



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2018

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Gary Kruse	X
X	Dave Dye	Ron Franck	X
X	George Scott	Bill Weller	X
X	Steve Bessey	Frank Parker	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Cantoya	
x	Dave Janda	BJ Danze	X

Call to order

Approval of the January 9, 2018 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave, seconded by George and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Denny Zakovec Award – Frank

A picture was received from Denny's daughter and taken to the trophy company to have a laser impression placed on the trophy. It should be done within the next week. Once he gets it back, he will let Bill know.

Board Meeting Player Participation – Rick

Rick indicated that he and Frank had an earlier discussion that in the interest of transparency and participation the Board should do better job of advertising the monthly Board Meetings to the general league. Going forward, Gary will start sending out a message to the league the Thursday/Friday of the week informing the players of the date, time and place of the next Board meeting.

Forced Replacement of Lower Level Players – Rick

The league strives to keep parity amongst the teams as best as possible. When players have a long-term injury or leave the league entirely, managers are being selective as to when they ask the league for a long-term replacement, thereby changing the teams make-up and possibly changing the league parity. Should there be a requirement that all players who suffer a long-term injury require a long-term replacement?

There was discussion around the different scenarios and the impact to the players on the team, the managers managing and the Board to administer. George recommended that there be data collection around the replacement of long-term injured players to determine if this is happening and how often. That data will be reviewed at the beginning of the fall season to see if a rule change is needed or if the decision needs to be tabled until the beginning of the next spring season.

Standing Business:

Field Operations – Ron Franck

Denny Dinnen is now managing the fields for LaVista. Ron communicated with him and he confirmed that the field price would remain the same. He confirmed that the play dates requested are available.

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Gary Kruse

Gary will continue with the standard communications. He will send a reminder email to the league that registration is coming.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Steve found a company (Deremer Sportsware) that will give us the same price on uniforms and hats, providing the same merchandise as before. When Steve gets the prices from the new company, he will provide them to Gary to see if there is better pricing for future seasons.

The defective softballs were never sent back and Steve brought them to the meeting. They are going to be taken to a couple more practices before further evaluation. They do not appear to be defective like the other batch. Gary will contact his representative to send two dozen replacement.

There are still 18 dozen of good balls in stock.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

Frank is currently putting stickers on appropriate player bats and will continue to do this at the UBA games.

Frank will let Mike York know the number of teams once all that information is available, which should be at the April Board meeting.

Player Personnel – Dave Dye

There was discussion around the survey results and the two-year draft, since about 60% of the respondents indicated that they would prefer a two-year cycle. Gary made the motion to move to a two-year draft cycle starting in 2019. The motion was seconded by Dave and passed unanimously. Gary will send out a communication as soon as possible as it may affect registration.

The Disciplinary Review Board meeting was held. Five people volunteered to serve on it. The decision was made that any suspension would include the current game and any additional as deemed appropriate. Once the interviews are complete and the data collected, the DRB will make a recommendation to the Commissioner who will have the ability to approve or amend. If the player wants to appeal the ruling, it will come to the Commissioner and the Director of Player Personnel to review for a final decision.

Dave polled the current managers and all are going to return except for the manager of the Yankees. Dave will also be stepping down as manager of the Cubs. Chuck Trofholz and Denny Steinhauser volunteered to manage the Cubs. The Board approves of these possible replacements and so Dave will let the team vote as to who they would like as their manager. He is recruiting some additional managers if needed but have not volunteered.

New player Welcome Letter – Dave will send this out when there is a new player registration.

Player Information Letter – Dave will want this sent to all players just prior to the draft.

Field Scheduling – George Scott

George is just waiting on the registration to happen to know the number of teams. He has everything set if there are 15 teams and can do 16 easily if needed. He has thought through the 17-team and 14-team scenarios also.

Finance and Registration – Bill Weller

Registration Fees - The Board met on January 23, 2018 to discuss the reduction of the operational bank account and how to use that money. The outcome of that meeting was to reduce the registration fees for the 2018 to \$80 for returning players and \$105 for new players/current returning players going into the draft and the fall would be \$60 for all players thereby drawing down the NSS account balance to a more acceptable number.

After further discussion during the Board meeting and after coming to a consensus that \$3000 should be the floor for the NSS account balance, George made the motion that the registration fees for 2018 be further reduced to \$75 for returning players and \$105 for new players/current returning players going into the draft and the fall would be \$55 for all players. The motion was seconded by Steve. Frank, Ron, George, Steve voted in favor with Dave, Bill and Gary opposing. The motion passed.

The annual insurance premium is due at the beginning of March and Bill will make the payment.

Adjournment

Steve made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Frank and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 PM

Next meetings:

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

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