



NSS Board Meeting

February 13, 2024

Attendance:

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

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Marty made the motion to approve the January minutes with Tom seconding. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business

James Bennar Resignation - Rick

James has resigned his position, effective immediately and according to the bylaws, it is up to the Board to fill the position and then a new Board member will be elected at the next election. Dave Sanderson would be willing to come back to the Board as Scheduling and Mike would take over Player Personnel. Dave is only willing to do one year so the permanent replacement would occur at the next league meeting/election. Tom proposed that we accept this proposal, Marty seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

In Memoriam - Tom Holder

When a player family member passes away, traditionally the Board sends a sympathy card. Marty is willing to own sending those.

Pitching Helmets - Tom Holder

Tom made a motion that all pitchers wear a pitching helmet or be behind the screen. The motion was seconded by Mike. Mike, Bob D., Bob G., Rick and Tom were all in favor. Marty opposed. Motion carries.

Commitment Line - Tom Holder

Tom proposed that the commitment line be moved to 25 feet from home plate. The motion was seconded by Marty. All were in favor so the motion passed.

Home Runs - Tom Holder

There is currently a two home-run limit per game per team. Tom would like to suggest changing this to a “one-up” rule instead. Once each team has two home runs, then both teams are allowed another home run. It will continue to “one-up”. Bob D. recommended that this be held until the fall season and the Board agreed.

Self-Umpiring - Tom Holder

With the increase in umpire fees Tom believes that it is time to self-umpire. After discussion of the pros/cons the Board decided that there is not enough time to implement this for the upcoming seasons and will take this up again in the fall.

Old Business

Advertising Advisory Committee - Mike Marlowe

Mike has a proposed budget of \$600 for advertising that would cover the creation of the ads and boosting it out to the community.

Andy Johnson Courage Award - Tom Holder

Tom still needs to work with Dave Sanderson to get the website updated with this award.

2024 Budget Items - Bob Dalziel

Bob has the input that he needs to create the 2024 budget.

Pinch Runners - Tom Holder

The question on the survey whether a player could run as many times as needed in a game but only once per inning. Due to the survey being split on allowing unlimited pinch running (see Addendum A), the rule will remain as it is and will be taken into consideration again in the fall.

Board Updates

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Roger was unable to attend but sent the following information via email:

There will be no change in field costs for 2024.

In addition to the opening date of 1 April, for the LaVista fields, below are the dates we will not be able to use La Vista fields:

May 27

June 12, 17, 19, & 24

July 3

Sept 2

Oct 14

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

Bob talked with Shawn and volunteered to do training sessions with the umpires to help acclimate them to the league. The recommendation is that this happens at the field so that league-specific items (commitment line, for example) can be better explained.

Clint also recommended that Bob ask about a two-year commitment.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Marty will be ordering softballs for the coming year. Hats and jerseys will be ordered once the registration is complete.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

Tom reported the results of the recent survey. Of the 175 it was sent to, 118 responded to the survey. See Addendum A for results.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

The bank account looks good. Planning for this year is underway. There will be the need to purchase softballs this year and there is an increase in the fee for the umpires. The Board proposed \$90 for the summer season and Bob indicated that the budget could support that.

Bob recommends that the league get a post office box to use for any correspondence. He also recommends that when the EIN is received that the league move to a new bank with more branches

since FWB only has two branches. Tom made a motion to that affect. Mike seconded. All were in favor and the motion carried,

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

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

Scheduling - Mike Marlow

With the transition of this position to Dave Sanderson, it is known that the creation of the schedule is underway but Dave was not at the meeting to give a full update.

Parking Lot Items:

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

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bob D. and all were in favor so the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Tuesday, May 14, 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.

Addendum A

Question 1 has 121 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Should the NSS Board of Directors investigate ways to eliminate/reduce intentional walks during the regular season?”

YES



34 (28.1%)

NO



87 (71.9%)

Question 2 has 121 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Are you in favor of adding a "League Championship" game (Division winner vs. Division winner), in addition to the end-of-season, single-elimination tournament?”

YES



71 (58.7%)

NO



50 (41.3%)

Question 3 has 121 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Are you in favor of allowing pinch-runners to pinch-run more than once a game?”

YES



64 (52.9%)

NO



57 (47.1%)