

NSS Board Meeting

October 18, 2022

Attendance:

Board Members			
Χ	Rick DuVall	Rusty Jensen	Х
Χ	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	Е
Χ	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	Х
Χ	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	Х
Others in Attendance			
Х	Kathleen DuVall	Marty Boozikee	Х
Х	James Bennar	Bo Boozikee	Х
Х	Tom Holder	Bob Garcia	Х

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:03PM

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the September minutes was made by James, seconded by Dave and approved by all in attendance.

New Business:

Happy Birthday Alan!

Old Business:

Fall season championship games

Due to predicted cold weather, Rick made a motion via email that the fall season championship games be moved to Wednesday. The motion was seconded by Bryan. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Director Updates:

Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka

Due to illness, Terry was not present at the meeting and did not provide an update.

Purchasing & Inventory - Alan Hardt

The trophies have been ordered for the banquet. He met with Lori at German American Society and she asked if we would be willing to move to the lower level since there will be others in another section of the upper level. The consensus of the Board was to stay on the upper level and request that the noise level of the other group be kept to a reasonable level.

The vendor has the t-shirts order complete. Alan has notified them that the fall jacket order will be delayed a day or two due to the change in the championship tournament schedule but it was indicated that it will not affect delivery.

Alan ordered 12 dozen softballs and is ready to deliver the current stock to James for storage until the next season.

The discussion was to replace some of the batting mats. Ed Tworek was cited as a source who might be able to help with where the existing ones were purchased. There was also discussion around purchasing a tarp to assist with some of the bright car light issues.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

No updates.

James mentioned that there are still places where dirt has washed out in several places including a dugout.

When there is a cancellation, Rick's text distribution list does include Monica from the concession stand.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

Bryan continues to promote the banquet. He did request that players send photos to Rick as possible background for the cocktail hour. Rick will have to order additional table name tents and name tags.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Bob committed to creating a proposal for refunds for players that leave the league for a variety of reasons. In talking with some of the previous Directors of Finance, Bob was told that it was done on a case-by-case basis. The belief is that there should be a deadline where the full refund will no longer be given.

The finances are looking good even with the expenditure for the softballs.

Bob did some investigation around the 501(c)(3) and discovered that the league could qualify for 501(c)(7). It will require becoming incorporated with bylaws but Bob does not believe it will take much effort. Dave made a motion to allow Bob to move forward with finding an attorney to help with the 501(c)(7) designation, it was seconded by James and all were in favor.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

Banquet:

Award presenters:

Rick - Commissioner award

Bryan - Manager of the Year

Dave - Spirit Award and Veterans recognition

Alan - Team Mate of the Year

<u>Door prize</u> - Last year there was a gift card as a door prize and it was decided to do it again this year.

<u>Tuesday and Friday Morning players attending the banquet</u> - Jim Price brought it to the Board's attention that people were asking if the other leagues would be able to attend. There was some feeling that most of those people are ex-NSS alumni and since it is a normal transition from the NSS league to the others, it would make sense to include them. Dave made a motion to invite the Tuesday/Friday leagues to the banquet. The motion was seconded by Roger and all were in favor so the motion passed.

Dave made a motion to price this the same as the Monday/Wednesday players. The motion was seconded by Alan. All were in favor and the motion passed.

First Aid Kit

Marty did an inventory of the kit and after review, there does not seem to be much that is affected by temperature. The managers are responsible to let the Director of Purchasing know if something is used and it will be replaced. The Director is also responsible for doing a regular inventory.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

The fall tournament was a challenge to schedule but Dave found a good bracket to use and believes that it went really well.

In reviewing the Rule Book, there are some that need to have better verbiage. He will work with Bob Garcia over the winter to update.

Dave volunteered to take over some of the website work from Chuck Cantoya. The Board believes that having multiple people doing the maintenance work would be beneficial. There was conversation around ensuring that there is a clear understanding of who does what work to eliminate confusion when there is a request for a task to be completed. This will be brought to the March Board meeting.

Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen

Rusty received an email from a manager with some complaints that will go unaddressed as examples of what the new Director may encounter:

Some managers were not happy with the way the fall draft was held.

There is a belief that the Board should be questioning why players are signing up that are injured.

Player Evaluation Committee not ranking a player where this person thought they should be.

Parking Lot Items:

Pitching Helmets - September meeting - return December 2022

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

Pro-rated player fee refunds - September meeting - return January 2023

Last round of the draft and how to structure - October meeting - return December 2022

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave, seconded by Alan and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, November 15. 2022 Tuesday, December 20, 2022 Tuesday, January 17, 2023

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.