

NSS Board Minutes

July 16, 2013

Board Members in attendance:

Steve Quinn	x	Dennis Steinhauser	x
Ron Hager	x	Duke Burgess	x
Mert Opfer	x	Dave Janda	x
Chuck Grubb	x	Greg West	x
Roberta Steinhauser	x		

Approval of June 11th, 2013 Minutes: June 11th Board Minutes were approved by all Board members.

Old Business:

1. General League Meeting/Picnic Date – Chuck.
 - a. General League Meeting/Picnic Meeting discussed. Papillion American Legion is available on Sundays from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs room. \$200 rental for the hall for a Sunday afternoon rental. Concerns expressed for conflicting with family time with a Sunday afternoon meeting. Chuck will research some additional options in Aug and Sept and pricing for weeknight rental of this facility.
2. Fall League Play Dates – Dennis.
 - a. Planned start date is August 19th. Estimated ending date is Oct 16th, depending on number of teams. August 12th and 14th beginning at 6:00 pm are set as practice dates. Next Board meeting will be on August 12th after practice to determine the number of and which teams will participate in the Fall league. Draft is tentatively scheduled for August 15th. Discussion held on the potential that the fall start date, pre-season practices, and draft might need to be pushed back if the Tournament has not concluded due to rain dates. Decision made to be flexible with all activities associated with the fall season in the event of postponements due to rain during the NSS Summer League tournament.
3. 2nd Annual Golf Tournament Date- Chuck.
 - a. 41 registrations have been paid for golf. Date is August 24th at Willow Lakes. Only 19 slots remain for the golf tournament.
4. Time Limitations-Steve
 - a. Based on conversations with LaVista, they will provide the 3rd field with the commitment of using both nights. Projected cost based on 2013 field cost is \$2400 for the extra field (2014 field costs are not known but will increase.) Registration costs would be increased to prorate the extra field cost amongst the players. (Estimated increase of \$15 per player). This would allow at least 1 hour and 15 minutes per game. We need to get the cutoff date from LaVista when they must receive a commitment from the league to take

the 3rd field for 2014. Steve will call LaVista to get the 2014 field rates and when we must commit for the extra field.

New Business:

1. Tournament games vs. Rain out games: Requested discussion from league members.

This item was submitted to late in the season to be considered for this year's activities. The Board recommended this be included on a future player survey.

2. Consensus on Rule Changes for fall league - Duke.

Discussion on the flip flop run. Motion made to try the flip-flop rule for the Fall league. The rule to be used states that if the Home team is down by 15 or more runs in the last inning of play, they will bat first (Visitors) in the last inning. All Board members voted in favor of this motion.

Discussion held on pool players. Recommendation was made to consider lowering the minimum number of innings a pool player must play down to two. Second recommendation made to allow pool players to be assigned only when a team had fewer than 10 players present. Motion made that pool players will not be assigned to a game unless there are less than 10 players on a team. Pool players are not guaranteed of a permanent assignment to a team and will remain pool players until a suitable opening of like kind opens on a team per current rules. (Congratulations extended to Duke for the management of the 2013 pool players.)

Discussion held regarding the number of replacement players that can be picked up nightly. No action will be taken at this time.

3. Election of Board Members - Ron.

Board members are encouraging others to run for Board positions. Historically there have been additional league members running at the last minute. Ideas expressed to have "assistants" to help Board members. Replacing the Marketing position with someone of Chuck's expertise will be challenging to find. Recommendation made to consider hiring someone for the Marketing position to coordinate the Marketing responsibilities. Another recommendation was to transition new board members to enable "shadowing" with current board members before they assumed the new board responsibilities. Another avenue is to consider finding a marketing intern from one of the local universities.

4. Other.

Chuck will contact Scott tomorrow morning to see if the fields are available for practice on 7/18. Chuck will send out a league announcement if the field is available for practice.

Memorials. Goal is to show compassion and a token of condolence. Motion made for the dollar amount of \$50 to be given as a memorial from NSS for the death of any immediate family member of a NSS league member. All Board members voted in favor of this motion.

Absentee ballots for Board positions. Recommendation was made to allow members to vote for Board positions through some form of absentee balloting. Discussion followed that voting has always been through the members who made the extra effort to attend the League meeting. Interaction takes place at the meeting among members with added ability to hear from the candidates. NSS league also allows for potential candidates to make the election to run at the meeting. Discussion ended with no motion made. Voting will remain exclusive for league members attending the league annual meeting.

Board Reports:

- Commissioner – Steve.
Steve received an anonymous donation of \$500 to the NSS League.
- Associate Commissioner – Ron. No additional report.
- Field Scheduling – Dennis. No additional report.
- Finance & Registration – Mert. We have received 50 Fall registrations, 33 paid by PayPal.
- Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck. Chuck provided a Marketing Report (posted on the website) We have sold 29 tickets to the Storm Chasers on 8/13. Board members requested to encourage league members to purchase their tickets. (Great opportunity for Box seats, tailgating with food for \$7.00)
- Player Personnel – Duke. No additional report.
- Purchasing & Inventory – Dave. In the future, pitching screens will be kept in the shed and only brought out at the request of a pitcher. Dave will give Dennis a dozen balls for the tournament games. and normal fees for the one-umpire games
- Rules & Umpires – Greg. We will have 1 umpire per tournament game until game 25 through game 29 when we will have 2 umpires per game. Umpire fees will be \$25 for 2 umpire games, (starting with tournament game 25) and \$24 for a single umpire (for 1 – 24 tournament games). There has been confusion on when the clock starts by the umpire. The clock should be started when both coaches confer with the umpire to start the game. Managers need to get together early to do the flip to determine home team for all tournament games.

2013 League Calendar

Summer League Play Dates	4/22 - 7/15/13
Tournament Games	7/22/13 -
Registration-Fall League	7/1 – 8/10
New Player/Draft League Practices	8/12 and 8/14

Draft Night	8/15
Fall League Play Dates	8/19 – 10/16
General League Meeting/Picnic	TBD
NSS Night at the Stormchasers	8/13
Fall Golf Tournament	8/24
NSS Auxiliary Family BBQ	8/31
NSS Awards Banquet	11/9/13

Next meeting:

August 12, 2013. Location TBD. Meeting Time – may be after the pre-season practice

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Roberta Steinhauser, League Secretary