



NSS Board Meeting

January 9, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	James Bennar	E
X	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	X
E	Roger Clapper	Mike Marlow	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Tom Holder	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Dave Sanderson	E
X	Ed Tworek		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Marty, seconded by Tom. All in attendance were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business

Pinch Runners - Tom Holder

Tom proposes that the Pinch Runner rule be changed so that a player can run more than once a game. His recommendation was that a player could run as many times as needed in a game but only once per inning. After discussion, it was decided that if this were to be done, it would be done during the 2024 fall season. Due to missing Board members, it was decided to revisit this at the February Board Meeting.

Delayed game start - Ed Tworek

This was discussed at the August 2023 meeting and that decision stands.

Replacement Player - Ed Tworek

Ed presented a couple of options to better the replacement player process. Some of them were previously considered. The consensus of the Board was that the process worked well this past year and that there are no changes to be made.

Old Business

Advertising Advisory Committee

Mike is looking for what the goal is for league membership numbers and how we attain that. The discussion was how to advertise the league and get people interested in joining. Mike will put together a proposal and email it to the Board. If there are financial needs, it would need to be taken into consideration in the 2024 budget.

Andy Johnson Courage Award

The consensus of the Board was that this is an award that is worth continuing. Tom will talk with Dave Sanderson about making sure that the award is listed on the NSS website. Tom will work with him on the verbiage indicating the nature of the award.

Renewal of the Umpire Contract

Bob Garcia indicated that the cost for the umpires are contractually the same for 2024 as they were in 2023. His recommendation was that we stay with Premier Sports Officials Association, It was also discussed that there should be a list of Board approved players that are willing to fill in when PSOA cannot fulfill their obligation.

Use of 44/400 vs. 44/375 balls in the future

The 44/400 is the ball in the Rule Book and is the preferred option. It is thought that the use of the 44/375 was an ordering error and not a Board decision. Marty made a motion that the league stay with the 44/375 that were in use during the 2023 season. Tom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion passed.

Board Updates

Scheduling - Mike Marlow

Mike presented a proposed calendar for Board review.

Mike proposed that there be a set of All Star games, divided by age, at the end of the summer season as a way to bring the group together and support the players. He will bring a proposal to a future meeting.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Roger was not in attendance and did not submit an update.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

Bob had no other updates beyond the Old Business topic above.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

James was not in attendance and did not submit an update.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Marty now has a decision on the type of ball based on the discussion during the Old Business part of the meeting and will order balls for the coming year.

New players to a team will get a shirt and hat. Tom made a motion that each team member will get a new hat in the non-draft year. The motion was seconded by Bob G. Tom, Rick, Bob G. and Bob D. were in favor. Marty and Mike were opposed. The motion passed.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

Rick did not have any further topics.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

Tom believes that there is some cleanup that needs to be done as there is a limit to the number of emails that MailChimp can accommodate. Dave had previously agreed to help with that process.

Tom requested that the Board submit survey questions via email and he will send out the annual survey to the league.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Bob presented an accounting of the profit/loss for the last four years for Board review. Based on the current numbers, Bob recommended a reduction in player registration fees for the 2024 summer season.

He is asking that each Board member get him budgetary information for 2024. He needs this information by the February meeting in order to calculate the fees in time for registration.

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

Dave was not in attendance but sent the following via email:

I hope to make changes to the web page next week. Anything specific needed by the board?

Does Mike need any help in getting the 2024 calendar summary in the web page? Is a venue reserved for the draft for Spring and Fall? Once approved by the board, the calendar summary should be shared with LaVista Rec (Roger) and umpires (Bob G).

Parking Lot Items:

Awards (repeat award winners) - return to the August meeting (November meeting minutes)

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Marty seconded and all were in favor so the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 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.