



NSS Board Meeting

February 15, 2022

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Rusty Jensen	E
X	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	X
X	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Jim Price	X
X	Tom Holder	BJ Danze	X
X	Mark Opfer		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the January meeting minutes was made by Terry, seconded by Rick and approved by all.

New Business:

No new business was introduced.

Old Business:

All Old Business was covered in Director Updates below.

Director Updates:

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

Follow-up from January meeting: NSS Golf Tournament - After discussion around communication, transparency, tax implications and sponsorship, the Board agreed to review this item again at the February meeting to give the members time to consider.

Via email, the Board determined that if it is a money-making event, then there is a fee to be paid to NSS to use the website or email for advertisement. If it is a charitable event, then the use of the website or email is free. It was agreed that it is important to be transparent with all of them as to where the money will go. The Board will revisit the issue of the cost for those who want to use the website or email for advertisement of their event.

Banquet Date (Currently November 4th. 11th is also open.)

The current date schedule is November 4th but it is understood that most likely the jackets for the fall winners will not be available at the event.

It was discussed that the manager shall have the discretion to buy their own jackets with a subsidy from the league. Alan will provide the contact for Central States if the managers want to utilize their services. This is to be addressed again at the March meeting.

Follow-up from January meeting: Storm Chaser Date - Bryan sent out a survey about Werner Park and Storm Chasers and received 79 responses. The tally as 73% voted yes, 14% voted maybe and the rest voted no. Rick will take this information back to the Storm Chasers to see about getting something scheduled. He will communicate it to Bryan to get it out to the league.

Rick questioned the group as to when the best time frame is to do this. There will be a question out to the league to see what the best timing is. There was some consensus that between seasons worked best. Rick to contact Werner Park to see if they have suggested dates.

Ed Tworek email

Ed sent an email to the Board covering a list of items:

- Finances
 - Free registration for managers – discussed under “Finance and Registration”
 - Pay increase for umpires – discussed under “Finance and Registration”
 - Two umpires in regular season games – The Board discussed and agreed that if the third umpire is not needed due to there only being two active games, they will be paid the normal fee to be the second umpire in an active game, as it is today.
 - Registration incentive – discussed under “Finance and Registration”
- Player Replacement Rule – The Board reviewed this again, taking in a variety of opinions from the guests present. It was agreed to defer this to a later meeting, allowing everyone time to think about the information presented and so Rusty is able to participate in the decision.
- Delayed game start policy – After another round of discussion, it was agreed to leave it as. The Board believes that a change to the Replacement Player Rule may positively affect the situation.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Follow-up from January meeting: Roger wondered if the concession stand would be opening up again. He was directed to check with the City of LaVista.

The plan is to have the concession stand open. They are taking bids and won't know until the end of March.

Follow-up from January meeting: The pitching rubbers need to be evaluated on all of the fields as it is believed that 2 of the 3 fields need to have it buried. Roger to follow up with LaVista.

Per LaVista, we are the only ones complaining but they will "look into it".

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

The high-level schedule has been on the website for a month without comment, so Dave is assuming it is okay. He is planning for 16 teams and adjust as needed once registration is complete.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Follow-up from January meeting: PayPal will be sending the league a 1099 this year, meaning that the league may need to pay taxes. Bob asked if becoming a 501(c)3 would be in the league's interest. Alan has a lawyer acquaintance that he will ask for more information.

Alan has a call with an attorney on 2/16 about being able to set up a 501(c)3. He will send out an email to the Board after that meeting to inform them of the outcome and any next steps. The goal is to find a way to set up the 501(c)3 with paying minimal fees. It was determined that if the league does not become 501(c)3, then we could no longer use PayPal as a payment option due to the new tax implications and that the PayPal account cannot be used by entities outside of NSS. Since the league is currently set up to accept PayPal and registration is starting soon, Bob made the motion that it be used for 2022. Terry seconded and all were in favor.

Follow-up from January meeting: Bob recommended that the FML pay a prorated fee based on the number of games they play vs. what NSS plays in relation to the budgeted amount for the year. Bob will determine the price and will email to the Board for approval.

The decision was made to charge FMSL \$100 with no charge to the Tuesday league until they are more established.

Proposed budget – Bob reviewed several proposed budgets based on the discussions from the previous Board meetings, to include considering umpire costs, late registration fees and manager registration fees. After reviewing all four, the Board agreed on one proposal. Alan made a motion to accept the agreed upon budget and Dave seconded with all in favor. This budget included doing an

early registration of \$115/\$150 and the normal registration at \$125/\$160. This budget also assumed that umpire costs remain the same and the free registration for managers goes away.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

Bryan gave a check to Bob from someone and is waiting on getting their logo to be able to post it on the website. He will also get one up from Jim Price and Ace Welding.

Registration starts on Sunday and so Bryan will find the previous registration screens to update. He will also send out an email about registration opening.

Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen

Rusty was excused from the meeting and did not have any updates.

Purchasing & Inventory - Alan Hardt

No further updates.

Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka

Terry is still trying to get in touch with Nick from UBA to see if they are an option for umpires. In the interim, he is working with Mike York for the 2022 season.

A discussion was held on the placement of the commitment line at 30 feet. This was changed by ASA due to their 70-foot baselines. The Board decided that the line should remain at 25 feet.

Outstanding Parking Lot Items:

Items deferred from previous meetings that are to be scheduled for a later meeting:

- Review the replacement player rule where the player being replaced is long-term/full season.
- Discussion around how to modify the tournament seeding if there is an odd number of teams.
- Placement of the commitment line at 30 feet
- Substitution Rule
- Co-ed Line/200 Feet – Tony Cruz email
- Cost for use of the website for advertising non-NSS events (from February meeting)
- Allowing winning managers to select the championship jackets (from February meeting)
- Date for the Werner Park baseball game outing (from February meeting)

Adjournment

Dave made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alan, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:42PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Tuesday, April 16, 2022

Tuesday, May 16, 2022

All meetings held at 6:00 PM at Sean O'Casey's - 2523 S 140th Ave, Omaha, NE unless otherwise noted.

All players are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. If you want to attend and have a specific topic, please email the League Secretary at kkduvall24@gmail.com to be included on the agenda.