



Nebraska Senior Softball

NSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, March 5, 2019; 6:32 PM

Board Members in attendance: Steve Quinn, Mark Opfer, Dave Dye, Steve Bessey, Ron Franck and Tom Holder

Absent: Bill Weller and Gary Kruse

Guests in attendance: Chuck Cantoya, Lee Towle, Joe Summers, Chuck Trofholz, Jim Price, Dave Janda, B.J. Danze, Bob Dalziel, Roger Hein and Kay Dye.

Commissioner Steve Quinn brought the meeting to order.

Approval of February 12, 2019 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Steve Bessey, seconded by Mark Opfer and unanimously approved.

Chuck Cantoya presented the NSS draft website and demonstrated how the online draft will work on April 12, 2019. The draft will be conducted by Dave Dye. The website will show whose turn it is in the draft, who is being drafted, assigned to which team and the players left to be chosen. NOTE: The website will include pictures available for players to be identified.

Dave spoke to the 48 hour grace period so drafted players can be exchanged between teams if needed, but this is rare.

New Business

Steve Quinn discussed the Banquet. Mike McKnight has offered the Omaha Press Club at the First National Bank Building with a full meal or buffet. Mike will get back to Steve with pricing information and other details. Steve will report back to the Board.

Mark Opfer (Schedule)

The NSS Calendar has been updated and posted on the website.

Ron Franck (Fields)

No new business

Steve Bessey (Equipment)

The score boards and defibulator have been ordered. New shed keys and locks will be purchased along with the assignment regarding who has keys to the shed.

After the draft, Jerseys will be ordered. All managers need to have their player roster, jersey number and correct spelling of names so shirts and hats can be ordered asap.

For 2019 we will not be limited to major league teams, but team names should have Board approval.

A motion was made by Mark Opfer and seconded by Steve Bessey for the team names to have Board approval. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom Holder (Rules)

Play It Again Sports now has a registration form. An account for NSS needs to be set up at *Play It Again Sports* so players and family members can take advantage. Steve Quinn will be the League's contact for *Play It Again Sports*.

Stickers for the 'hot bats' have been purchased. Tom will be in charge of getting all bats approved.

The Rules will be updated.

Tom suggested there be a formal rule made about the number of players on the field so there are no questions between the two teams and if there is a need for a forfeit or if the game can be played.

Each team manager shall be responsible for verifying the ranking of the replacement players for their team as well as monitoring the opposing manager.

Dave Dye (Draft)

Registration: as of today we have 50 players currently registered for the summer season.

Dave displayed the information that will be available to the managers and assistant managers for the draft sequence. At the end of the 2018 season, all managers were asked to grade their current players. Dave has this information available for managers to review prior to the draft. The 2016 information will also be available. Copies of the 2014 and 2017 draft will also be given to the managers.

Once registration is closed (March 31st), number of teams, team names, will be determined and managers will be contacted with this information so they can formulate their draft strategy. We are dictated by the numbers and the official numbers cannot be determined until registration closes.

Once the number of teams have been determined, all of the above information will be sent to the managers.

Open Discussion:

Chuck Trofholz will contact UBA about using their facilities if the weather dictates cancellation of the April 8th and April 10th tryouts for the new players.

Friday morning league:

Registration is now open for the Friday morning league. The Friday morning league has asked for this information to be put on the NSS website. Tom Holder made a motion to put this information on the NSS website to help promote the Friday morning league. Dave Dye seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tryouts:

Should current players be requalified? This could be a safety issue. Should the skills requirements be reviewed? Discussion tabled for future consideration.

Should the pitching net be made mandatory? Right now it is the pitcher's option for net or mask. If the net becomes mandatory, the net could be installed at the beginning of the evening's games and all pitchers will use it. Discussion tabled for future consideration.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Bessey

Seconded by Dave Dye

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM