

# NSS Board Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2016

## Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Ron Kunert	Duane Carolus	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
X	Steve Bessey	Dave Janda	X

## Approval of July 19, 2016 Minutes

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

## Old Business:

### Reschedule of the All-Star Game at TD Ameritrade Park – Chuck Grubb

This has been rescheduled for 9/11/16 as this was the date that worked for all the teams involved (OPD, OFD, NSS and the Media). Chuck will send out more information after the championship game. The rules will be the same as set for the previous event. If there are openings due to people not being able to participate a notice will be posted out to the league for people to sign up.

Chuck to find out if there is any ceremony since this is the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 9/11 event.

Chuck received two bats from the Home Run Derby. One for the league and one for Andy Johnson. Other swag was also donated and the Board will be discussing how it will be distributed. Chuck has also invited Avery Smith to the banquet and is looking for a guest speaker. Avery is one of the marketing directors for Intersport, the organization that handles all of the logistics for the College World Series Home Run Derby. Avery was instrumental in securing field time, tickets, and memorabilia for Nebraska Senior Softball.

### Options for managing weather delayed games – Ed Tworek

Ed was not at the meeting so this is being tabled until the next meeting.

### Bids for Jerseys – Ron Franck

Ron was not able to attend the meeting but sent the following update via email:

I am securing catalogs and some quotes and bids from several local and national companies for uniforms and balls and will have more to share at next month's meeting.

## **New Business:**

### Conference Phone – Rick DuVall

Since people often have to call into the meeting, Rick asked if it would be beneficial to have a conference phone to use in those cases. They typically run about \$100 - \$110. This will be reviewed again at the next meeting when Ed is present.

### Fall Registration Update – George Scott

George was not present but Jim gave the following update/timeline:

1. The Fall draft is under way with a cut-off date is Aug 15. We currently have 4 new players.
  - 1a. Determine number of teams no later than Aug 18.
  - 1b. Share the proposed team schedule, with feedback from Managers and Board, before Aug 23 draft night. Share the schedules and times at the end of draft night for start on Wed. Aug 24.
2. Fields need to be ready Aug 17 and Aug 22 for new player evaluations to start at 6PM.
  - 2a. Provide draft solution for Board Approval no later than Aug 23.
3. Reservation made with Pizza West for Draft on Tuesday Aug 23 at 7PM.
4. Fall Season will start 6PM Wed. Aug 24.

Chuck to send out a reminder email on 8.10.16

### Field Update – Jim Price

Field costs: \$4500 for games played and \$160 for practice fields in April = \$4660 to be paid. \$5300 was budgeted, leaving a surplus of \$640.00.

Lost and Found – Chuck indicated that there have been issues with recovering lost items from the fields. Paul suggested adding a “drop-box” onto our shed and asking the field crew to just put it in there. That would also work for items found during games. Jim to follow up with Ryan to see if that would be an acceptable procedure.

Rick asked about using water or drying materials on the field and history as shown that the city considers this a liability and most likely will not let it be done.

### Minimum Player Time – Ron Kunert

The Board agreed that the minimum should remain at 4 innings of defensive play.

George will remind the Managers of this during the Managers Meeting. Further discussion on this topic is being deferred until the fall with the new Board of Directors to allow ample time over the winter to review and propose additional solutions.

#### Rule Changes and Updates – Paul Hamel

Paul would like there to not be any new changes until this fall and give time for the new Board to review proposals to have them in place by January 1.

Fall umpires – We will be short one umpire due to one leaving the area. Reg, Jason and Mike will be back. Others have requested to umpire rather than play so these requests will be given to Mike. Dave Ahrens may be back.

The Board discussed making a change to the game format for the fall season to include the 1-2-2-2 format that was tested during the delayed game situation.

Motion was made by Paul to adopt for the fall season 2016 a 1-2-2-2 inning format with the official game clock starting upon first pitch. At 45 minutes the umpire will declare that time has expired, then go on to finish the inning and proceed to the open inning. Games will be scheduled on one hour increments beginning at 6:00 PM and utilizing a 1 and 1 ball count with courtesy. The Flip-Flop rule would still apply using this format.

Seconded by Duane.

The motion passed unanimously.

Paul will review this with the managers at the draft night.

#### Replacement Players for Championship Game – Ed Tworek

Ed was not present but submitted via email the following options:

1. No pickup subs allowed, other than borrowed catcher. A team with 7 or fewer, forfeits. A team with 8 roster players, bats 8 and plays 9 defensively including catcher.
2. Same as #1, except that the 7-player team doesn't forfeit, rather they pick up one hitting player, plays with 9 defensively including catcher, and that the sub takes and out after he hits {once per game}.
3. Keep last year's rules except that any drafted player must not be of higher quality than the AVERAGE (round value) of ALL missing roster players.

Rick introduced Option 4: Allow the team to rebuild up to where they were with the original draft.

Paul made the motion that for this year's Semifinal and Championship games that rosters are limited to only players that were originally drafted. They will be allowed to pick up one non-batting catcher for rosters with less than 10 players.

Motion seconded by Jim.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ron will send an email to the managers of the championship team managers.

New Board Transition – Rick DuVall

Rick requested the process for making assignments for the new Board. Ron indicated that he is free to talk with the new Board Members now and then make the assignment at the time the new Board is installed.

**The motion to adjourn made by Paul and seconded by Chuck. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM**

**Next meeting: September 13, 2016 @ 6:30 PM**

**Location: Pizza West**