

NSS Board Meeting Minutes

February 15, 2017

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Duane Carolus	X
X	Ed Tworek	Ron Franck	X
X	George Scott	Jim Price	X
X	Steve Bessey	Frank Parker	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Grubb	X
X	Steve Quinn	Dave Janda	X
X	Gary Kruse	Mert Opfer	X
X	BJ Danze	Rick Prusha	X

Approval of January 10, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes via email was made by Frank Parker, seconded by Ron Franck with unanimous approval.

New Business:

New NSS Website – Chuck Grubb – 15 minutes

Chuck did a demo of the current, revised web site. There are some outstanding items that he is still working on but assured the group that the site is ready for registration. Overall it received rave reviews from the Board and the guests present.

Chuck requested that the Board make another request for someone in the league to assist with some of the outstanding questions. If no one volunteers, he will most likely make a request to have a paid webmaster assist.

Consolidation and Standardization of Senior Softball Management – Steve Quinn – 15 minutes

Steve talked with the Board about the Nebraska Softball Club. Some of the highlights that were presented were:

- All of the moneys would stay with each of the groups that receive it via registration and donations.
- There would be a Board for each of the entities and representation on the Softball Club Board.
- All three groups would be represented: NSS, the tournament teams and the Friday league.
- There is the possibility of becoming not for profit.

Steve wanted to present this tonight but there are many more details to be worked out and he will let the Commissioner know when he is ready to present a final proposal.

Standing Business:

Player Personnel – George Scott

There are current 16 managers volunteering for the post. Each manager has been given their draft value so they can make the decision how that will impact their decision.

George asked the Board to assist in getting names of people that would be a potential manager.

Field Operations – Jim Price

Jim will talk with Ryan from LaVista on the condition of the fences that needed repair.

He will bring the working models of the ball carriers at the first April practice for evaluation.

Draft night – Jim will work with George on the logistics. Gary has secured a location. Chuck will do a survey of the players to determine the number of participants so we can order food accordingly.

The per field per game will remain at \$30. Practices will remain at \$20 per field per hour with a 2-hour minimum.

Field Scheduling – Duane Carolus

Duane presented the schedule for 16 teams which was balanced between the schedules, the game starting times and the home/visitor status. If there are 15 teams then he will use the same schedule that was used this year.

Finance and Registration – Ed Tworek

This is an updated budget from what was presented at the January meeting indicating the jerseys, hats and funds for Draft Night.

George proposed an amendment to use \$2000 from the operating funds to help pay for the jerseys/hats. This will be done by reducing player registration fees from \$105 to \$95 this spring, and will result in increasing budgeted loss to approximately \$4000 this year for the league. The motion was seconded by Steve. The motion passed unanimously.

Ed will create an updated budget and present it to the Board at the March meeting.

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Ron Franck

No updates.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Al Pfeffer is set for the uniforms and hats. Steve will check with Al as to what teams/clubs are available to choose from.

We have enough balls to last until at least June or July. When the time comes, he will order the same balls. Ed proposed that we wait to order until the Board can consider other alternatives. Current ball price is \$44 per dozen. Gary Kruse offered to get samples of some of a new type that he has used and bring to the March meeting.

The Friday morning league would like to purchase 6 dozen balls at \$1 per ball.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

Intentional Walks – Frank is looking to possibly update this rule and will bring recommendations to a later Board meeting.

Sun and Wind Rule – This has been eliminated from the ASA rules and it will be need to be removed. Frank made the motion to remove this rule. Steve seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Bats – Frank made a motion that the Board start doing a visible inspection of each bat and tag it so that everyone is aware that the bat is approved. If the bat is not stickered, it cannot be used. It is the responsibility of the player to find a Board member before using the bat. Seconded by Steve. The motion was approved unanimously.

Game Start Times – ASA states that the umpire can call a ball/strike at 20 second intervals until teams are ready to play. Since the NSS rules indicate that all ASA rules are enforced UNLESS it is overruled in the NSS Rule Book. Frank made the motion that this will now start being enforced. Seconded by Steve. The motion was approved unanimously.

Maximum Extra Inning Runs – Frank proposed that there be no limit for extra innings during championship play. Seconded by Duane. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bat Warmers – This is going to be removed from the rules.

Timer at the Top of the Inning – Before the first pitch of the inning, if the timer goes off, that becomes the last inning. Frank will discuss this with Mike and bring information to the next Board meeting.

Upcoming Board Meetings – Rick DuVall

George will be out for the March meeting so there will need to be an accommodation made to dial him in.

Friday Morning League – Dave Janda

Pitcher's net and home plate – they would like to borrow from the league for another year. They will not be needing the mats this year.

Rick asked if the Friday league would like a web presence. Dave and Mert did express an interest.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Steve, seconded by Duane and the motion was approved unanimously.

Next meetings: Tuesday March 14, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday April 11, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday May 16, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Location: Pizza West