



NSS Board Meeting

February 21, 2023

Attendance:

| Board Members | | | |
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| X | Rick DuVall | James Bennar | X |
| X | Marty Boozikee | Bob Garcia | X |
| X | Roger Clapper | Bryan Galloway | X |
| X | Bob Dalziel | Dave Sanderson | E |
| Others in Attendance | | | |
| X | Kathleen DuVall | Jim Price | X |
| X | Chuck Cantoya | AJ Buschelman | X |
| X | Donny Cummings | Tom Holder | X |
| X | Mike Barnes | Bo Boozikee | X |

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01.

Approval of the Minutes

Dave made the motion to approve the January minutes. Marty seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed.

New Business

Aerial Photos - AJ Buschelman

AJ requested permission to take aerial photos during the season and the Board agreed. These would be great to have at the banquet.

Sponsorships - Roger Clapper

Athletico is a possible sponsor. They would like to set up a table at the fields, distribute business cards, and possibly be on the website etc. The Board agreed that they would be charged the normal sponsor fee if they want a presence on the web site but they were free to do other advertising/events without the fee. Jerry McCaw is working with them and will bring back any further information.

Tournament teams would like to hang a banner during the games as a way to get league players to get involved. This is still under investigation.

Manager Fees - Mike Barnes

The question was whether the managers would have their registration fees paid and the response is that it was not done last year and would not be this year. NSS is a volunteer organization and since no one else gets paid, the managers will not be either.

Old Business

Site Ownership and Administration - Chuck Cantoya

Chuck will be transitioning to others those items that do not need programming experience while keeping those that do. Three admin positions:

- Home page: replacing feature areas, updating for canceled games (Bryan Galloway)
- Privilege Admin - approve new users, update users for access needs (BJ Danze but looking for a replacement)
- Point of Contact - general admin and point of contact for iPage, version upgrades (Dave Sanderson)

Registration and Web Account Creation - Chuck Cantoya

Previous registration process allowed someone to impersonate a player to gain personal information. Web account creation will stop that. Many players already have web accounts due to being on the Board or as a manager. Paper registration ended three years ago with the use of the electronic process on the web site.

There were twelve people that indicated that they had problems and all have been resolved. There are step-by-step instructions on the web site to assist and the front page was modified to better indicate when they are logged in. There are still approximately 40 people without accounts and will need to be contacted to create them. There will also be a communication to the entire league to make sure their account works before registration.

Director Updates

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Bob presented the current budget to the Board. The excess amount in the account is due to money received from Choice Hotel and the NSS Auxiliary money but also related to lower costs in 2022.

Consideration was given to the following in determining the 2023 budget:

- This is a full draft year so there is a larger cost side this year.
- Umpires - \$35 per umpire/game
- Field costs will not change

- Administration - \$2000 to possibly fund becoming a non-profit organization 501(c)7

Based on those numbers and the account balance, registration will be \$55 for uniforms and \$90 administrative for a total of \$145 per player or approximately \$5 per game.

Bob will set up an NSS email account for registration use and will get that to the site management team for adding to the website.

The Board reviewed the steps needed to be prepared for registration and Bob/Bryan indicated that they are ready.

Roger made a motion to approve the budget presented, seconded by James and all were in favor. The motion passed.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave was not in attendance but emailed the following update to the Board:

Still on track per the Summary schedule on the website. I have a tentative game schedule, with 16 bogus team names. I'll fill in actual team names when we know what they are. If the team count changes, I'll create a new schedule. Simply put, everything is subject to change.

Roger contacted LaVista about pre-season field access for practice and player evaluations.

Question for the board: I scheduled F2, F3, and F4 for 4/3, 4/5, 4/10, and 4/12. Player evaluations are 4/10. Do we want all three fields for all dates or three fields for 4/10 and only F3 and F4 for the other nights. Please let me know what you think and I'll change the Summary schedule online and Roger can let LV know what is needed.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

17 managers have signed up. Once registration is complete and the number of teams is determined, the Board will approve the managers.

There was a question around who is assessing the managers and assistants. James suggested that the managers assess themselves and is also working on adjusting the Player Evaluation Committee to bring on people who are a mix of tenured and new players as well as skill set. This group would assess the managers input and make the final decision.

Player Evaluation will be held on April 10th from 5:30 - 7:30. It will be held on a chalked field 3 and field 4 will be in use for open practice. There will be three other practice nights so it is believed that there is only a need for two fields. If there are new players who cannot make the 4/10 night, they will use another night and have the Player Evaluation Committee in attendance.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

January Meeting Note: Bob is going to set up a meeting with Sean to include Tom Holder and then bring a recommendation back to the February meeting.

Bob met with Shawn to discuss the \$5 admin fee that is above the umpire fee. This money is used to pay schedulers and for the management of the umpires to ensure that the league always has resources. They asked for a copy of the rule book ahead of time to prepare. Bob G. made a motion that the league hires Premier Sports Officials Association (PSOA) for umpiring services. James seconded and all were in favor. Bob will contact Mike York about the change in umpires as soon as the contract with PSOA is in place.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Marty will poll the managers to see what are their top teams and use that as a way to select the 16 teams and related jerseys/hats.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

There will be an evaluation of the condition of the shed during the practice games and Dave Sanderson will coordinate the work. See previous minutes.

Roger reviewed the schedule for the player evaluation, the practice games etc. If the new umpires are able to attend, Bob G. would review the rules with them during the scrimmage.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

No updates

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

No updates beyond what was discussed in other Director's sections.

Parking Lot Items:

Via email, Dave requested that the subject of the league meeting be brought to the March meeting.

Adjournment

James made the motion to adjourn, Marty seconded and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, March 21. 2023

Tuesday, April 20, 2023

Tuesday, May 16.2023

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.
