



## NSS Board Meeting

September 20, 2022

### Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Rusty Jensen	X
E	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	X
E	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Marty Boozikee	X
X	James Bennar	Bo Boozikee	X
X	Tom Holzer	Dave Janda	X

### Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:58PM

### Approval of the Minutes

The motion to accept the minutes was made by Bryan, seconded by Rusty and approved by all in attendance.

### New Business:

#### Pitcher Helmets - Tom Holder

Tom Holder proposed that the Board start enforcing the pitcher helmet rule, even though the ones ordered through Vince Bruce have not materialized. Rick will check with Vince on the status and bring it back to the Board at the December meeting. Several Board members also noted that these helmets are available at online sources such as Amazon and sporting goods stores.

#### Player Fee Refunds - Terry Havorka

There have been requests for refunds due to injury. The discussion is to have a prorated fee schedule and Bob will bring a proposal to the January meeting.

#### NSS Player Hats - Terry Havorka

Terry proposed using NSS, non-team specific league hats year after year. This would mean fewer replacement hats, bulk buying power and also is free advertising for the league.

## **Old Business:**

### First aid kit - Marty Boozikee

The only things that have been used are ice packs. She also brought up that one person owning the kit and bringing it to the field every week in time for the first game and taking it after the last game is more than one person can handle. Marty will evaluate what is in the pack that is heat sensitive and bring back to the Board what that is so it can be determined if those items monetarily worth the work effort.

## **Director Updates:**

### **Scheduling - Dave Sanderson**

Dave did not have an updates for this meeting.

Rick requested that the Banquet award membership voting period be added to the annual calendar.

### **Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen**

#### 2 Division League (upper/lower)

There are some people who are concerned about the number of younger, talented players and needing to move to a two division league to ensure parity and safety. There is the potential for people being upset based on what bracket they are chosen for, causing attrition in the league. It was also noted that the retention of the younger player is not high. It was determined that this would be a good survey question.

#### Testing of older/slower players

This has been discussed at previous meetings and there is still a concern that some people need to be retested periodically. The previous decision was to not do this due to player sensitivity and for the Player Evaluation Committee to do it was subjective. Rusty proposed considering doing this for all players in the final two rounds of the draft as that is more objective. This will be a survey question.

A second proposal was that the draft occurs until all teams are full (ex. 11 players per team) and those that are left over have their money refunded and recommend that they pursue Tuesday/Friday or try again next year. This would cause a slow degradation of the number of players over time, which would be a problem.

There was a comment made that we have to take into account the purpose of the league and what the league players want.

#### Should we make NSS a 1 season league (Apr-Oct)?

Rusty was requested to bring to the Board the possibility of doing just one season. The issue is around the supplemental drafts and how that can be manipulated to an advantage with people being drafted later than what is their skill level and being used as a replacement player.

The con to this is that there are players that will not be engaged during the fall season, especially due to bowling and teachers. This would also eliminate people joining in the fall.

#### Draft: Last round team selection determination

It was proposed that we do the regular full draft in random order with volunteers for the extra players and the supplemental draft done in a reverse order of the winning record.

Drafting yearly resolves all these issues as they reset the teams but the costs will go up because of uniform costs.

All these items will be part of the player survey and return to the December Board Meeting.

#### Jim Price Email about Replacement Players

Jim emailed Rusty with information around the number of players in each round category (either by draft or by movement with the Player Evaluation Committee) where there are some rounds with very few options.

#### **Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka**

James asked what the possibility is to have two umpires per game and to pay them more. This is a topic that has been covered several times and while it is possible, it will mean raising the player fees. On previous surveys the players indicated that they did not want to pay extra. There was also a discussion of contracting with UBA.

#### **Purchasing & Inventory - Alan Hardt**

There are no purchasing issues.

It was brought up to look into purchasing green mats for replacement and in addition, purchasing more softballs prior to January 1.

The time has arrived for the players to vote for Banquet awards. Bryan to send out the email this week.

#### **Field Operations - Roger Clapper**

Roger was not in attendance but did send Rick a communication saying he did not have any topics.

### **Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway**

Bryan asked if there was a way that he could help support the “Fun, Fitness and Fellowship” communication to add “with Integrity” and the Board gave some suggestions.

### **Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel**

To date, we did well during the first part of the season and had reduced the fall fees accordingly. Bob recommended again that any supplies be purchased during this fiscal year. Dave Janda indicated that one of the pitching nets is held together with rag ties and James said there are batting mats that could also be replaced.

### **Commissioner – Rick DuVall**

Rick did not have any additional topics.

### **Parking Lot Items:**

Assessment of Older Players - July meeting - return December 2022

Change to the off season jerseys - May meeting - return January 2023

Use of Intentional Walk - July meeting - return January 2023

Building the 2023 schedule - September meeting - return January 2023

### **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave, seconded by Terry and all were in favor.

### **Next meetings:**

Tuesday, October 20, 2022

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Tuesday, December 20, 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](mailto:kkduvall24@gmail.com) to be included on the agenda.