

Nebraska Senior Softball Board Meeting

October 8, 2019

Sean O'Casey's

Board members in attendance: Steve Bessey, Tom Holder, Alan Hardt, Rusty Jensen, Bill Weller, Gary Kruse and Commissioner Steve Quinn

Board members not in attendance: Ron Franck, Mark Opfer, Terry Hovorka

Guests: Dave Janda, BJ Danz, Chuck Trofholz, Frank Parker, Dave Sanderson, Jim Price

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Steve Quinn.

Purchasing (Steve Bessey)

He has money from the sale of softballs which he will give to Bill Weller at the next meeting. The championship jackets are ready.

Umpires (Tom Holder)

The issue of umpire efficiency and field positioning was discussed. League members had concerns about the complacency and field positioning of the umpires.

Finances (Bill Weller)

Bill noted a problem with people using Paypal or handing him money, but not registering for the banquet online. Gary said he would send out emails to remind players to do both pay and register. Bill stated that by next month we will have a better idea what is in the account since the field and umpire fees will be paid. The only large pay-out left is for the banquet.

Player Personnel (Rusty Jensen)

Rusty asked for input for our yearly survey questions to the league. A discussion followed on how the survey worked since this was the first time Rusty will be involved with the survey process. A discussion followed that there are usually five questions and the percentages that are needed before a change is made.

Communication (Gary Kruse)

A proposed annual participation trophy was voted against. A proposal was made for a Home Run Derby to be held between championship games in the summer. Gary asked for approval to purchase the trophy now. It was decided to wait until next year to discuss this purchase and details of the contest. It was proposed that an annual Andy Johnson Inspirational award be given starting this year. The award recipient will be picked by the board each year. Gary will make the trophy using the Home Run Derby bat that was presented to Andy Johnson. The board voted unanimously to approve the award. The board then nominated and then approved this year's recipient. Five names were presented to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award and a winner was selected. All the awards except for the Inspirational award are ready for

presentation at the banquet. The photographs of some of the deceased ball players will be on display at the banquet. Gary met with Michelle at the German-American Society. The bar will stay open until 9:30 for anyone who wants to stay after the banquet is finished. There will be more bartenders and cheaper prices on the alcohol.

Fields (Ron Franck)

No report

Scheduling (Mark Opfer)

No report

Open Discussion

Alan Hardt wanted to discuss his concerns with the umpire's calls and inconsistencies. Tom Holder asked if the umpires are invited to the banquet again. Gary said yes, their meals would be paid for. A count is needed. Chuck Trofholz said an email needs to be sent to the league players regarding the UBA Winter practices starting on October 29, 2019. Steve Bessey mentioned that one of the wagons needs repairs. That task will be handed to the person who takes his place on the board. Frank Parker wanted to discuss having two umpires instead of one at each game. The financial aspect of that proposal was discussed. General consensus was that it would be too expensive. There was a discussion of penalties for violating the Code of Conduct rules. The conclusion was that there would be too many scenarios to cover.

Steve Quinn moved and Steve Bessey seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous. The meeting concluded at 8:22 p.m.