

NSS Board Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2019

Board Members in Attendance: Steve Quinn, Steve Bessey, Tom Holder, Bill Weller, Mark Opfer, Gary Kruse, Rusty Jensen, Terry Hovorka, Allan Hardt.

Guests in Attendance: Marty Boro, Rodger Heine, Dave Janda, B.J. Danze, Chuck Trofholz.

Commissioner Steve Quinn brought the meeting to order.

Old Business:

Gary Kruse purchased a voice recorder that will be now used to record the meetings to make it easier for minutes to be recorded. This will allow the board to record minutes until a secretary can be appointed.

New Business:

Steve Quinn introduced Rusty Jensen as our new Player Personnel board member.

Steve Bessey (Equipment):

Steve will not be in town next week, but softballs will be left in the shed.

Ron Franck (Fields):

Ron shared that he had sent out an 8 question survey to 163 players and received back 97 responses. One of the questions was about lowering the entry age into the league from 50 to 48. 88% of the respondents said no. One survey question got a variety of responses regarding off-season activities. Ron suggested a committee could be formed to address participation in the different activities that were mentioned. The board asked for a copy of the results for future discussion.

Ron brought up the subject of establishing a fund for players who don't pay by the registration deadline. After lengthy discussion the subject was tabled until a winter board meeting.

Bill Weller (Finances):

Bill gave a report of the Choice Hotels contribution to our general fund. He then explained that the league has a Paypal reserve account because of automatic withdrawals and refunds, therefore money must always be available. We have a new liability insurance carrier by the name of Dodge Brothers Insurance which costs us \$505.00 per year.

Mark Opfer (Scheduling):

Mark is going to reserve the meeting room at Sean O'Casey's for next year's draft.

Gary Kruse (Communications):

Gary stated that he was going to send out emails informing players about using Choice Hotels. He gave a summary of the budget for the Prom Night banquet. This year there will some added costs for the buffet-style dinner. There will also be added costs for the cheaper drink rate as well as added costs for an additional bar tender. Gary stated that the banquet cost will be \$20.00 per person. Mark moved and Steve Bessey seconded to approve the budget for the banquet. The vote was unanimous. Gary was going to check on leaving the bar open an hour after the banquet is over in case people want to stay afterward.

Rusty Jensen (Player Personnel):

Rusty stated that he would like to make the draft easier for the managers by breaking down and identifying the players better. Such as, position played and what draft choice they were in the past. Rusty then brought up the subject of throwing runners out at 1st base from the outfield.

It was explained to him that a lengthy discussion on this issue has been brought up before and the decision was made to allow the outfielder to make his/her own judgment on whether he/she wants to throw the runner out at first or not.

Tom Holder (Umpires and Rules)

Tom wanted to discuss what happens when the replacement rule is not followed. After a 50 minute discussion, of several avenues of circumstances, rules, punishments, consequences and possible scenarios, the board came to the conclusion that it is the manager's responsibility to approve the replacement player that the opposing team is using before the game starts. If after the game begins and an error is found, there is no foul because the managers agreed to the player before the game began. Tom moved and Steve seconded that managers must agree before the start of the game to the opposing team's replacement player. All replacement player issues must be resolved before the start of the game. If a replacement player mistake is discovered, after the start of the game, there will be no penalty. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

As to the game in protest, it was determined there was no foul and no penalty.

Tom then brought up the subject that 10 man teams can pick up a 6th round replacement player, even though it was a 7th round pick that was skipped in the draft. Marty Boro expressed her point of view on this issue stating that she did not think it was fair. It was pointed out by Steve Quinn that before the fall draft the board discussed this issue at a pre-draft board meeting. It was determined, by the board that the 6th round was the base for the summer and fall draft, even though some teams skipped a 5th round, 6th round and 7th round in the fall. Mark moved and Gary seconded to keep the rule as it stands at this time. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. The 6th round draft point of view will be reassessed this winter.

Catherine Petito (Auxiliary)

Catherine gave a short report on the Auxiliary. A \$200.00 deposit was put into the account from volunteer donors. The Auxiliary will be purchasing desserts for Ed Tworek's tournament. She then gave a brief explanation of the duties of the Auxiliary for the new board members. The Auxiliary is a volunteer group that supports the NSS League by helping where needed and providing desserts/treats at events.

Dave Janda (Guest)

Dave requested to have the new player Cal (from Florida) to join the Muckdogs permanently. Gary made a motion to allow Cal to join the Muckdogs and prorate his registration fee. Bill Weller seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Chuck Trofholz (Guest)

Chuck noted that he needed a second-round player and Roger Hein is now available. Bill Weller moved to allow Roger Hein to join the Rockies. Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed with 2 board members abstaining.

Steve Quinn called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary moved and Steve Bessey seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.