



NSS Board Meeting

January 17, 2023

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	James Bennar	X
X	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	X
E	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Jim Price	X
X	Rod Kidder	Tom Holder	X

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Approval of the Minutes

Dave made a motion to approve the December meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Bob D. and all were in favor.

New Business

Site Logins

There are two concerns around requiring players to create a signon for registration:

- Challenges with creating their username and password
- Restricting access to those outside the league to the site which is a great marketing tool

Rick will work with Chuck Cantoya to determine how to help those players who are struggling with their logins.

Trophies for Sale

Pat Sweeney has some trophies that he is wondering if it is something the league could use. This will come back to the Board at the May meeting.

Shed Repair

Marty indicated that there is interest in fixing up the shed. There are people who are willing to do the work if someone can find or finance the materials. This will come back to the April Board meeting where the request will be for someone to come up with a list of the needed items to be fixed.

Old Business

Use of Intentional Walk

July meeting notes: Roger brought up intentional walks and the use of them during games. It is a difficult thing to legislate because if you put limits, pitchers will just pitch around them. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

After discussion, the Board decided not to change the rule and intentional walks will be allowed.

Pro-rated player fee refunds

September meeting notes: 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.

Bob recommended that this be handled on a case-by-case basis and the Board agreed.

Director Updates

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

The survey was sent to the league with 129 responses to date.

**Get the responses from Bryan

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Status of the Non-profit Application - Bob requested that this be postponed until the February meeting.

Early registration - There was not a lot of gain last year by using this methodology so Bob recommended not doing the Early registration this year.

Bob is setting up a new email away from his personal email that is tied to the Finance Director and will be passed on to the next Director.

Bob reviewed the status of the budget based on what he knew at the meeting. Using the information he gained at the meeting, he will bring the budget to the February meeting.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave presented the current 2023 Summer schedule. He walked the Board through the dates and associated events. The Board agreed that they would not have games on 7/3/23. Dave will post this to the web site and use this as the basis for the schedule in the software.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

Final Draft Round Proposal

In years past, when the final round is not a full complement of players, a request will be made for managers who are willing to take a final round player. Those that volunteer will get the initial picks.

After they make their selection, the rest of the teams are randomly selected for the remaining players.

Coaches

There is currently a need for seven coaches. James is still reaching out to players to see if he can find others. There are three new coaches.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

Umpire recommendation

Bob met with Shawn to get references and found out that most of them were leagues unlike NSS. Shawn did indicate that the umpires do slow pitch, fast pitch and baseball. This group would be \$35 a game. Bob is going to set up a meeting with Shawn to include Tom Holder and then bring a recommendation back to the February meeting.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Full season jersey recommendation

Bazerk/Tone Torrez/Rico

\$40/shirt regardless of size

\$18/hat with six minimum reorder

4-6 week turnaround

Cannot do MLB shirts

Josh in Kentucky

About \$40 per shirt average as it is dependant on colors and size

\$11/hat and reorder depending on stock availability

4-6 week turnaround

Bob will use \$55 per person for budgeting

May meeting notes: Rusty suggested that during the second summer of the two-year cycle, the new team members get a nice, locally sourced t-shirt rather than a jersey. This would lower the new player cost. Part of the issue is that often the league is not able to get the first year jerseys the second year. Now that Josh is committing that the jersey stock will be around for two years, the decision is to continue to order jerseys.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Roger was not in attendance so there was no update

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

No additional topics.

Parking Lot Items:

Adjournment

Rick , Bob D and all in favor.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, February 21,2023

Tuesday, March 21. 2023

Tuesday, April 20, 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.

(This is a new section added to house discussions during Board meetings that are not for public communication but need to be documented for historical reference. This section will be removed before being provided to the Communications Director for email distribution and before posting on the NSS website.)

Appendix A - Survey Questions

Question 1 has 127 answers

“Are you in favor of umpires who are actively moving within the field to observe a play?”

Yes - 123

(96.9%)

No - 4

(3.1%)

Question 2 has 123 answers

“What is your preference for team uniforms?”

Major League Teams? - 87

(70.7%)

Minor League Teams? - 36

(29.3%)

Question 3 has 129 answers

“Should the league continue the current policy of requiring pitchers to use either a mask, a helmet, or a screen?”

Yes - 121

(93.8%)

No - 8

(6.2%)

Question 4 has 128 answers

“Should the league tournament be single or double elimination (this would involve losing additional league games)?”

Single elimination - 77

(60.2%)

Double elimination - 51

(39.8%)

Question 5 has 128 answers

“Are you in favor of a family oriented event that includes an All-Star game during the off-week between the summer and fall seasons?”

Yes - 72

(56.3%)

No - 56

(43.8%)