



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2017

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
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	Gary Krause	X
	Dave Dye	Bill Weller	X

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM

Approval of July 18, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes via email was made by Ron, seconded by Jim with Frank, Duane, George and Steve approving.

New Business:

Review of the Annual Meeting: What went well and what could change.

The Board thanked Gary again for the work done for the meeting and the amazing job that he did in estimating food and the work of the preparation.

The estimated tally was that 82 people attended. Gary reported that most of the people he knew of that did not attend it was due to previous scheduling conflicts with Tuesday nights. Since there was only a couple weeks' notice for the players, there was a thought that if it was planned a little farther ahead it might positively affect attendance.

There was discussion around the cost and keeping in mind that making sure the Board is making the best use of the league money.

There was also the suggestion that if done in the future it should be expanded beyond just the election to include more Board activities such as a Treasurer's report, updates from the Directors etc. to get information out to the players.

Standing Business:

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Ron Franck

Entertainment for the banquet

Talked with Torry Pantaleon and he is willing to be the Master of Ceremonies. Blues Agent is his band and is available to be the entertainment. The cost would be \$50 per member which equates to \$200 for the band for the evening. Ron will also contact Curtis Neeson to find out his availability to DJ.

There is some work in preparing the day of the banquet.

Sponsor Donations

Ron is still working on sponsorships. He will get in touch with Glen at LaVista Keno to see about a donation there.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Chuck sold 9 dozen used balls. He still has nine dozen used still to sell. There are still five dozen of new balls which equates to six nights of games.

For the new players that signed up for fall ball, they will receive hats and for returning players, they will get a team hat if the manager has extras. Ed recommended that the players that are playing fall ball but are from a disbanded team should be wearing the uniforms from a previous NSS team. This way all players look like they are part of the league and so that all players have a player number. George will communicate this to the managers at the next meeting.

The manager of the team that won the summer Championship can ask for the type of award as long as it is within the budget. If they don't designate what they want, the standard is a jacket. Steve can get a catalog and will present that to the Mets manager (Rich Wylie) for a decision.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

Codifying Championship Team Qualification Procedures

There was a board discussion on the multiple options that exist for establishing which teams play for the Summer/Fall League Championship. Three options presented included:

1. Seeding the top four teams across division by win percentage
2. Top two teams in each division that are then seeded by win percentage
3. Top two teams in one division crisscrossing with the top two teams of the other division.

It was determined that the "crisscross" option would be used going forward for all league championships. Frank will propose wording for the Rule Book change at the next Board meeting. He will also propose tie-breaker and team standing procedures.

Umpires for the Fall Season

Mike York has four umpires scheduled for the fall season starting next week. As soon as Duane has the schedule solidified, Frank will get the information to Mike for staffing.

There were instances again of umpires not coming out from behind the plate and the Board will continue to monitor in the fall season.

Player Personnel – George Scott

There are eight new players who all showed up at the testing event last night. All players passed and are eligible for the draft. One unregistered player showed up, passed, paid his fees and will be in the draft also. As of today, there are 138 registered players with 42 in the draft. Vacancies on teams with only 11 players will be filled.

The fall Draft will be held this Thursday at 6:00 at Pizza West. Each manager is permitted to bring a “helper” and there will be several Board members in attendance to assist George with the process.

George was approached about being able to switch draft choices before the event. The decision was that trades were only allowed after the draft so that it is player switches rather than draft choice changes.

There will be two new managers – Bo Boozikee and Ron Kunert – and George has been working to prepare them for the fall draft.

Scheduling – Duane Carolus

For the fall season, there was discussion around whether to go with one division vs. two.

Rick made the motion that there be two divisions, one with five in one and six in the other. Steve, George, Ron, Jim, Ed and Duane were in favor. Frank abstained. The motion carried.

The decision was to use Division A and Division B. The team names were placed in a hat and randomly drawn by the Board members. The divisions will be given to George to distribute to the managers. Duane will also pass on to Chuck for the website update.

Finance and Registration – Ed Tworek

The Board would like to thank Jim Price and Ace Welding for their continued sponsorship and acknowledge the generous \$300 gift to the league.

Field Operations – Jim Price

Jim presented the game count to Ryan from LaVista. Ryan returned an invoice which Ed will pay.

The water control box on field three, strange water taste in one of the fountains and the curled fence are all items that he is corresponding with Ryan about.

The pitching screen repair is in process. Ron is adjusting them, replacing missing parts and stretching the nets.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Steve and seconded by George. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM

Next meetings:

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

All meetings held at Pizza West, 12040 McDermott Plaza, La Vista unless otherwise noted.