



NSS Board Meeting

March 12, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Tom Holder	X
X	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	X
X	Roger Clapper	Mike Marlow	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Bo Boozikee	X
X	Clint Spiegel	Ed Tworek	X

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Tom made the motion to approve the February minutes. The motion was seconded by Marty. All were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business

2024 Summer Draft Night - Dave Sanderson

Dave sent an email to the Board with some action items that need to happen before the draft. Dave reviewed those questions, Mike agreed that the process should remain the same as it was last year but if there is a matter to be discussed, it will be done via email.

There was a discussion around those teams that last year did not pick up a seventh round player. Until the number of registrations is known, the Board cannot make a determination on how to deal with how those seventh round picks will be dealt with.

Old Business

Andy Johnson Courage Award - Tom Holder

Tom still needs to work with Dave Sanderson to get the website updated with this award.

Board Updates

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

There was a previous discussion around having umpires at the practice games for experience before the season. They would be paid for their effort. The Board agreed that this would be worthwhile for any new umpires as well as any that need a refresher.

Rule Book Update - Dave

Dave is working on updating the Rule Book with decisions made since the Fall season. He reviewed each of the changes (marked in the Rule Book in red) with the Board. There were no objections to the changes made and Dave asked the Board members to let him know if there are any adjustments to be made. They will be distributed to the managers and umpires before the summer season starts.

Pitching Helmet Rule Change - Roger

Roger was not in attendance at the February meeting where it was decided to reinstate the pitcher "helmet or screen" rule. While he supports the Board decision and wears a full helmet himself, he wanted it on the record that if he had been present, he would have opposed.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Softballs for the season have arrived. Marty is working on getting hats ordered once registration is complete.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

No further updates.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

Tom has been sending out registration reminders and new player communications. He will also send out Rule Book changes once finalized and posted.

Tom has been approached about doing communications to the NSS team from outside leagues. It was the feeling of the Board that the email addresses of the players are person information that should not be shared outside the league. He has also been working on paring down the recipient list for NSS broad communications.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

147 people signed up so far and 10 days still to go. There are many previous players that have not signed back up. The Board agrees that the deadline for payment of registration is a hard line. Anyone who has not paid will be a pool player.

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

Dave has been reviewing the 300+ accounts and identified some accounts that he believes can be deactivated. Bo and Ed will also be reviewing. He has also been helping a couple of new players get registered.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

8 vs 9 games per night

We have traditionally only had 8 games a night to reduce sun glare issues. If we have 18+ teams again this year, should we use all 9 available fields? After discussion, overall, the consensus was to leave it at eight games a night.

18+ teams

If we have enough players for 19+ teams, do we increase players per team to make 18 teams or do we continue to use Bye games? Do we add another game time to use game times of 6:00, 7:15, 8:30, 9:45? While these are all good questions, a decision cannot be made until registration is complete.

Last year, every team played teams in their division twice but might not have played all the teams in the other division. The decision was that it was more important to keep the two intra-division games due to the statistics used in determining post-season play.

Player Personnel - Mike Marlowe

Mike has been updating the Facebook page to advertise.

He is ready for the draft. He is also going to reach out to each of the new players as a good-will ambassador so they have an option to ask any questions they may have.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

No new updates.

Parking Lot Items:

Awards (repeat award winners) - return to the August meeting (see November meeting minutes)

Home Runs - return to the July meeting (see February meeting minutes)

Pinch Runners - return to the July meeting (see February meeting minutes)

Self-Umpiring - return to the November meeting (see February meeting minutes)

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn was made by Dave. The motion was seconded by Tom. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Tuesday, June 11, 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.