



NSS Board Meeting

October 10, 2023

Attendance:

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

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Marty made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Rick and all in attendance were in favor so the motion carried.

New Business

Mat Rule

Bryan sent out an query about clarification on the Mat Rule. The rule indicates:

Batter's Box Mat: The requirement to stay within the normally chalked batter's box will apply to the mat. Specifically, the batter is allowed to step partially off the mat with either or both feet while hitting. He shall be called out if either foot is completely off the mat (or any part of his foot is on the white portion of home plate) during the swing.

In reading the rule, the Board did not believe that there is any open question but rather that the umpires are not able to fully watch the players feet once the ball is hit because their attention is on the ball/field of play.

Andy Johnson Courage Award

Steve Quinn wanted to honor Andy Johnson and created the Andy Johnson Courage Award that was a traveling trophy. It was first awarded to Roger Hein and was not intended to be awarded every year. Bill Smith now has the award. There is nothing on the NSS website about this award and this winter,

the Board will revisit and makes a decision on if this will be a continuing award. **January Board Meeting return

There was a pool player that was never asked to play a game and the Board decided to refund his money per his request.

Quarterly or Annual Financial Reports

Bob will start sending the financial spreadsheet to the Board on a quarterly basis for review.

Old Business

Inter-Meeting Board Vote

On September 29th, in order to give NSS teams that have a high proportion of Tournament players some relief in the upcoming NSS tournament (due to a conflict with a Tournament players tournament), a motion was made by a Board member to allow up to 4 subs per team (the current rule is 3 subs in NSS tournaments) on October 11th (tournament's second day). It would also allow a team to play with 9 (not sure this was necessary). On September 30th, the votes were tallied and the motion failed to carry 5-3.

Board Updates

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

No update as Bryan was not in attendance.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

The books are looking good and because of the surplus should be able to reduce fees next year.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

The tournament scheduling went well. There are teams that could possibly forfeit tomorrow but if there is a weather issue so they are pushed to Monday, one has requested that they be slotted into the 8:45 position. The other team will have to agree but that is not a decision that needs to be made by the Board until it is determined that games are canceled on Wednesday.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

No update as Roger was not in attendance.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

For the most part, Bob believes that they are doing what they are supposed to do and are more familiar with the specific NSS rules. Dave and Marty indicated that the umpires they talked to seemed to be willing to come back next year.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

No update as James was not in attendance.

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

Rick is getting the automated emails for Banquet sign up and Dave would like to be added so he gets them also.

Once registration is complete, Rick will need a .csv file to create table tents and name tags. Dave modified the PayPal button to allow the Tuesday and Friday leagues and will check with Mark how they sign up to pay the full, non-subsidized amount.

Dave presented some changes that he would like to make to the website to make it a little more friendly and is looking for other suggestions.

He also pushed that there should be a Board Director continuity document for each position.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

The banquet registration is closing on November 2 and Marty will let German American Society know the final count.

Awards are in process. The voting for awards closes at midnight tonight but it does not appear that many have voted. Rick to reach out to Bryan to get a communication that the voting will be extended to 10/21.

Shirts for the fall league winners have been ordered. Marty is waiting for the tournament to complete and will then order the fall winner jackets.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

No additional topics.

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

Dave made a motion to adjourn. Rick seconded and all in attendance were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

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.