

NSS Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016

Board Members in attendance:

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

Approval of February 9, 2016 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Paul, seconded by Duane and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Manager Status – George Scott

Update via email from George: Dick Smith has been approved as Manager Candidate representing the Astros, Frank Parker has been approved as Manager Candidate representing the Cardinals and during registration David Dye requested to be a Manager.

Calendar of Events – George Scott

No update from George prior to the meeting.

Since registration will close before the next meeting, Duane reported that he will have a proposed game schedule at that time.

Compression testing of bats – Paul Hamel

Paul requested that there be a formal vote on the recommendations from the committee. Motion made by Jim to thank the committee for all the work they did on the proposal but to table the implementation of the rules until a later time with the understanding that the board will act on all complaints until a final decision is made. Motion seconded by Duane. Paul, Duane, Ed and Jim voted in favor. Ron F. was opposed. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Liability Insurance

Paul and Ron Franck stated that their research indicates that since the board has tabled the decision to do formal compression testing of the bats, it opens up the league for liability. Current liability does not

cover player injury and any resulting lawsuits against the league. Ron F. also proposed some additions to the player liability release form.

The board decided that discussion will be tabled until Ron F. gets the rest of the quotes and can draft a proposal for the next board meeting.

Defibrillation and CPR Training – Chuck Grubb

Jim will work with Bill Bowes to coordinate the event.

Player Survey – Chuck Grubb

Ron talked with Chuck and he is still looking for input from the board.

New Business:

Use of the Equipment by the Morning League

Frank Parker was not able to attend so Ron F. made the request for the morning league to continue to use the equipment as stipulated in the agreement from last year. Motion to approve made by Paul. Motion seconded by Ron F. The motion passed unanimously.

New Rules for Consideration

Paul brought up two new rules in January that he would like revisited by the board. The rules are from the SSUSA 2015 Rule Committee Meeting in December of 2015. The two he would like considered are as follows:

- §6.16 SUN OR WIND AFFECTING BOTH PITCHERS – If the sun is affecting the batter's ability to see the ball, the umpire may allow the pitcher to pitch from up to six feet on either side of the pitching rubber, at the side chosen by the batter as the only remedy. The request, if granted, shall be applied on a full-inning basis only.
- The board amended the above rule to state that it would also allow the pitcher to move the same six feet on either side of the pitching rubber when wind is the affecting factor. In addition, this would be only with agreement between the two team managers.

Motion to approve the Sun and Wind rule was made by Duane. Motion seconded by Ed. The motion passed unanimously.

- §5.5(2) THE FLIP-FLOP RULE – The "flip-flop" rule is amended to be mandatory in any game when the Visitor is ahead by 10 runs or more at the commencement of the "open inning".
- The board amended the above rule to state that this would be at the discretion of the Visiting team manager but is not mandatory.

Motion to approve the Flip-Flop rule was made by Duane. Seconded by Ron F, The motion passed unanimously.

- Intentional walk rule – Ed would like to have this rule revisited.

Ed, Paul and Duane proposed several ideas for consideration. Paul recommended discussing this with the managers on Draft Night and that if there is an incident of excessive intentional walks in a game, the Board will discuss with the offending manager about fair play intent of the league. If there continues to be infractions, the board will revisit changing the rule in the fall.

The motion to adjourn made by Duane and seconded by Ron F. Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM

Next meeting: April 12, 2015 @ 7:00 PM

Location: Pizza West