



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2018

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Gary Kruse	X
X	Dave Dye	Ron Franck	X
X	George Scott	Bill Weller	X
X	Steve Bessey	Frank Parker	X
Others in Attendance			
	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Cantoya	X
	Dave Janda	BJ Danze	

Call to order

Approval of the February 13, 2018 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Ron, seconded by George and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Denny Zakovec Award – Frank

Frank brought the finished trophy to the Board Meeting with Denny's picture as well as all previous winners. It was decided to present the trophy to the Donny Cummings (the current recipient) on the first night of the summer season.

Web-site Enhancements – Chuck

Chuck gave an overview of the enhancements he's made to the NSS web-site. This included updates to the web-site calendar, the registration process, the mid-cycle draft and player pictures. It was decided that before the full draft next year, there should be a concerted effort to get everyone's picture on the site. This would assist the managers in identifying people. The process is still being worked on, but the suggestion was made to ask the managers to take individual cell phone pictures of each of their players and forward them on to Gary.

Third Party Advertisers – Dave

The topic of using a third-party to help promote the league was raised. A representative of the third-party was asked to present to the Board but was unable to do so. The Board currently believes it's a requirement of the third-party to share player names and email addresses with the third party to form a partnership. If this is indeed a requirement, the Board agreed that NSS would not pursue a partnership. If new and different information is received by the Board, this initiative could be reopened.

Third Party Sponsors – Dave

The Board had an open discussion about seeking more sponsors. It was decided that before we approach new sponsors, we need to explore what is possible from a web-site standpoint to make our sponsors advertisements a more prominent part of the main page. Rick will be getting in touch with Chuck on this item.

In a related discussion, there is an idea that a player business directory be created to allow players to know if there are other players that run/worked at businesses that they may want to use. Rick will be getting in touch with Chuck on this item as to see what the possibilities are.

Steve Quinn Tournament Insurance Question – Rick

Rick was asked by Steve Quinn to bring an item to the Board. Steve is going to be hosting a tournament at the LaVista Sports Complex. LaVista informed him that if the tournament was "affiliated" with NSS, Steve would not have to buy separate insurance. After a short discussion, the Board felt that given the League's current position about officially endorsing and/or subsidizing non-NSS teams/tournaments, NSS will respectfully decline to officially affiliate ourselves with Steve's tournament.

Standing Business:

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Gary Kruse

Gary will continue with the standard communications. Gary was asked to send a weekly reminder email to the league regarding the upcoming registration. In addition, Gary will begin sending an email to the league informing them of the next upcoming Board meeting in case anyone would like to attend. Because of limited space and for planning purposes, the email should ask for a positive response if a person is indeed going to attend.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

There was a lengthy discussion on the ball that NSS should using. There are still considerable questions about the durability of the Tattoo composite ball. Since NSS has enough of these balls to get us to June/July, it was decided that NSS use the supplier's offer to give us 2 dozen balls (compensation for durability issues with the composite balls) to try the Tattoo synthetic balls. NSS will use these balls on a given night to see if there are any perceptible differences, better or worse. If the synthetic balls seem the same or better, since these are less expensive, the League in all likelihood will move to the synthetic ball, but this decision remains open.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

Frank is currently putting stickers on appropriate player bats and will continue to do this at the UBA games.

Frank will be meeting with the umpires and Dave asked to attend as well.

Player Personnel – Dave Dye

Dave is working through the logistics of the try-outs.

Dave is also working to resolve a situation where a manager has decided to step down.

Field Scheduling – George Scott

George is working on the schedules with Chuck.

Finance and Registration – Bill Weller

Registrations are moving forward smoothly. As on the time of the Board meeting NSS registrations were up to 92 players.

Bill informed the Board of a failed fraud attempt by unknown individuals. These individuals impersonated Rick who then asked Bill to send money to a vendor for services. Due to suspicious nature of the request, Bill called Rick and found out that it was indeed a fraud. No money was lost, and the Board established a rule going forward that no money be dispersed unless there are at least two Board members verbally discuss the transaction.

Field Operations – Ron Franck

Ron asked on behalf of the Friday Morning Softball League that NSS allow FMSL to use the softball shed. Ron made the motion, Frank seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Steve made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Frank and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM

Next meetings:

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

All meetings held at Pizza West, 12040 McDermott Plaza, La Vista unless otherwise noted.