



NSS Board Meeting

August 15, 2023

Attendance:

Board Members			
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	Chris Shank	X
X	Tom Holder		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 5:59 PM

Approval of the Minutes

James made a motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Bob D. seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

New Business

Consolidation of the Three Leagues - Chris Shank

Chris proposed one governing body, rules, commissioner with individual League managers and shared website to include the Monday/Wednesday, Tuesday and Friday Leagues.

Rick indicated that all three Boards would have to agree to the same set of governing rules. When he spoke to them, two Friday Morning Board members are not in favor. There was a question as to how to reconcile the rules since the demographics of the day leagues are different. It was also indicated that the current Board does not have the bandwidth to take on the additional work.

Bob D. recommended merging the Tuesday and Friday leagues and to put more information on the NSS website. He also said that it would be a challenge to keep the league finances separate. It was also noted that there would be an increased need for website maintenance by bringing on the other leagues for scheduling, registration and replacement players.

Chris is to bring a description of what she would like for information on the NSS site to the September Board Meeting.

Commissioner's Award - Bob Dalziel

With founding member Dave Banghart having passed away this year, Bob D. made a motion to rename the Commissioner's Award to the Dave Banghart Commissioner's Award. The motion was seconded by Roger and all present were in favor so the motion passed.

Old Business

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.

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the Player Evaluation Committee and the adjustment of player rankings at 7:23 and exited at 8:07.

Games running late due to replacement players not being available

At the annual meeting, it was discussed and indicated that this is a transient issue. Since not all managers were at the meeting, it was decided that James would contact the managers and ask them to remind their players that they need to take into account the time and the field of their actual game when responding to replacement player requests.

Board Updates

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Shirts and championship jackets are ready.

Two mats are bad and there are two new ones in the shed that will now be put into use.

There are enough softballs for the fall season. The balls that are currently in use are 40/375 and not 40/400 and have been since the last order was placed. The Board discussed the pros/cons of staying with the 40/375 and decided to make this a survey question.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

Rule Book Change - Determination of Teams Folding for Fall Season

There is an unwritten rule that states that if there are two teams with the same number of players returning then the team with the last player to register is the team that is disbanded. Rick made a

motion that this be made part of the Rule Book. Roger seconded and all present were in favor so the motion passed.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

Voting for the recent election is now complete and the new Board Members are Tom Holder and Mike Marlow. There was a discussion around the continued use of MailChimp vs. setting up the website to handle it instead. Rick to discuss with Dave to see what the feasibility is to use the website instead.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Applying for EIN and waiting on the determination letter for the 501(c)7 designation. The league will need a new bank account and have PayPal set up to send the money there.

Registration is down about 50 players from summer to fall and new players in general. Bob will be watching the registrations going forward to see if this is the beginning of a trend or just a blip.

Bob had another player request a refund for the season and after discussing this specific scenario, the decision by the Board was to grant the refund.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Email update from Dave:

Fall schedule was published last week with minimal questions from any coaches.

Fall tournament schedule is ready to add the teams per post fall regular schedule standings.

While I have a continuity document for my position, I will be refining it to help my replacement. I will be adding information for the Director of Player Personnel since I was so involved with that position for both summer and fall. Every board member should provide information about their position and I'll add it to the website. Information should be as detailed as possible.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Roger talked with Denny about the lighting and he indicated that lighting is on the Public Works 2025 improvement plan. When implemented, it may force an increase in field charges.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

Bob did not have any updates. The discrepancy around the payment for the umpires was resolved.

Roger suggested having any new umpires attend the new player session to hear the explanation of the rules. All agreed to the suggestion and paying them for their time.

Rick requested that Bob bring a copy of the existing contract for the Board to review in preparation for the next year.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

Pool Player Assessments and Assignments

There is a new player that went into the pool. James is going to contact the managers to see if any of them will add him to a game on their team and then provide an assessment to James.

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

No update as Dave was not in attendance.

Parking Lot Items:

Advertising Advisory Committee - return to the November meeting

Renewal of the Umpire Contract - return to the December meeting

Use of 40/400 vs. 40/375 balls in the future - return to the February meeting

Adjournment

Rick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by James, all were in favor so the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Tuesday, October 10, 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 to be included on the agenda.