



NSS Board Meeting

July 19, 2022

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Rusty Jensen	X
E	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	E
X	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	E
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00.

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the June meeting minutes was made by Alan, seconded by Roger and approved by all in attendance.

New Business:

No new business

Old Business:

August Board Meeting Reminder

Rusty, Kathleen and Rick will not be available on August 16th for the Board Meeting. The meeting will be moved to August 9th at 6:00 PM at Sean O'Casey's.

Director Updates:

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave was absent and provided the following items via email:

- I simplified the NSS back-end pages for tournaments so that they are not year/season specific. That should allow for easier updates henceforth. This required a change that Bryan implemented since I cannot update the home page.
- The 2022 Summer Tournament page is in place and once Bryan and I get the link to the new tournament page working, you'll see the bracket. As of now, the bracket is unofficial, because there is one more night of regular season games.
- I refined my process of creating the bracket and once the scores are updated, and I'm on a computer, I can update the bracket and get it posted.
- I updated the page for Ed's tournament. I asked Ed to look at the page and give me updates, which I'll make. Bryan will need to drop that on the home page or somewhere everyone will see it. Should Bryan send that as an email?
 - ✧ Sponsorship - Rick will approach Ed about the finances of the tournament as it relates to the need to pay a sponsorship fee
- I'll start on the fall season schedule when I return from DC. Until we know how many teams we'll have, there isn't much I can do for the schedule. There are 79 registered players with 11 days left in the fall registration period.
- Just as the summer season had Field 2 start at 7:30 and then transition to 6:15, the fall season will have Field 2 start with 6:15 and transition to 7:30. Also, I was able to schedule fewer 8:45 games because Field 2 was able to eventually handle 6:15 and 7:30 games.

Purchasing & Inventory - Alan Hardt

Alan has contacted the German American Society and they indicated that there was no night reserved for NSS. They have 11/3 and 11/10 open but not 11/4 as previously committed to. Alan will go back to them after confirming with the Board that the desired date was 11/4. Rick made a motion that if 11/4 is possible, then the next choice is 11/10. Bob seconded the motion and all were in favor.

There was continued discussion around the championship jackets, with three choices:

1. The league buys the jacket
2. The league given an option to purchase from a preselected vendor
3. The league gives the monies to the manager to purchase what they want, regardless of vendor

This item will be revisited in the August meeting.

Alan has 18 dozen balls in stock and it is believed that this will cover the Fall season.

The plan is to provide t-shirts for the division champions. Alan would like to explore the cost of DryFit shirts and the Board gave approval to do the exploration, then bring it back at next month's meeting.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

The commit line is still not being drawn correctly so Roger contacted Denny again. Roger will check in the morning to be sure that they are correct before the next games.

There was also a request to wet down the fields and Denny responded that the field team wets them down as deemed necessary.

Since the pitching helmets have not come in yet, the use of the face masks or the pitching screen will continue to be mandatory through the fall season.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

105 players have registered for the fall season so he will send daily communications until the Saturday deadline.

He is updating MailChimp and working with Dave on some website changes as well as informational updates.

Board nominations - Dave will take care of the nomination page and Bryan will need to put something on the main page directing people to the correct place. This has to be in place in time for the voting to begin on 8/1. Rick will work with Mark to set up the voting.

Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen

There was a request to revisit the assessment skills for older players that may not meet the skill level needed to play in the league. The challenge is how to determine who needs to be reassessed and who is going to do them. This will be discussed further in the December meeting.

Rusty will be out of touch starting 7/24 but will be back in time for the skills assessment and the draft. He will have the managers prepared before he goes and connect with them upon his return. It will need to be determined which teams will be disbanded and how many players on each of the remaining teams.

There is only one skill assessment scheduled as there are only four new players. One has already been evaluated. The agreement is that there will be only one additional practice field available and only one night.

It is time to start recruiting managers. Rusty working to determine which will be returning.

There was a reported issue with an umpire yelling at the players on Monday (7/18). Others playing at that game indicated that they did not feel he was egregious enough to warrant Board action.

Rusty proposed a change to the normal draft process that is only applicable during the last round (variable by year) of supplemental (not full) drafts. All picks in the last round shall be assigned from the last pick first to the first pick last based on the previous Summer season's regular season records with the best record team receiving the last pick in the draft. All teams which have an available last round (variable by season) pick shall pick in reverse order from the best regular season record to the worst. If a team already has a player filling the final round slot (picked in the same final round previously) then they will not be forced to draft in that round. All other rounds would be picked as per the standard 'snake' order based on a team's player openings. Bob made a motion that this would be used in the fall draft and then evaluate its effectiveness. The motion was seconded by Rick and all were in favor so the motion passed.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

The books are looking pretty good and are within the budget. Due to the positive balance on the books, the fall registration fees will be \$70.

Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka

Terry was not in attendance and did not provide an update.

Roger brought up intentional walks and the use of them during games. It is a difficult thing to legislate because if you put limits, pitchers will just pitch around them. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

No updates

Parking Lot Items:

Change to the off-season jerseys - May meeting - return January 2023 meeting

Adjournment

Next meetings:

Tuesday, **August 9**, 2022

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

Tuesday, October 20, 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 to be included on the agenda.