



# NSS Board Meeting

December 21, 2021

## Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Rusty Jensen	X
E	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	X
X	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	BJ Danze	X
X	Tom Holder	Jim Price	X
X	Ron Franck	Bob Garcia	X

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM. Alan was excused from the meeting.

## Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Rick, seconded by Bryan and approved by all in attendance.

## New Business:

### Guest Topics

#### Batting Mats - BJ Danze

BJ brought up that the mats are not as wide as the batting box. No one was sure what the size is within the Rule Book. Terry is going to review to see what the dimensions are and whether the mats conform, then report back at the January meeting.

#### Giants Manager Change - Rick

Tom Johnson is resigning as manager and Bob Garcia has agreed to take his place. Rusty requested that these topics come to him as Director of Player Personnel. The Board was in favor of the change and communicated that to Bob during the meeting.

#### Tuesday League - Ron Franck

There is a new league that is starting on Tuesday mornings. It will mirror the Friday Morning League. They would like to request to use the older equipment. They would be willing to contribute to help maintain the equipment. The Friday league is willing to pay for the balls and so the Tuesday would be willing also.

Dave would be willing to help with a schedule since he has scheduling software.

BJ commented that the current rate is \$50 per hour for any NSS website work done.

The Board will review the information provided and get back to Ron.

## **Old Business:**

### Player Ejection and Rule Book Update

The Board reviewed the proposed rule presented by Terry. Rick presented some revisions and suggestions were given by other members. There was a request for the managers and umpires to submit in writing what happened resulting in an ejection so it could be reviewed by the Board for possible trends.

Dave made a motion to accept the updated Rule with Rusty seconding. All Board members were in favor and the motion passed.

### Survey Questions

Rusty reviewed the survey questions that he sent to the Board via email last month. There were a few changes to verbiage so Rusty will send the updated survey to the Board for approval.

### Early Registration Fee vs. Late Registration Fee

Bob had proposed this idea to enable more time for managers, scheduling and draft preparation. It would also discourage people from delaying in paying their dues. The Board agreed that a player is not officially playing until they pay their fees and if it is after the deadline (the day prior to draft night), then that person is automatically a pool player. This change allows for time to do all the administrative work before the Draft.

There was also a feeling that doing an early or late fee might help the situation. The Board agreed that this needed additional consideration and it will need to have an absolute answer at the January Board meeting.

## Helmet cost/subsidies

Vince Bruce was able to get a discount on the pitching helmets to bring the price down to \$70. The Board agreed that the league would not be subsidizing based on that price.

## Date of the 2022 Banquet

This year the fall league winner jackets/shirts were not complete in time for the banquet and Rick questioned if it would be possible to move it a week later to give more time for the vendor to complete the order and ship. It is believed that the week was originally chosen to accommodate hunting season. Central States Printing only promises delivery within 14 days. Rick to discuss with Alan as he will be owning the banquet preparations for 2022.

## **Director Updates:**

### Purchasing & Inventory - Alan Hardt

Alan was not present and communicated that he did not have any updates to present.

### Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka

Terry talked with Mike York about staffing and Mike indicated he has some new umpires. Terry has also contacted UAB and StrikeZone to see if they would be interested. He will report back at the January Board meeting.

The pitching screen is meant to protect the player. Terry has observed players pitching, moving behind the screen to the other side to field. The rule needs to be clarified to indicate that they have to stay behind the screen until after the ball has been hit. Terry will bring an updated rule proposal to the January Board Meeting.

### Field Operations - Roger Clapper

There is very little going on with the fields at this time of year. Dave will provide Roger with the contact information for Denny at LaVista Parks.

### Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave has a very tentative schedule for 2022 and indicated that it will get updated as more information is available.

## Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel/Mark Opfer

Bob presented budget information for the last seven years for reference. There are some monies that are still to be deposited (Choice Hotels, Ace Welding etc.).

Bob requested that each Director get him a proposed budget for their area within the next three weeks. He will be presenting the proposed budget at the January meeting.

## Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

There has been a couple of tournament players that have submitted write-ups for their team's wins for communication and Bryan sent them to the league. He is preparing for the survey questions to be sent out early next year.

## Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen

Rusty sent an email out to the managers to see if there is anything that they need for the Draft or in their draft packet. They would like to do it again at Papio Landing and since there is a cost to it, that will need to be budgeted and reserved. Rusty will also poll the managers/assistant managers to make sure they agree that the use of Papio Landing is worth the money for the supplemental draft.

## **Review of the Parking Lot for Next Month**

## **Adjournment**

The motion to adjourn was made by Bob, seconded by Rusty and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

## **Next meetings:**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022  
Tuesday, February 15, 2022  
Tuesday, March 15, 2022

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

All players are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. If you want to attend and have a specific topic, please email the League Secretary at [kkduvall24@gmail.com](mailto:kkduvall24@gmail.com) to be included on the agenda.