



NSS Board Meeting

November 21, 2023

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	James Bennar	E
X	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	E
X	Roger Clapper	Mike Marlow	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Tom Holder	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Dave Sanderson	X
X	Dave Dye	Jim Price	X

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM

Approval of the Minutes

Marty made the motion to approve the October minutes, seconded by Roger and all were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

Banquet Evaluation

Tom indicated that the banquet went very well. Chuck Grubb as MC was fantastic and the facility was well prepared. The only issue was that some of the food was overcooked. Marty will be discussing it with German American Society. Rick stated that it could have been caused by the later start to the dinner.

Dave Dye will be attending future Board meetings as a representative of the Friday Morning League.

League Secretary

Kathleen announced that this will be her last year as league secretary. Anyone who is interested in taking the position should contact any Board member or Kathleen for more information.

Old Business

Advertising Advisory Committee

From the April 2023 Meeting: **Advertising the League** - Mike Marlowe

Once the league becomes a **501(c)(7)**, there is an opportunity for advertising that the league is not allowed to do today. There was discussion around the creation of an advertising advisory group to opportunities. When the **501(c)(7)** is complete, the Board will revisit.

Mike presented this at the April meeting and is looking for Board guidance on what the purpose of this group would be: attendance, advertising, corporate sponsorship etc. He would like to use this to possibly fund additional events or league improvement. Mike will do some more research and bring some ideas back at the January Board meeting.

Andy Johnson Courage Award - Return to the January meeting

This award has not been given in a couple of years. The intent of this award is to honor or recognize someone who overcame a big challenge. The recipient of this award is determined by the Board and is not given every year.

Board Updates

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Bob presented a financial accounting of actual vs. budgeted. There was more revenue than expenditures to date. Choice hotels brought in the most ever this year. There was a savings on fields and umpires compared to what was budgeted. He recommended that the surplus be used to lower registration fees for 2024.

Scheduling - Mike Marlow

This was Mike's first meeting and he will meet with Dave to continue the transition of duties.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Looks like field #3 was updated like field #2. There is no indication that the field price is going to change but Roger will find out for budgeting purposes.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

There were continued discussions around how to make the replacement player rule better. No decisions were made and will be addressed at future meetings as the summer season approaches.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

No updates this month

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Marty is waiting for one player to pay for their extra jacket.

Tom was approached about using 52/300 balls and this will be added to the discussion at the February meeting about what balls to order for the 2024 season.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

The cadence of monthly meetings

Meetings were the first Tuesday of the month for a long time and there is a desire to move this to either the first or second instead. Sean O'Casey's was approached about the change and Board members are going to see if they can find another location that could accommodate the desired date. **Note - Sean O'Casey's was able to accommodate the change after the meeting. Please see the new dates at the bottom of the minutes.

Awards (repeat award winners)

There was a discussion around repeat award winners. The Board will give this some thought and it will be revisited at the August meeting.

Ed Tworek's email regarding forfeits, replacements, setting up a sub-committee

Ed would like to propose that there be unlimited replacement players and asked if a subcommittee could be set up to review for parity or equity. The overall feeling was that if the evaluations are done correctly, there is no need for this committee.

Should the replacement player rule be different for the regular season than it is for the tournament? The overall feeling is that it should not be but there was discussion around possible alternatives. No decision made.

Remove the 7th round issue next spring

Rick recommends that we remove the 7th round draft pick again in the spring draft.

Banquet Registration

There were eight people that were able to pay their money without registering because the pay field is not dependant on the registration being filled out. This is something that Mark Opfer would do and Dave will work with him to get it completed in time for the next banquet registration.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

Tom is getting back up to speed with the communication tools. He is scheduling time with Bryan to do a full transition. He asked the Board if it was okay to give updates (but not promotional material) on the tournament teams and the Board approved.

It is also time for the end-of-year survey so the Board will get suggestions to Tom.

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

Dave updated the Board on the web site and requested that each member review their section as well as the completeness of the continuity pages. If there are any updates needed, please let Dave know. He is also working on a "Comments" section.

Parking Lot Items:

Renewal of the Umpire Contract - return to the December meeting

Use of 40/400 vs. 40/375 balls in the future - return to the February meeting

Adjournment

Tom made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Marty and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:06PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, December 19, 2023

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

All meetings are 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.