

April 28, 2011 – Executive Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm at the home of Commissioner Steve Quinn.

Board members present: Steve Quinn, Ron Kunert, Ed Tworek, Dick Smith, Dave Banghart, Chuck Grubb and Dave Janda. Absent: Dave Dye.

UNIFORMS & EQUIPMENT: Dick Smith reported that just a week ago the vendor used to purchase the League jerseys informed him that with the exception of the Cubs, the other pinstripe jerseys had been discontinued. The discontinued jerseys will be replaced with solid color MLB throwback replicas. Dick also confirmed that all team hats are also MLB replica. The jerseys are now with the vendor for printing names and numbers and we hope to have them by the first game. Dave Banghart suggested that the league purchase a ½ dozen Nebraska Seniors jerseys in an assortment of sizes, and NSS caps. These could then be signed out to pool players for use until they are permanently assigned to a team; at which time they would turn in the pool player jersey and receive a team jersey. Steve added that we should get extra NSS caps to make available for purchase by league members and others. Although a formal vote was not taken on this matter, all board members were in agreement to proceed with this purchase. Dick Smith will have available to the Managers at the first game the team hats, scorebooks and new game balls. The managers are asked to help with the game ball inventory. The home team will provide a new ball, while the visiting team is asked to supply a good conditioned used ball. Chuck Grubb reported that he has a supply of used balls in good condition that he will bring to the first game.

EQUIPMENT INVENTORY & STORAGE: Dick still needs to update the inventory list to include the 4 batter box mats. In order to make sure that the defibrillator is available at all games, at all times it was agreed that it would be locked up and stored with all the other equipment in the storage building. All of our equipment is kept in a wagon to be easily transported from the storage building to the playing fields. Ed Tworek will contact Phil Schenck to make sure that our insurance policy has coverage for property replacement in the unfortunate event if lost or stolen. A key for the field lights will also be secured with the defibrillator. All Board members will have a set of keys for the storage shed and the lights. It will be the responsibility of a Board member to unlock the storage shed, and bring the equipment to the fields. First game Home team managers will be responsible to make sure the equipment is properly placed on each field prior to the start of their games. Last game Home team managers are responsible to collect all equipment at the end of their games, properly load in the wagon, return to storage shed and lock. An equipment check list will be kept with the wagon and equipment at all times. Instructions for loading the wagon will also be kept with the equipment. Managers are asked to follow these instructions and not just pile the equipment into the wagon in a disorganized way.

POOL PLAYER ASSIGNMENT: Although the draft has been completed and teams are assigned, the League will continue to accept late registrations from anyone who wishes to play the summer season. Anyone submitting a registration at this time will initially be assigned as a pool player, and the first selected to play if a team is short. Every effort will be made to assign these players to a team at the earliest possible date. A motion was made by Dave Banghart; 2nd by Ron Kunert - Dave Dye (Director of Player Personnel) with the assistance from Ron Kunert (Associate Commissioner) will evaluate these players, assess team roster needs and then provide a recommendation for Board approval of assignment of each Pool Player. The Board members present for 6-0 in favor, the motion carried. An additional motion was made by Ron Kunert;

2nd by Dave Banghart – Team parity will determine pool player assignment. The Board members voted 6-0 in favor, the motion carried.

NON-PLAYER ASSISTANT MANAGERS: There are former players who are unable to play this year due to injuries. It has been suggested to the Board to allow these players to stay connected to the League and the game of softball by acting as Non-player assistant managers by invitation from current team managers. A motion was made by Ron Kunert; 2nd by Dave Janda – Non-Player assistant managers will be accepted with a signed registration form (liability waiver), limited to current or former league players only, and they must procure a league team jersey and cap at their own expense. The Board voted 6-0 in favor, the motion carried.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE: The Orioles, Royals, Marlins, and Blue Jays do not have any games scheduled for the last night (Wed, 7/27) because they will complete their 22 game schedule on Monday 7/25. Further review of the original schedule sent out by Dave Banghart on Tuesday, April 26 showed that the Cubs are scheduled to play a double header on that night. Dave B. noted that this was an error, and the Blue Jays should be playing the Phillies at 7:30 on field 4. He will make the corrections and send out an amended schedule. Chuck Grub suggested that we reconsider having the Championship game on the same night as other teams are finishing up their final games. We should consider making the Championship Game a special event and schedule on its own evening. Steve will need to check with LaVista to see if they would be able to offer an additional night for this consideration. The Board will discuss the matter further as information to facility availability and dates come available.

TIEBREAKER RULES: Final League Championship will be determined by a single playoff game between the American and National Division Winners. Division winners will be determined by best overall record percentage. In the event of a tie, the final Division standings will be determined by:

1. Head to Head Competition
2. Overall Win/Loss percentage (*) within Division
3. Fewest average runs against – All Games
4. Run margin differential - All Games

UMPIRES: Kevin Vann will be head umpire for NSS for the 2011 summer season. Dave Banghart has contacted a list of umpires and compiled an umpire schedule for the 2011 summer season. This schedule has been given to each umpire on the list and will also be posted on the NSS website. These umpires will be responsible for officiating games per this schedule. If unable to honor their scheduled commitment they are to notify Dave Banghart in advance so an alternate can be contacted and available to fill-in. The umpires will wear hats provided by the League with a pre-assigned number. It will be the responsibility of the managers to evaluate umpires performance for each of their team's games and submit the evaluation to Dave Banghart. Dave will have evaluation cards for Managers available the first game of the season. Going forward it is the goal to have the evaluation form on the website for completion by the managers. Dave Dye with the assistance of Ron Kunert will communicate the importance and timeliness of completion of these evaluations.

PAYMENT TO LAVISTA: We have negotiated for the 2011 summer season a cost of \$220 per team for 16 teams with the LaVista Sports Complex. An invoice was sent to Ed Tworek and he submitted a full payment of \$3,520. At the time of the negotiation there was no consideration provided for credit for

rainouts. Steve Quinn will contact the appropriate personal and follow up on this consideration. Ed will provide a full financial report at the next scheduled Board meeting.

CONFERENCE CALL SET-UP: A tele-conference call was tested by 5 Board members on 4/26. All commented that it went very well and communication was clear. The Board will consider using Conference call meetings for emergency purposes.

MARKETING: Chuck Grubb reported that Doug Finley – Omaha Insurance Services has joined as one of our sponsors. We now have 8 corporate sponsors on our new website. The next edition of Diamond Bits is scheduled to be released on May 3. Watch for it, Chuck is anticipating it to be 8+ pages with some new fun features added.

BOARD MEMBER ITEM:

- Ron Kunert – Put in a request to Paul Williams to send out a League wide e-mail providing some basic instruction for navigating the new website. As time permits Paul is continually working to enhance the site and add information as needed. Again, we ask that everyone have patience as this improved website is developing and becoming better and better.
- Ed Tworek – The Rules & Guidelines are currently in revision, and will have them updated by the start of the season on May 2nd. Also expressed his concern regarding proper placement of the pitching safety net when used. A motion was made by Chuck Grubb; 2nd by Dave Banghart – The Pitching Safety Net will be positioned no further than 6 feet in front of the pitching rubber. The Board members voted 6-0 in favor, the motion carried.
- Dave Banghart – A copy of the Managers responsibilities has been sent to Dave Dye, he should make copies and provide to all Team Managers.
- Dave Janda – Expressed his thanks to Steve and Tricia for offering the lovely home for the meeting. An extra thanks to Tricia for providing food.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. Next Board meeting to be determined.

Submitted by NSS Board Secretary – Sue Kunert