

August 13, 2019

NSS Board Members in attendance:

Steve Quinn, Mark Opfer, Steve Bessey, Gary Kruse, Bill Weller, Ron Franck, Tom Holder

Guests: Terry Hovorka, Dave Janda, Catherine Petito-Grubb, Dee Bruce, Allan Hardt, Sally Kruse (Recorder)

Agenda Items:

The Board meeting of Nebraska Senior Softball was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by Commissioner Steve Quinn. He thanked the guests that were at the meeting. Steve reminded all in attendance that when the board members were conducting business the floor was not open to guest comments, but they could add comments at the end of the meeting.

Steve thanked Mark Opfer for creating the meeting agenda.

1. Process for replacing board members that resign.

When a board member resigns mid-term the commissioner can appoint a replacement. However, Steve does not like to do this since it causes the replacement to have a position for one year. He believes that the remaining board members are capable of completing board business until the next election cycle. The incoming board members will be serving a 3 year term. Tom Holder thanked Mark Opfer and Gary Kruse for getting the Draft information ready for the Fall Season due to the resignation of Dave Dye.

2. Process for replacing the secretary that resigned.

Steve thanked Sally Kruse for recording the minutes. Gary Kruse discussed purchasing a recording device so whomever is in charge of writing minutes will have a recording to help document the minutes. This is due to not having a permanent recording secretary. At this time Gary volunteered to take on this responsibility. Per Gary's research the device would cost around \$70.00. Mark Opfer moved and Tom Holder seconded that the Board purchase a recording device for recording future meetings. The vote was unanimous.

3. How to handle players that want to join the league after the draft is over/season has started.

Steve shared that the NSS is always open to having new players join. Gary mentioned that there was a new player that wanted to join the league. At this time it was decided to let the coaches of the 10 man teams know that a player was available to join their team. It was also mentioned that the new player can be put on the replacement player list. Gary moved and Mark seconded that new players/pool players will be allowed on a trial basis. If that person becomes part of a team, the player fee would be pro-rated as well as that player would be put on the replacement player list. The vote was unanimous. Mark proposed that there needed to be a known process for adding players after the draft had occurred. This discussion was tabled until a winter board meeting.

4. NSS Auxiliary

Catherine Petito-Grubb stated that the NSS Auxiliary will be helping with the Golf tournament being held on Sunday, August 18. Steve then stated that the Auxiliary is a completely self-sufficient entity and receives no funding from the NSS League. Bill mentioned that at a previous board meeting a question was raised about the use of Auxiliary funds and those should be audited by the NSS treasurer. Bill said that since the Auxiliary is independent of the League there should be no action taken by the Board in auditing the Auxiliary monies. Catherine also shared that she would give the Treasurer the monthly statements so a record is kept of donations and costs of events. Bill stated that he would like a record of what was spent

for functions so the League members could know what contributions the Auxiliary made. Catherine also mentioned that if the League has any need of help from the Auxiliary they just need to ask.

5. *Proposal for 10 Player Teams*

The issue of 10 player teams was brought to the attention of the Board by Dave Janda, so Steve asked him to state his concerns. Dave shared that the 10 player teams had to either forfeit their middle round pick or were not given a middle round pick. He believes that 10 player teams need a middle round pick to make the process fair.

After each board member was asked to give an opinion, Gary made a motion and Steve Bessey seconded to adopt a new rule that a 10 man team has the option to pick up a 6th or lower round player to make them a 11 man team. The vote was unanimous. This process can be started immediately.

6. *Registration, retention, returning and recruitment.*

Ron shared that he would create a survey to determine what types of off-season activities the league could promote to build member comradery. None of the activities will be part of the NSS but will be offered for participation. The survey would be kept short and would be sent out in November, December or January. It was also mentioned that players who are no longer part of the league could be contacted to find out why they are not playing and perhaps they might want to rejoin the league.

7. *Registration and League Funds*

Bill mentioned that use of Choice hotels/motels was a great fund raiser for the League. Players are encouraged to use Choice hotels/motels often when needing lodging. Gary gave Bill the receipts for the NSS Barbeque as well as the refund check from the City of Omaha for the deposit on the Elmwood Park Pavilion rental. It was suggested that for the next Barbeque more diet pop and beer should be purchased.

Mark Opfer (Schedule):

Mark shared that an NSS member felt that the division draw was not fair according to the summer outcome. Mark's response was that a random draw is the fairest way to choose teams.

Gary Kruse (Player Personnel):

The Board decided to add the new player as a pool player available to all teams as needed as a replacement player. His ranking would be a 6 or 7.

Gary Kruse (Communications):

The 2019 NSS Banquet will be held at the German-American Society on November 1, 2019 with a buffet style dinner.

Tom Holder (Rules):

Tom mentioned that the new rule book can be found on the website. All coaches/managers will need to print this out and bring to the games.

Steve Bessey (Purchasing):

Steve mentioned that hats have been ordered for the fall.

Final Comments:

Alan Hardt felt that the Auxiliary needs to be accountable since it is linked to Nebraska Senior Softball.

Terry Hovorka suggested that the 6 board members make 2-man pairs to do board jobs, so if one board member is gone, the other team member could do the job.

Steve Bessey shared his concern about board members quitting before their term was completed. He believes that if a board member quits, without a medical or emergency reason, that board member would not be considered for board membership in the future. Steve Quinn tabled this discussion for a winter board meeting.

Dave Janda commended the board for talking out the draft issues.

Steve Bessey moved and Tom Holder seconded that the board meeting be adjourned. The motion was unanimous. The board meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.