



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2021

Attendance:

Board Members			
x	Steve Quinn	Rusty Jensen	x
x	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	
x	Mark Opfer	Rick DuVall	x
x	Tom Holder	Dave Sanderson	x
Others in Attendance			
x	Kathleen DuVall		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the December meeting minutes was made by Tom, seconded by Mark and approved by all.

Old Business:

Finance Update - Mark Opfer

Mark and Bill Weller met last week. Bill closed out the end of 2020 and turned over a balanced book to Mark. He is waiting on checks to be able to pay Rick for the trophies. There is approximately \$9600 in the bank at the end of 2020.

There was a discussion on how to bring the balance down and some of the options were better jerseys at lower price, reducing the cost of the banquet, waive all or part of registration fees, purchasing field equipment etc. This item will be part of later meetings.

Mark asked that each Director submit budget requests for 2021 to be discussed at the February meeting. He has the budgets from previous years for reference if needed.

Schedule for 2021 - Dave Sanderson

Dave showed the proposed schedule that was sent earlier in the week and is attached to the minutes as Appendix A.

Rick noted that there are no League Championship which is different than the past. There will be a single elimination tournament for each season.

Mark made the motion to accept the proposed schedule and for Dave to give it to Chuck to post on the NSS website. The motion was seconded by Tom and all were in favor.

Umpires - One vs. Two and New? - Terry Hovorka

Mark presented Terry's topics in his absence:
Terry's proposal is to keep the same umpire organization.

One vs. Two umpires - Terry's recommendation is to stay with one umpire per game.

The Rule book needs to be updated with the replacement player rule changes. Rusty had previously sent changes. He will send them back to the group. Terry will make the updates and send the Rule Book back to the group for approval.

Player Survey - Rusty Jensen

Player survey responses are attached as Appendix B. There were 135 responses out of approximately 170 players

Returning Managers - Rusty Jensen

There were a number of people who have indicated that they will manage but there is still need for more. Anyone interested should contact Rusty.

Player Evaluation Committee - Rusty Jensen

Rusty has five players that have agreed to participate in a committee to re-evaluate player ranking. The group is starting to form and Rusty will update the group on progress during the next meeting.

Draft Preparations - Rusty Jensen

Rusty and Chuck Cantoya are working on the software in preparation for the draft. Players will now be listed by draft order rather than alphabetical to help the managers in their pick. New players last year will be at the end of the round equivalency that they were assigned last year. Finally, new players signing up for the league as of

the draft will be in their own column. There will also be a data spreadsheet with statistics to assist. All Managers will need to bring a smart phone, tablet or laptop to the draft.

Field Rental - Alan Hardt

Alan sent the schedule to Denny as a preliminary. Fields available starting April 5. \$15 per team for the summer and \$17 in the fall.

Rick mentioned that there is a fencing issue with field 3. This will be evaluated as we get closer to the season to ensure it is fixed.

Alan also asked people to please let him know if there are any lights out as there is a long lead time to get them replaced.

Alan did talk with Denny about the light locks and Denny committed to have someone look at it.

Communications - Tom Holder

Tom is looking into NSS window decals but it probably would not have this complete this season.

New Business:

Spirit Award plaques update - Rick DuVall

The permanent plaques have been picked up for those people who were previous awardees. Rick will try to deliver them between now and the start of the new season, otherwise they will be given then.

Locks/Keys for the Shed - Rick DuVall

Rick has new locks and keys. He will install the lock in February and distribute keys to managers and Board members afterwards.

AED update - Rick DuVall

Rick picked up the AED from the field shed. There are two pads that have expiration dates coming up in the summer. The battery is good. Rick will investigate the criticality of the expiration dates, the cost of getting two new pads, and bring the information back to the February meeting. A question came up regarding our liability insurance policy regarding the AED, but it is believed that only covers the spectators and not the players since

they sign a waiver. It was determined that an issue could still remain and that the league should possibly look at an umbrella policy. Alan and Dave will reach out to contacts that they have to find out what the options are and bring to a later meeting.

Team names discussion - Rick DuVall

The Board would like to go back to MLB teams but also have it so each team is a different color. Rick will investigate if that is possible within the boundaries of the budget and report back to the Board at the February meeting.

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 PM, seconded by Rusty and all were in favor.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

All meetings held at 6:30 PM at Sean O'Casey's - 2523 S 140th Ave, Omaha, NE unless otherwise noted.

Appendix A

Summer 2021 (TENTATIVE)

Date	Event
03/01/2021	Summer registration begins
04/03/2021	Summer registration ends
04/05/2021	New player skill testing Field 3 Returning player open practice Fields 2 and 4
04/07/2021	New player skill testing Field 3 Returning player open practice Fields 2 and 4
04/08/2021	Draft night
04/12/2021	Opening day!
05/31/2021 06/21/2021 06/23/2021 07/05/2021	No games
07/14/2021 07/19/2021 07/21/2021	Summer Season Single Elimination Tournament
07/26/2021	Rain Date for Tournament
07/28/2021	League Meeting and Elections
08/02/2021	Online voting for board members begins

Fall 2021 (TENTATIVE)

Date	Event
07/01/2021	Fall registration begins
07/31/2021	Fall registration ends

08/13/2021	Online voting for board members ends
08/02/2021	New player skill testing Field 3 Returning player open practice Fields 2 and 4
08/04/2021	New player skill testing Field 3 Returning player open practice Fields 2 and 4
08/05/2021	Draft night
08/09/2021	Fall league games start
09/06/2021	No games
10/06/2021	End of regular season
10/11/2021 10/13/2021 10/18/2021	Fall Season Single Elimination Tournament
10/20/2021	Rain Date for Tournament
11/05/2021	Annual Banquet (tentative)

Appendix B

Question 1: Would you prefer that teams have only 10 players or more than 10 players?

More than 10 players	82	62%
Only 10 players	27	20%
No preference	25.	18%

Question 2: Would you prefer one long season, or split Summer and Fall Seasons?

Split Summer and Fall Seasons	85	63%
One long season	37	27%
No preference	13	10%

Question 3: Do you have interest in a fun-focused, age-bracketed skills competition during the season?

No	52	39%
Yes	47	35%
No preference	35	26%

Question 4: Do you prefer that the league does a full re-draft of the teams every two years or three years?

Two years	89	66%
Three years	31	23%
No preference	15	11%

Question 5: Do you prefer that a batter should be awarded first base on a ball that reaches the outfield, or that a batter can be thrown out at first on a ball that reaches the outfield?

The batter can be thrown out at first no matter where the ball is picked up	71	53%
The batter is safe at first on any hit where the ball reaches the outfield	49	37%
No preference	13	10%

Question 6: Do you prefer that the league mandates the use of a pitching screen for ALL pitchers?

Only pitchers that want to use the screen should have to use it	92	70%
All pitchers should be required to use the screen	27	20%
No opinion	13	10%

Question 7: Are you willing to pay a higher fee (up to \$10) for a higher quality jersey?

Yes	90	67%
No	29	21%
No preference	16	12%