



# NSS Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 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			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Cantoya	
X	Dave Janda	Ed Tworek	X

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 PM

## Approval of the April 10, 2018 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes via email was made by Frank, seconded by George and approved unanimously.

## New Business:

### Corporate Sponsors – Frank Parker

Jim Price has paid for sponsorship this year, but there are others on the web site that have not paid. A decision needs to be made whether the Board refunds Jim's fee or start charging the others. Chuck Grubb will send Gary the information that he has about which sponsors has paid what. For those sponsors that are not current on their payment, they will be removed from the site. Gary will contact those existing sponsors when he returns from vacation to see if they want to continue sponsoring before removing them.

Frank suggested that instead of corporate sponsors, this become a place where players could add their names/business as a way to advertise their trade. Gary will send out a communication to the league to see what interest there is with a goal of having this part of the site updated by the end of the year. He will also work with Chuck Cantoya to determine how to adjust the website to accommodate the directory.

### ASA and USSSA Bats – Rick DuVall

Duke Burgess approached the Board via email about using USSSA bats. After that email discussion it was determined that he mistakenly believed that the league is using a different ball than the one he thought which would affect the issue he brought up. Based on that email exchange, the Board believes the question has been answered, but will let him bring up the question again if he believes that it is still an issue. In addition, several Board members did go through the exercise of trying to purchase ASA bats with no difficulty reported.

### Player Information on Site – Rick DuVall

Duke Burgess would like to have his personal phone number visible but not that of his emergency contact. Dave Dye believes that as a manager, they should have that list each season for each of his player. Chuck Cantoya suggested that the league start making players sign in to be able to access the player information. The decision was to table this conversation until Chuck Cantoya is present at the meeting to give input on the options available on the website.

### Replacement Player Proposal – Dave Dye

Dave Dye proposed that all teams have a full roster each week, taking on league replacement players to fill any and all absences with players of like ability. There was some discussion about how this would impact pool players and whether or not some players come see less playing time than other the current rules.

Dave will talk with the managers about the proposal and bring feedback to the next Board meeting.

### 2018 Board Elections – Rick DuVall

Rick distributed proposed dates for the 2018 voting process:

June 1 - nominations open for the two vacating seats on the Board (George Scott and Frank Parker). George indicated that he will be running for re-election.

July 16 – Deadline for submission of nominations.

July 20<sup>th</sup> – Online voting opens

July 28<sup>th</sup> – Online voting closes

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Annual meeting and elections

Gary will be sending out the appropriate notifications to the league and updating the website.

## **Standing Business:**

### Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

On Frank's behalf, Gary will be sending a communication to the managers asking for input on the umpires.

There was some concern about some pitchers not standing behind the pitching net after releasing the pitch. The current rule indicates that there needs to be a motion to move behind the net. Frank will craft a proposed change to the rule that would indicate that the umpire could call a pitch illegal or as a ball if the pitcher does not return to behind the net.

### Player Personnel – Dave Dye

Dave will send the Board the list of players on injured reserve. He is asking all managers to let him know the date that a player does go on injured reserve.

#### Field Scheduling – George Scott

Currently the season will end 7/23 with championship on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There are three rain outs on the books as of the date of the Board meeting. There are three openings at the end of the schedule that were intended for this reason and these rain-outs are now slotted in. The Board discussed what the process would be if there were other cancelled games. Gary proposed that the last three cancellation dates of the year be played and that this intent should be communicated to the managers knowing that the exact cancelled games to be made up are subject to change depending on whether or not other games are cancelled.

George also introduced the idea of four divisions in the fall where the winners of the four divisions play in the championship games. Each team would play each other within their division four times with the goal that each team outside of their division once. The Board discussed the pros and cons but realize that it all depends on the number of teams in the fall league. The Board will consider the idea and revisit it during a meeting closer to the Fall season.

#### Finance and Registration – Bill Weller

There is still a refund to be paid to one player who ended up not playing and monies to be paid for web services but the PayPal account sits at \$18. The Board approved moving \$250 to the account to those purposes.

Bill indicated to the Board that he would be willing to receive receipts electronically.

In researching moving to a new bank, Bill reported that based on new regulations First National Bank would require the league to fill out additional required paperwork to be a chartered business customer. Due to the amount of paperwork to make the change, it was decided to stay with First Westroads Bank. FWB finally issued Bill the debit card.

#### Field Operations – Ron Franck

Ron did not have any updates. George requested an updated rules book be put into the scoreboards since the last version was from 2016.

#### Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Gary Kruse

Gary contacted the German American Society and they will require a deposit of \$200 to hold the hall for the banquet. The Board approved this payment and Gary will submit a receipt to Bill.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Steve purchased 36 dozen softballs at \$39.50 per dozen which will supply games through the end of the next year. All uniforms and hats have been distributed for the new spring/summer season. A new pull cart was purchased to replace the broken wheelbarrow.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Steve, seconded by Gary and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

**Next meetings:**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018 @ 6:30 PM**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM**

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