



NSS Board Meeting

August 3, 2021

Attendance:

Board Members			
x	Steve Quinn	Rusty Jensen	E
x	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	x
x	Mark Opfer	Rick DuVall	x
x	Tom Holder	Dave Sanderson	x
Others in Attendance			
x	Kathleen DuVall	Bob Dalziel	x
x	Chuck Trofholz	Ed Tworek	x

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07PM. Rusty was excused from the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the April meeting minutes was made by Mark, seconded by Dave and approved by all that were in attendance.

New Business:

Werner Park Event - Steve Quinn

Steve was contacted by a Werner event organizer about doing an NSS night at the park and he agreed to bring it to the Board. This has been done in previous years with good success. Steve will go back to the organizer with a ballpark attendance number to see what the cost would be for entrance fees and food.

Rule Changes for the Fall/Future - All

- Replacement Player Rule

There has been a request is to go back to a "like for like" for replacement players. There have also been comments to keep it as is. There are a couple of teams that lost their first/second round player long-term and it did affect them. It is felt that these are two different issues that could be addressed separately. Rick made a motion to leave it as is for the Fall season with an evaluation after it is complete. Mark seconded the motion. All present were in favor.

- Commitment Line

The umpires would like to have the commitment line extended all the way to the third base fence. Alan will make a request to Denny at LaVista Parks.

The placement of the commitment line is now it is 20 feet per the diagram in the Rule Book. Other softball associations have moved this line to be 30 feet from home plate. It was decided not to make this change but to discuss after the fall season.

- Last Inning Flip Rule

The Last Inning Flip Rule (From the Rule Book: The Game -> 4. Length of Game -> d. Flip-Flop Rule) will stand as written.

- Game Start Time Move to 6:00PM

The Board agreed to maintain the 6:15 start time as stated in the Rule Book -> The Game -> 4. Length of Game - a. Start times.

- Board members entering the field during play

After the July Board meeting, Tom communicated that the Board will not address issues on the field during a game. Managers are to work with the umpires and if not satisfied with the outcome, bring the information to the next Board meeting for discussion and review.

Rusty to communicate with the Managers that only the Manager or the Assistant Managers are to approach the umpire during a dispute. Terry to change the Code of Conduct section within the Rule Book to reflect that the umpire would be able to eject others that argue/contest calls other than those designated.

- Game Start Delay Waiting on Substitutes

The Board agreed to allow the games to be delayed while waiting for players from other fields.

Player Position Preferences during Registration - Dave Sanderson

The registration form should eliminate "ANY" and "IF", thus leaving P, C, 1, 2, 3, SS, OF. This was tabled for discussion during winter board meetings.

NSS Sponsored Tournament - Rick DuVall

Rick was approached about having NSS sponsor their own tournament. After discussion and input from those in attendance who have done tournaments, it was decided that it would not be a sufficient fundraiser for the league and the work to make it a sanctioned was not something that the Board could/would take on.

Ed Tworek Tournament

Ed would like to have access to some of the equipment to use during his tournament and the Board approved.

Player Evaluation Committee

There is some discontent around how some of the players were evaluated and their ranking changed. As this was a new concept, the Board agreed that it will be evaluated after the fall season to see what changes need to be made to the committee, their mandate and the players evaluated.

Director Updates:

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

Voting has started for the open Board positions.

Tom has sent messaging about Ryan (Rhino) Willms passing and the visitation/funeral.

Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen

Rusty was not in attendance so no update was provided.

Purchasing & Inventory - Rick DuVall

As soon as the draft is complete on Thursday, Rick will order the appropriate hats.

Eighteen dozen softballs were ordered and that will cover the fall season as well as a good part of the next season. In order to receive the best discount, balls must be ordered in groups of thirteen dozen or more.

Koozies came in for the softball tournament and to give to the players. Rick was able to get 295 of them for less than the budgeted \$200. He will give some to Gary and then bring them to Draft Night, the Banquet and other activities for distribution to the players.

Rick has confirmed the date for the banquet and will begin on the other logistics.

Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka

The Fall Draft is this coming Thursday, August 5th. Rusty has communicated the draft order to the Board but it will be adjusted once the final list of teams is secured. He recommended that if an existing team has ten players

returning, the last five players to be drafted will be randomly assigned to a team unless a manager volunteers to take one ahead of time. The Board agreed with this recommendation.

Field Operations - Alan Hardt

During the meeting, Alan confirmed the dates for the fall season and the total number of games to communicate to Denny at LaVista Parks.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Tournament Game Length Change - There was a lot of umpire confusion about the changes made for the summer tournament but it worked out in the end. Dave made a motion that the fall tournament will utilize the same format for times and innings as was used in the summer tournament. Rick seconded the motion and all present were in favor. Terry will update the Rule Book to reflect the change.

Fall Schedule - At the time of the meeting there will be 14 teams and Dave is working on getting it scheduled so that everyone has a nearly of equal number of home/away games and will play each team in their division as home/visitor. He is still working on getting a better distribution of game times. Once complete, he will post it on the website.

Finance & Registration - Mark Opfer

Two late registrations came in after the deadline, resulting in a total of 149 full time and two pool players. There are 21 players still to pay. Mark is suggesting a discount for on-time registration fee in the future to encourage people to not be late.

Golf tournament registration is ongoing. Gary will receive the gross amount from registration so there is no cost to the league allowing him to use our PayPal account. Gary did pay for the tournament specific formsite needed.

The city will refund the cost of the pavilion rental for the League Meeting but the liquor permit will still need to be paid. Mark will work out the costs/receipts/refund to ensure that the money all works out.

Overall, the budget is on track with the initial proposal.

Adjournment

Dave made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Terry and all present were in favor.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

All meetings held at 6:00 PM at Sean O'Casey's - 2523 S 140th Ave, Omaha, NE unless otherwise noted.