



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Attendance:

Board Members			
	Steve Quinn	Rusty Jensen	X
	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	X
X	Mark Opfer	Rick DuVall	X
X	Tom Holder	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall		
X	BJ Danze		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm

New Business:

Zoom Meetings

Terry made a motion to do a Zoom meeting for December and January, Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mark will set up the meeting and send it out to the Board Members.

Replacement Players

The Board discussed how to properly evaluate player draft levels for possible adjustment, especially for new players.

Rusty presented a list of items for consideration on how to use replacement players based on his conversations with players and managers. He also outlined how the number of players on a team affects those considerations. He will provide the items he presented to the Board for review and the subject will be back on the agenda for next month.

Schedule for 2021

Dave handed out a proposed schedule for 2021. In review, there was conversation around what the options are and the other conflicting items that are not fully represented on the schedule.

Single vs. double elimination tournament and season champions was discussed.

There was a proposal to do an Olympics fun night between the two seasons. Mark also brought up the picnic and having it again since this is a night normally reserved for softball and gets better participation. Terry suggested a survey to determine player interest on the Olympics.

Dave to take into consideration all the suggestions and bring back to the next meeting an updated schedule.

Reservation at Papillion Center for Draft

Tom would like to secure the Papillion Center for the draft next year. There were positive comments about the AV equipment that might allow for the use of three screens. Large enough for distancing and private meetings. The cost was around \$150. Tom will contact Bill Bowes to assist with securing the dates.

The question was raised whether it could be done via Zoom. Another possibility was to leave the teams as they are for another year. This topic was tabled until the January or February meeting.

Denny Zakovec Spirit Award trophy

Mark proposed that all previous winners who want a plaque get one when the trophy moves on to the next recipient. Dave seconded the motion. The Board agreed and Mark will proceed.

One vs. Two Umpires - Terry Hovorka

This was a survey question and it was a 50/50 split so there was a test year, having an extra umpire on one field per night. This is a cost/benefit question. This will be added to the survey now that there is some experience.

Player Pickups During Playoffs - Terry Hovorka

The survey last year indicated that there should be a limit to the number of replacements. The other aspect was whether it should be "like for like" and the response was that no team should get better with the replacement. A variety of options were discussed but no decision made. This will be an agenda item for the December meeting.

Purchasing and Inventory – Rick DuVall

Is there a strong feeling with the players as to whether the pitching screens be mandatory or not? This will be added to the player survey.

There is still a question around major vs minor league teams for the jerseys but all were in agreement that the quality needs to improve. The company that provided the t-shirts and jackets did a good job and should be considered. At least one other company will be brought in on the bidding for the shirts.

New hats will be provided only with the new year, not the new season. All new players get a hat.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Terry, seconded by Dave and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 via Zoom

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 via Zoom

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

All meetings held at 6:30 PM at Sean O'Casey's - 2523 S 140th Ave, Omaha, NE unless otherwise noted.