

# NSS Board Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2014

## Board Members in attendance:

Ron Kunert	x	Dennis Steinhauser	x
Mert Opfer	x	Duke Burgess	x
Chuck Grubb	x	Ron Franck	
Roberta Steinhauser	x	Greg West	x

**Approval of June 10, 2014 Minutes:** Motion made by Duke with Dennis providing the second to approve the June 10th Board Minutes. Unanimous vote to approve June Board minutes.

## Old Business:

- 1) League Survey – Chuck The 2014 League Survey was reviewed by Chuck. Board requested to review the Survey and respond to Chuck with recommended edits by July 9<sup>th</sup>. Distribution of Survey to NSS League projected by July 12.
- 2) CPR Training – Ron K The CPR training will be postponed until 2015 winter or early spring.
- 3) Equipment Follow-up
  - a. Lost Equipment- Reviewed lost equipment LaVista Parks and Rec have found some items – Chuck retrieved some lost gloves and will continue to check. Suggestion made to place a tote marked for Lost and Found in the NSS Shed. Ron K. will purchase and place in shed.
  - b. Shed Lock Replacement – Dennis replaced the lock with a keyed lock and provided all NSS Managers and board members with a key.
  - c. Prices for pitching screens and matts – Ron F (not present)
  - d. Evaluation of doors on NSS Shed – Ron K. It appears the hole a bottom of sill needs to be enlarged to accommodate the bolt on the one door. Also, doors need to be shaved at bottom to allow closing during wet weather.
  - e. Missing vertical uprights to a pitching screen – Ron Franck had this replaced at no cost to the league. Duke requested Ron have a second upright made for emergencies.
  - f. Torn pitching screen update – Ron F (not present)

## New Business

- 1) Fall Registrations – Dates – Costs. Chuck reviewed a draft for the NSS 2014 Fall Registration Form. Cost will be \$65 for all players. Newly drafted players to teams will receive a team hat. Registrations will close on August 8, 2014. Players with postmarked registrations received after this deadline will become a pool player.

2) Rules for End-of-Season Tournament and Championship Playoff – Dennis presented the End of Season rules. Same rules will apply for both series of games. This year there will be 4 teams in the final league Championship Playoff, two teams from each division (American and National). Championship game times will be 6:30 and 8:00 p.m. There will be 1 umpire for the 1<sup>st</sup> game, with both umpires officiating the final Championship game. Home team will be decided by a coin toss. Games will be 55 minutes. (games were 50 minutes last year) Games 25 – 29 of the Round Robin tournament will have no time limit (same as last year). No substitutes or replacement players will be allowed. A non-batting catcher will be used if a team has 8 or 9 players available. Teams with less than 8 players will forfeit. Tournament rules will be emailed to the NSS Managers shortly. Chuck will arrange for a PA system and other activities for the Championship game. Length of Games – The majority of 9:00 p.m. games have started after 9:00 p.m. The 55 minute game time and the “plus 1 inning” has resulted in games not finishing within an hour. However, there have been very few 6 inning games. With a 2 field limitation, games cannot be scheduled for 90 minutes with 15 teams in the summer league. Fall games could offer more flexibility for game times due to a smaller number of teams. We will look into this option after we know how many fall teams there will be. The 55 minute game time and the 5 run per inning rule appear to have been well-received this season. Mostly positive feedback. Fall test of rule change for Long-term Injured/ill Players- Duke reiterated the current rule and complaints received. It appears the biggest problem has been managers using a replacement player where there are still 10 or more roster players available.

3) Replacement Players. Duke recommended the selection of replacement players be managed by the team managers. There will be no requirement to coordinate replacement player names with the Director of Player Personnel. Managers must still request the waiver for the injured/ill players with the Director, Player Personnel prior to the game. Each NSS Manager will need to have their list of draft round players available to review at each game and verify the selected player qualifies with the opposing team manager.

Duke noted that 11 teams have invoked the replacement player rule this season. Half of those only use the replacement player when they fall below 10 players. The remaining half are using the replacement player rule all the time, but only when their top players are missing. According to his records, the nightly draft has been used 9 times.

Duke recommended a change for the fall league to not implement the replacement player rule unless the number of players present is less than 10. This question will be on the survey and the Board will wait to see the response before any changes are made.

4) League Meeting. Chuck suggested using the Papillion Legion with the date of September 9<sup>th</sup>, backup date of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Board meeting will be scheduled prior to the meeting. Cash bar. Food will be provided.

5) Other (no additional agenda items presented)

### **Board Reports:**

- Commissioner – Ron Kunert (no additional update)
- Field Scheduling – Dennis Steinhauser Fall league will end on October 15th
- Finance & Registration – Mert Opfer (no additional update)
- Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck noted the golf tournament registration was emailed out to the league today. Prizes have been lined up and volunteers are scheduled. Awards and Recognition banquet date discussed with Oct 24<sup>th</sup> (first choice) or November 21 (second choice) based on the availability of the Millard Social Hal Other options for location are being researched. Storm Chasers NSS event without food will be looked into. Chuck received recognition on the outstanding NSS website from a tournament contact in Ohio.
- Player Personnel – Duke Burgess Decision regarding what constitutes a full game during inclement weather was discussed. ASA rule states 4 ½ innings must be completed and home team is ahead. The board modified this rule earlier in the season to allow completed games after 4 ½ innings and the home team is behind by more than t runs, since the new 5 run rule was not factored in. The partial rained out games on July 7<sup>th</sup> were discussed and both games were deemed as not finished due to neither completing 4 ½ innings. Draft meeting date will be August 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Pizza West.
- Purchasing & Inventory – Ron Franck (not present)
- Rules & Umpires – Greg West Playoff games will start July 16<sup>th</sup>, umpires will be scheduled.

### **Next meeting:**

Aug 12, 2014. Location: Pizza West Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Duke made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mert providing the second. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

## 2014 Calendar

Activity	2014	Board Member Follow-up
League Survey	TBD	Chuck
Registration-Summer League	2/1/14 – 4/10/14 (returning players) 2/1/14 – 4/15/14 (new players)	
New Player/Draft League Practices	4/9, 4/14, 4/16, 4/21	
Draft Night	4/22	
League Scrimmage Games	4/23	
	TBD	
Heart Defibrillator Training		Ron Kunert working with Bill Bowes on date
Summer League Play Dates	4/28 – 7/16 (23 play dates)	(5/26 is a holiday)
	7/21	
Summer League Playoff		
	7/23 – 8/11	
Tournament Games		
Registration-Fall League	7/11 – 8/8	
League Meeting/Picnic	TBD	
Pre-season Practice	8/13, 8/18	
Draft	8/19	
Fall League Play Dates	8/20 – 10/15	(estimated last game date)