity for their knowledge/expertise after the decision made. Paul will get an initial meeting set up and report back on progress next month. Ron raised the concern that players will be offended by the testing so we need to understand what the extent is of the problem before we do the testing and that was given to Paul as part of the responsibility of the committee to explore.

## **New Business:**

### Spring/Summer Registration – Chuck Grubb

Chuck provided copies of the paper form which needs only the dates, deadlines and prices filled in and a change of one date from 2015 to 2016. Chuck suggested removing the item “Do you intend to register for the 2016 Fall Session?” Group agreed to remove it for this year and return it next year during the full draft.

### Defibrillation and CPR Training – Chuck Grubb

Bill Bowes was contacted and willing to do training on April 12 and 14<sup>th</sup>. The group agreed and the dates were confirmed pending approval by Bill. Chuck will send out registration information once confirmed

### Purchasing and Inventory 2016 Update – Ron Franck

Balls - Anaconda sports gave a good deal on the balls (44400). This year the prices went up but they are still the lowest.

Jerseys – Ron will talk with Al Pfeffer about doing jerseys again this year as his price is still the best.

Hats - Need to survey the managers to determine how many people do need new hats to save money – draft players and new players

Scorebooks – The scorebooks would also come from Anaconda at a cost of 3.55 + taxes. Ron will be getting an example before ordering to ensure the font size and quality are what we are looking for.

Miscellaneous - Chuck asked if Ron will approach the sales person at Anaconda about giving us a discount in return for banner on the website. Ed will assist as needed. We will wait a month to place the order until there is an opportunity to look at the books and review the catalog. Ron will bring to the next meeting.

### Draft Proposal Calendar of Events – George Scott

George reviewed the calendar of events and put dates to the events (see attached draft). Ed suggested going with a five night tournament following the 21 regular season play dates and the championship games.

### Manager Status – George Scott

Paul Hamel has agreed to be the manager for the Mets for the 2016 season. The only team that does not have a manager yet is the Cardinals and George is working on filling that role. All of the rest of the managers have agreed to return. George will try to have a couple of backups in case we go to 16 teams or there is a manager who does not return

### Home and Visitor teams providing a new ball for each game – George Scott

Managers approached George about having new balls for each team for the spring/summer league. This would double the cost of the balls for that season – from approximately \$800 to \$1600.

The motion to approve two balls per game for entire 2016 year made by George. The motion was seconded Jim. All were in favor except Ed. Motion passes.

### Early registration – George Scott

Duane proposed opening registration March 1<sup>st</sup> and closing April 1<sup>st</sup> for returning players. The motion was seconded by Paul. All were in favor except Chuck and Ron who abstain.

### 2015 Financial Report – Ed Tworek

Ed provided a document during the meeting outlining the costs for the year. There was actually a loss of \$880 but there was a \$600 sponsor donation that could be applied to the scoreboard bringing it to \$280. Field and umpire costs remained the same. The banquet costs should be the same. There will be an increase for jerseys and hats.

### Player Survey – Chuck Grubb

We did not send one out last year so Chuck brought it to the group to think about whether we want to do one this year. The Board will come to the next meeting with what questions should be on it and what expected responses.

### New Rules for Consideration – Paul Hamel

Paul provided some documentation around rules that are being implemented in other leagues for consideration. Two that were discussed were:

- a. Flip-flop rule
- b. Sun and Wind - lets the pitcher move to the left or right per batter choice as a safety measure

The Board will review and discuss at next month's meeting.

### Umpire and Crew – Paul Hamel

Paul currently has 3 umpires lined up with Mike York as the head umpire. He has 2 others committed and is still looking for one more.

Paul asked about the old red, white and blue hats for the umpires and asked if we have any more. It was decided that we would provide them so Paul will give his to Ron as an example and Ron will talk with Al about ordering more.

### Salary per umpire

The current salary is \$24 per game. Discussion among the group was to increase it to \$25 to compete with other leagues which would be an additional \$160 for spring/summer. Motion made by Duane to increase the pay \$1 per game. The motion was seconded by Ron. All in favor unanimously.

**The motion to adjourn made by George and seconded by Ron. Meeting adjourned at 8:56PM**

**Next meeting:**

**February 9, 2015. Location: Conference Line provided by Chuck Grubb**