



NSS Board Meeting

October 5, 2021

Attendance:

Board Members			
x	Steve Quinn	Rusty Jensen	x
x	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	x
x	Mark Opfer	Rick DuVall	x
x	Tom Holder	Dave Sanderson	x
Others in Attendance			
x	Kathleen DuVall	Roger Clapper	x
x	Bob Dalziel	Mike York	x

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04.

Approval of the Minutes

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

New Business:

Farewell, for now - Steve Quinn

Steve addressed the group and thanked Mark and Tom for their time. He praised the Board for all the hard work done during his tenure.

Tom commented that it was a difficult three years but he was proud of the work that was done during that very difficult time. While there have been differences of opinions, everyone was treated respectfully and he was honored to serve with his peers.

Umpire Updates - Mike York

The lines have been an issue all year long, especially the third base lines. The commitment line was missing last week so the teams put their own lines and use the pole for the scoring line. In one game, there was a disagreement around manually putting the line in the dirt. Alan has been working with LaVista as there have

been new people dressing the fields. Mike would not recommend going back to using the base rather than the scoring line. If the lines are not drawn during field prep then it is the responsibility of the umpire to draw it.

The decision was made that the league will no longer use Ben as an umpire. This is a “hire and fire” situation and based on previous behavior and recent events, the decision stands.

Mike has five new umpires that would like to work with NSS.

Voting Results for Awards - Tom Holder

The results are in and Tom provided them to Rick DuVall so he can purchase the proper awards.

Old Business:

Mandatory Pitching Helmets

Roger brought some examples of helmets that he has used in the past and today. He indicated that some are heavy and hot but that there are alternatives that are lighter and cooler. The price was about the same for the two he showed (~\$100). He recommended seeing if someone would give a discount in return for a space on the website and/or the league subsidizing the cost.

Tom made the motion that beginning in the spring 2022 season, all pitchers will be required to wear a dome-helmet or use the pitching screen. Dave seconded the motion and all were in favor. The motion carried.

Director Updates:

Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen

Rusty had asked each Board member to bring a survey question and each Board member provided a question. Rusty will wordsmith the questions and bring them back to the Board in November for approval. The survey will go out in late November/early December for review at the January 2022 meeting.

Purchasing & Inventory - Rick DuVall

Tournament and Championship Jackets and shirts - They have been ordered for the summer season and are in the process of being printed. The fall order will have the same artwork and the color of the team name on the jacket can be picked by the winning team.

Awards - Rick has the names of the people for each of the trophies/awards and will start getting those prepared for the banquet. There was a discussion around the recipient for the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Banquet - Rick reviewed the program to ensure that he has everything covered. The cost of dinner will be subsidized again this year. Rick will get the final information to Tom and he will do a communication.

Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka

There is a shortage of umpires for some of tomorrow night's games. A couple of suggested names were given to Terry and Tom volunteered to help with the 8:45 game if needed. Terry will approach them and others are helping.

Field Operations - Alan Hardt

Alan was able to get ice packs and they have been placed in the shed.

He has approached Denny about the field preparation again. Steve recommended a post-season meeting with Roger and Denny to discuss challenges this year.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave has the skeleton for the tournament ready, explained the need for umpires and then asked if the game times should be changed to 6:30 and 7:45 so that all fields were safe from sun glare. The Board agreed.

The final game will be a full seven innings and the umpires will be paid accordingly. Alan will ensure the fields are chalked, Terry will communicate the longer games and Rick assured him that there were enough balls in the shed.

Tom will send out a tournament communication.

Finance & Registration - Mark Opfer

Money was returned from the picnic since the city did not open the pavilion as scheduled.

Traditionally, the finances will turn over in January even though the Board changes in November so the books can be balanced at the end of the year. Mark will schedule time with the new Director to ensure a smooth transition.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

No additional updates.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Steve, seconded by Mark and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

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