

# NSS Board Meeting Minutes

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Board Members in attendance:

Ron Kunert	X	Duane Carolus	X
Ed Tworek	X	Duke Burgess	X
Greg West		Ron Franck	
Chuck Grubb	X	Jim Price	X
Secretary			

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Discussed July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 minutes and recommended edits. Motion by Duke Burgess and seconded by Duane Carolus to approve minutes after edits are included.

Old Business:

1. **Fall Season: (Duane Carolus).** Fall season will have 13 play dates with two additional nights of games to be used as either rainout opportunities or as 'position nights'. Season begins on August 19<sup>th</sup> and runs through the championship game on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Championship alternate date is set for October 19<sup>th</sup>.
2. **Fall Season League Composition: (Duane).** Enough registrations were received to run a 10 team league with two divisions (Grapefruit and Cactus). Five teams were dropped for the Fall season based upon the number of returning players. The final two teams disbanded were chosen from among three squads that had 6 returning players.. After discussion and a coin flip, the Astros and Yankees were disbanded; the Nationals were retained.  
  
Team names were then drawn, from a hat, for division composition. Grapefruit: Padres, Nationals, Reds, White Sox, and Mets. Cactus: Diamondbacks, Red Sox, Angels, Athletics, and Rangers.
3. **Draft and Team Composition: (Duke Burgess).** Each Fall team will have 12 players with 4 team getting a 13<sup>th</sup> player. Duke will ask for managers willing to pick up a 13<sup>th</sup> player. In addition, Duke will send a rough draft order to all managers prior to the draft and solicit input.
4. **Equipment Update: (Ron Franck).** Scorebooks and game balls are ready to go and will be distributed to the managers before the first game of the season.
5. **Summer season cost recap: (Jim Price).** Jim provided a cost breakdown on games played throughout the 2015 Spring/Summer season. Combined with the 5 practice dates, the final tally was sent to Ryan South at LaVista Parks and Recreation for final billing purposes.

In addition, Jim confirmed with Ryan the dates for the 2015 Fall Season.

## **New Business:**

- 1. Annual League Meeting: (Chuck Grubb).** Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at the Papillion American Legion from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. The league will be electing two new directors: Rules and Umpire and Player Personnel. Board members were encouraged to advertise and solicit for potential candidates. Absentee balloting will be allowed again this year for one week after the end of the meeting. Nominations from the floor again would be allowed this year.
- 2. Bat Testing: (Duke Burgess).** Several players have expressed concern over the use of illegal bats. After significant conversation debating pros and cons of both, it was agreed to revisit this topic after Jim checks with the LaVista Parks and Rec to see if they can offer bat testing and Duke will investigate the same with UBA. Info to be shared at a later meeting.
- 3. Possible New Rule Changes (Ron Kunert):** Three potential rule changes were discussed by the board:
  - a. Women's Ball.** A suggestion was received to allow women to use the 11" ball when batting. Conversation ensued and included problems swapping out the ball, benefits and shortfalls to the idea, and other miscellaneous commentary. The Board decided to remain 'as is' for the Fall season.
  - b. Outfield Line Play.** Discussion revolved around whether to have all outfielders start out at or behind the line painted in the outfield until after the ball is hit. Due to not knowing how (or if) the city would maintain the line, that it is currently only on one of the fields, nuances associated with implementation, and a short amount of time before the Fall season, the decision was made to retain current rules.
  - c. Flip/Flop.** The board recommended that the Flip/Flop rule would be introduced and offered to the managers of games when the Home team is behind at the beginning of the final inning of regular play. No specific run differential is specified. Both managers must agree to the flip/flop.
- 4. Summer and Tournament Awards:** Since the Rangers won both the Summer league and Tournament championship, the manager of the Rangers (Ed Tworek) suggested that his team members receive only one award but with a possibility of it being a higher quality recognition that falls under the budget established for both of these events. The recommendation and offer was well received by the board and Ed will work with our league vendor and ask the board for approval prior to any purchase is made.
- 5. End of Year Banquet: (Chuck Grubb).** Currently scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 at the Millard Social Hall. The Awards selection process was briefed as well. League members will be voting on Teammate of the Year and Spirit Award.

**Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m. by Duke, seconded by Duane. Unanimous approval vote.**

## **Next meeting:**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Location: Pizza West. Time: 6:30 p.m.**