



# NSS Board Meeting

June 27, 2023

## Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	James Bennar	E
X	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	X
X	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	E
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Tom Holder	X
X	AJ Buschelman	Bo Boozikee	X
X	Ed Tworek		

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01

## Approval of the Minutes

Dave made a motion to approve the May meeting minutes and Rick seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

## New Business

### *Rule Enforcement - AJ Buschelman*

AJ inquired why the Board is not enforcing all the rules in the NSS Rule Book. Some examples are:

- Bats that do not have current approved bat stickers – if the bats have previous year's stickers, they're good
- Ninety-second rule is not being enforced
- Four-player replacement rule - this is an issue the managers need to address prior to the game beginning.

Generally speaking, the Board does not actively manage and enforce all the NSS rules. If there are rules that are consistently not being followed, it is up to someone to bring the issue to the Board for them to review and determine actions.

AJ requested that the Board consider having managers umpire when they have a bye week. This will be taken into consideration in the off-season when the Board evaluates the new umpire team.

## **Old Business**

### *Board Position for IT Support*

At the May Board meeting, Dave indicated that when he completes his term, he would like to continue as the liaison between the Board and the technical people who maintain the website. Rick made a motion to create the position of Manager of Web Services, which would be a non-voting Board position without term limits, and assign Dave to that position. Marty seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried.

### *Pitching Screens*

Marty talked with the pitchers and since Chris fixed them, they are happy with them. Her investigation showed that a new PitchSafe screen would cost \$300 with \$30 shipping per item. Ed also mentioned that the nets should be evaluated and possibly replaced. Marty to look at each screen to evaluate them and determine the need for each one. She will bring back to the next meeting what is needed.

## **Director Updates**

### **Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia**

Bob addressed some of the concerns that AJ expressed and has been trying to prepare the umpires as needed. He did remind everyone that the umpires do make mistakes and it is up to the managers to keep their players under control.

### **Player Personnel - James Bennar**

Text message update from James to Rick:

1. Player ejections have been handled - no major dispute - players accepted without debate.
2. Player's perspective - they want more active - more vocal umpiring.
3. Fall assessments - I only know of 1 player going into the draft and 1 potential player coming in. The draft will be very unbalanced in my opinion and unless a couple of teams are folding up - not sure how we address that.

### **Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee**

Uniforms have all been delivered.

Marty will be ordering more score books for the fall season.

### **Commissioner – Rick DuVall**

#### *Upcoming Events:*

Fall registration - Mark to create the form-site and Bob will create the PayPal code and give it to Mark and Dave. The cost will be about the same as last year.

Annual meeting - Bryan needs to communicate the date and location, and a second about nominations. Gary Kruse has Elmwood Park Pavilion reserved for 7/25 annual meeting. Mark needs to set up the voting. Banquet - Need Bryan to send a reminder to the league. German American Society is reserved for 11/10 Annual Banquet

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

Not present and no update submitted.

**Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel**

NSS is now approved by the State of Nebraska as a non-profit. The Articles of Incorporation need minor updates to complete the request for incorporation. Once done, the letter of determination will go to the IRS but for all intents and purposes, the league is now considered a non-profit entity.

Overall, the budget still looks good for the year.

**Scheduling - Dave Sanderson**

*Weather Rain-Out Makeup*

There are three games that could be made up that were the result of a rain or lightning situation on 4/19 They are not division games. Dave made the motion that they should be played on 7/12 with the understanding that no other rain-outs will be made up. Bob Garcia seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The motion carried. Roger will notify LaVista, Dave will inform the managers and Bob will inform the umpires.

- 7/12 6:15 White Sox vs Padres on field 3 - already scheduled
- 7/12 7:30 Blue Jays vs Brewers on field 3 - already scheduled
- 7/12 6:15 Rays vs Rockies on field 4 (makeup)
- 7/12 7:30 Royals vs Giants on field 4 (makeup)
- 7/12 8:45 Athletics vs Dodgers on field 4 (makeup)

*Tournament*

Based on standings as of 6/27, a tentative bracket was created and presented to the Board. As there are still four conference nights, where the bracket could significantly change. Dave noted that a doubleheader is needed for each of 7/19 and 7/24 with the 7/19 doubleheader scheduled for 6:15 and 8:45. This will be formalized at the end of the season once the teams are known.

07/17/2023	Summer Season Single Elimination Tournament (dates tentative)
07/19/2023	
07/24/2023	

*Summary Calendar*

Dave pulled the summary calendar from the website and reviewed it with the Board to ensure the dates were correct.

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

Unlocked gate - emergency services do not have a key so he requested that they be unlocked on game days.

Commit line going to the fence is still not marked after repeated communications with Denny at LaVista.

### **Parking Lot Items:**

*Advertising Advisory Committee - return to the August meeting*

*Player Evaluation Committee*

Notes from the May meeting: There was a discussion around the members on the committee.

Notes from June meeting: This will be set up as an Executive session when James is able to attend the meeting.

### **Adjournment**

Dave made the motion to adjourn. Bob Dalziel seconded, and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

### **Next meetings:**

Tuesday, July 18, 2023

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

All meetings are 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.