



Nebraska Senior Softball

NSS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2019; 6:30 PM

Board Members in attendance: Mark Opfer, Dave Dye, Tom Holder, Ron Franck, Steve Bessey, Gary Kruse, Steve Quinn

Absent: Bill Weller

Guests in attendance: Kay Dye

Commissioner Steve Quinn brought the meeting to order.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Mark Opfer (Schedule)

Upcoming events not yet published: Nominations for two open Board member positions at the summer barbecue, Monday, July 29, 2019

The Board members reviewed the current election process for incoming Board members. Currently players can vote in-person at the Summer Meeting or on-line with an absentee ballot. The Board discussed the idea of having on-line voting only (i.e. no voting would actually take place at the picnic). This would give everyone a chance to review the nominees whose resumes would be posted on the League website and then place their vote after the picnic on-line. Currently those nominated at the picnic are at a disadvantage as many have already voted with their absentee ballot.

Gary Kruse made a motion to have the voting format changed to on-line voting only. The on-line voting would be opened August 5, 2019 and go through Sunday, August 18th. This would allow all players a two week window to place their vote. Motion seconded by: Steve Bessey. In favor: Tom Holder, Dave Dye, Mark Opfer, Ron Franck Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Players may self nominate by sending their resumes to a Board member prior to the picnic, or be nominated at the picnic. Those nominated at the picnic would then have until August 5th to get their resume to a Board member to be posted on the website.

Fall league softball registration begins July 1st. Dave to update registration form and Gary to send out notices.

Ron Franck (Fields)

Ron will let LaVista Sports Complex know that the third field will not be needed for the fall season.

Also, the restrooms should not be locked until after the final games are over. This is an inconvenience to the players playing the last game as well as fans in attendance. Ron will check with LaVista Sports Complex to make sure the restrooms are not locked until after the games have finished.

The Board discussed the use of Field #2 and if the sun is affecting the play. No problems have been brought to the Board's attention.

Gary Kruse (Communications)

Gary has approached some potential vendors about advertising on our web page. Discussion centered around Advertisers should not have to search for their sponsorship. Steve Quinn will discuss the updates with Chuck Cantoya.

Gary has also been put in charge of promoting the Annual Golf Tournament. This will be held August 18th at Tara Hills Golf Course, 1410 Western Hills Drive, Papillion.

Steve Bessey (Equipment)

Softballs have not yet been purchased. Steve asked about suitability of the current balls and will get additional balls ordered.

Tom Holder (Rules)

Tom received a receipt from one of the umpires to purchase his shirt. The receipt will be given to Bill Weller.

Tom distributed a copy of the updated Rule Book. Tom had a separate meeting which consisted of players: John Salerno, Frank Parker, Bill Weller, Mark Opfer and Roger Hein and himself. Tom reported the meeting went very well and was very complimentary of the attendees and the input they provided. The Board Members are encouraged to review the document. Issues addressed included the inclusion of the New Player Replacement Rule and how it affected other areas of the rule book.

The Board discussed several other issues that have come up. Mark can make the modifications to the document as needed. A reminder to all players that the ASA Rules are our league's baseline. The NSS Rule Book is modifications that have been made to the ASA Rules for our league.

Dave recommended that the updated Rule Book be posted on-line, an email sent to League members, and a copy emailed specifically to each manager.

**A special thanks to Mark Opfer for taking meeting notes, assembling the updated Rule Book and making the copies.*

Dave Dye (Player Personnel)

The Board discussed if injured players (season ending injuries) should be given any of their money back. Both players incurred their injury before the third game of the season. Mark Opfer made a motion to refund all but \$30 of the player's money (cost of uniform). Gary Kruse seconded the motion. In favor: Tom Holder, Steve Bessey, Ron Franck. Opposed: None Abstain: Dave Dye. Motion passed. \$85.00 to be refunded to Al Pfeffer and Jerry Worster.

Dave commented on long-term injuries sustained so far. Al Pfeffer, Jerry Worster, and Craig Long have all sustained season ending injuries. The Cardinals and Storm have received replacements for Al and Jerry.

Two players (Randy Matsunami and Otto Wacholtz) have asked if they could re-join the league since they have recovered from previous injuries. The Board discussed at length. A motion was made by Dave Dye to approve their re-entry into the league. Seconded by: Gary Kruse. In favor: Tom Holder, Steve Bessey, Mark Opfer and Ron Franck. Opposed: None. Motion passed. Randy will be assigned to the Blue Rocks replacing Craig Long and Otto will be assigned to the Muckdogs bringing their roster to 11 players.

There has been some comments from Managers concerning the difficulty of finding of replacement players. Some of the complaints have to do with players running late. Tom stressed managers' communication with their players for using the replacement procedure. Steve Quinn commented that this is a manager issue, not a Board issue.

Two new, recently assigned players have been added to the website so they can become replacements (Rory Cobbs – Cardinals, and Todd Boehne - Storm).

Dave emailed a survey to all new players concerning their experiences with the League so far. Once all the new players have responded, Dave will report the findings to the Board.

Steve Quinn, Commissioner

Steve and the Board members have received emails regarding an additional end of season tournament. The Board discussed and voted against this tournament.

REMINDERS:

Fall Registration begins July 1st and ends July 28th.

The Board discussed the cost of fall registration. Registration fees were discussed and the Board felt a reasonable cost for the 2019 fall season would be \$75.00. Gary Kruse made a motion to make the registration fee for fall ball \$75.00. Seconded by Steve Bessey. In favor: Tom Holder, Mark Opfer, Steve Kruse, Ron Franck and Dave Dye. Opposed: None. Motion passed.

Payment and Registration Form must be received before the end of registration.

New Player skills testing is Monday and Tuesday, August 5th and 6th.

The fall season opens Monday, August 12th.

Ways to promote the league were discussed.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve Bessey
Seconded by Gary Kruse

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM