

NSS Board Meeting Agenda

March 14, 2017

Board Members in attendance:

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X	Rick DuVall	Duane Carolus	X
X	Ed Tworek	Ron Franck	X
X	George Scott	Jim Price	X
X	Steve Bessey	Frank Parker	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall		
X	Dave Janda		
X	Gary Kruse		

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Approval of February 15, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes via email was made by Jim Price, seconded by Ron Franck with unanimous approval.

New Business:

Rule Book revision – Rick DuVall

Rick reviewed the new updated Rule Book with the Board. No changes were made to the content of the Rule Book, only the format.

Non-Profit Status – Ed Tworek

Ed recommended to the group to initiate a study on the pros/cons of the NSS organization going to a non-for-profit status. This initiative is separate and distinct from the Steve Quinn proposal we heard previously involving tournament teams and the Friday Morning League. It was decided that we would use the discretionary funds account to cover any legal expenses incurred. In addition, the group believes that there are a couple of lawyers in the league that could recommend the appropriate resources to give NSS their opinions about the organization's current status as well as what would be involved with going non-for-profit. Any committees formed to assist with this initiative will be made up of registered NSS players.

Jim made the motion that the NSS Board commit no more than \$400 for seeking legal advice on moving to a non-profit status. Steve seconded. Frank opposed. George, Ron, Jim, Steve, Ed and Duane in favor. Motion carries.

Standing Business:

Finance and Registration – Ed Tworek

Ed incorporated the change to decrease the registration fee which decreased revenue and increased deficit and represented the budget to the Board.

Duane made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Motion seconded by Ron. All were in favor and the motion carried unanimously.

70 players registered as of today.

Field Operations – Jim Price

Jim contacted Ryan in LaVista and his team is working on re-anchoring the fencing. It will be ready for the spring games. Jim will let Ryan know about the practice nights so the fields are prepared. They are targeting 22 play dates but the number of games will be determined by the number of teams. Jim will also let him know that we are working on the tournament dates and find out if there are any known conflicts at this time that would need to be taken into consideration as well as the fall season.

Jim asked the Board if we want to do another CPR training session. Last year there were 39 people who participated. Jim will ask Bill Bowes what his availability would be to do a session again this year.

As of the meeting, Jim has not started the fabrication of the ball holders. Ed found a couple of other ideas and sent the Board examples for their consideration. Jim will take the examples to Ryan at LaVista to see if they have an opinion on either of them and bring the information back to the board.

Field Scheduling – Duane Carolus

Duane had previously sent the schedule to the Board for review and there was discussion on what to do with the three unscheduled nights. They could either be used for rainouts or position games and the group decided that each night should be indicated on the schedule what that game date is being used for.

Duane asked how long the practice game on April 24th should be. The group consensus was 45 minutes so that it is a 3-hour event.

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Ron Franck

Ron asked about Board member access to the NSS website. Rick was planning on inviting Chuck to the next meeting for a status update but the contention of the Board was that it was time to find a webmaster to assist. Rick to pursue.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Steve talked with Al about the shirts after an evaluation was made on the colors/team. Once the number of teams is determined, Al is ready to start making shirts. The managers will meet on April 10th for them to pick their team names.

Steve will talk with Al about some used balls that he supposedly has to see if he can get them for the used ball recycling.

Gary is asking the Board to try a new ball that is the same performance rating at a lower price. He will be doing a test of those against the Trump that the league is currently using.

The league will buy enough scorebooks to cover the spring and fall seasons.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

There are currently 4-6 umpires lined up to work the spring games.

There was discussion about eliminating the scoring plate, in favor of adding a scoring line. The Board weighed the pros and cons and the decision was to keep the plate.

There was a continued discussion about speeding up the games and rules to facilitate that outcome. The following rules were proposed:

Section VI-5-f: A maximum time of 90 seconds will be allowed for the defensive team to take the field after the last out is recorded in each 1/2 inning. The umpire will declare play ball and begin timing a 20 second time period to call either a Ball or strike (Pitcher-Batter) depending on which team is not ready for play. Note: For 6:00 games, teams shall be in position to play at 6:00.

Section VI-5-g: For all games, 10 minutes prior to the beginning of the game, the umpire shall notify the next game team managers of the anticipated game start time so that they can have their teams ready and acquire any needed replacement players. If the game start time is delayed due to the previous game going over time limit, the teams will have 5 minutes to prepare between games. Game clock will begin after the 5-minute time period when the umpire declares PLAY BALL. Section VI-5-a will be then be in effect.

Frank will be sending these to the board for final approval.

Player Personnel – George Scott

18 managers have currently been identified. George will send the Board the names of the proposed managers this week. Should there be the need to reduce the number of managers due to the number of teams, the Board would help determine who will be a manager.

George would like to try to keep the number of teams to an even number if possible, even if it means going down to 11 players per team. This will be discussed further at the next Board meeting once the number of registered players is known.

There was discussion about the manager draft ranking process. The consensus of the Board was that given that there was no standard procedure in writing, the process used would stand for this draft period and be re-evaluated for future drafts.

Commissioner Notes – Rick DuVall

None at this time.

Motion to Adjourn

The motion to adjourn was made by Steve, second by Duane with all in favor. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 PM.

Next meetings: Tuesday April 11, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday May 16, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Location: Pizza West