

June 7, 2011

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm at Lansky's.

Board members present: Steve Quinn, Ron Kunert, Ed Tworek, Dick Smith, Dave Dye, Chuck Grubb, Dave Janda and Dave Banghart. Players present: Jim Seeber, Paul Kwaak, and Gary Dukat.

INJURY REPORT & POOL PLAYERS:

Current Team Rosters: Royals (11) – minus Barry Coates; Twins (11) – minus Craig Barkdoll; Blue Jays (10) – minus John Romano & Jim Jewel; Pirates (9) – minus Charlie Marcinek, Rod Kidder, & Dave Koenig. We currently have 2 pool players, Mike Reed and Bruce Babko ready to be assigned to teams. Dave Dye's recommendation is to assign these 2 players to the Pirates and Blue Jays. It is agreed that a blind draw will be made by Pirates manager Paul Kwaak (in attendance). Mike Reed was drawn by Paul and will now be assigned to the Pirates and Bruce Babko will be assigned to the Blue Jays for the remainder of the summer 2011 season. Dave Dye has been contacted by another individual who is interested in joining the league. This person has been instructed to be present at the next scheduled game (Wed. 6/8) to be available to play on any team needing a pool player for the night. After he has been evaluated through the next 3 to 4 playing dates, assessment will be made as to which team he will be assigned. It was suggested that pool players should be put into the draft for the fall and next spring. A motion was made by Ed Tworek and 2nd by Dave Banghart: Pool players (anyone registering after season draft has been completed) who have been assigned to a team during the summer playing season will be required to go back into the player draft for the fall and following summer seasons. Pool players assigned to a team during the fall playing season will be required to go back into the player draft for the following summer. Board members voted 7-0 in favor; the motion carried. Registrations will still be accepted for anyone still wishing to join the league for the remainder of the summer season. A motion was made by Dave Dye and 2nd by Ron Kunert: Any new registrations submitted will be charged a fee of \$75 for the current summer season. Board members voted 7-0 in favor; the motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Ed Tworek provided a current to date budget report for calendar year 2011. Thanks to the marketing and promotional efforts of Chuck Grubb to establish the Corporate Partners our current income is above the projected budget for the year. Reviewing current expenses for the calendar year we are in line to stay within the 2011 budget. The current balance for Nebraska Senior Softball is \$9633.

MARKETING REPORT: Chuck reported that LaVista Keno is our newest Corporate Partner. Their logo has been added to the website. Special thanks went out to Gary & Teri Dukat for doing all the leg work to get them to sign up. Chuck also stated that the term Corporate "Sponsorship" has been changed to Corporate "Partners". This fits more in line with marketing and advertising budgetary line items as many businesses are prohibited from "sponsoring" sports teams or leagues. As of the current date, 4 out of 13 team photos have been taken, and 95 of 158 player photos have been done. Chuck expressed extra thanks to Paul Williams for making the process of uploading the photos to the website much easier. A special "Night Out with the Stormchasers" is in the works. Chuck is working with their promotional department for a night in August. There are several options for group gatherings.

RAIN-OUT GAMES: At the beginning of the season, when the league schedule was being developed there was concern in regards to building in rain-out dates, and having a balanced schedule. Through e-mail

discussions the Board agreed at that time to not make any attempts to re-schedule rain-outs. Since we already have had 2 nights rained out there has been some questions presented to Board members if any rain-out games will be rescheduled. Dave Janda suggested that we could consider attempting to re-schedule those games on Saturdays. However, field availability is an issue. It has also been suggested that maybe we could look into the availability of the third field at LaVista on Wednesday nights to schedule those rained out games. However, it was determined that could present a scheduling nightmare and create an unfair number of games that teams play. With the current policy of not rescheduling the games all teams are on an even playing field with games lost, with the exception of those teams that had byes on the rained out dates. In general discussion all Board members were in agreement to stay with the original plan to not make up any rained out games.

FALL REGISTRATION: The fall playing season will start 8/15/11 and run through 10/19/11. This allows for 19 playing dates. Initially fall registration was to begin on 7/15/11. A motion was made by Dave Dye and 2nd by Ron Kunert that the start of the fall registration should be moved up to begin on 7/8/11. Board members voted 7-0 in favor, the motion carried. The deadline for fall registration will be 7/31/11 for returning players. A motion was made by Ron Kunert and 2nd by Dave Dye: Any returning player who's registrations is received on or after 8/1/11 will be put into the fall draft, but will be allowed to return back to their original team the following spring, unless they elect to voluntarily enter the draft the following spring. Board members voted 7-0 in favor, the motion carried. As in previous fall seasons, the number of teams for league play will be determined by the number of registrations received per team. In the event a team does not have enough players returning for the fall season, that team may be disbanded for the season and players already registered will automatically be placed in the fall draft. These players will return to their original team the following season, unless they elect to voluntarily enter the draft the following spring. A motion was made by Ed Tworek and 2nd by Dick Smith to set the fall registration fee for all players to be \$60.00. Board members voted 7-0 in favor, the motion carried. As in past fall seasons, new hats will be provided for all new players, but jerseys will not. At this time we have an oral agreement for use of the LaVista Sports Complex for the fall season. New player evaluations and open practices will be scheduled for the 2 weeks between registration close and fall start date.

ANNUAL LEAGUE MEETING: The summer League meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2. Location will be announced as soon as it is finalized. Steve Quinn will talk with Gary Kruse and/or Bill Smuck to see if they would be willing to organize this event. A main agenda item for the league meeting will be the election of 2 Board positions. The 3 year terms for Dave Banghart and Ed Tworek will end at the conclusion of this year's fall banquet. It was suggested that Dave and Ed head the candidate search committee and also suggested that 1 or 2 other league members also be included on the committee. As event information is finalized it will be communicated with league members through the NSS website.

FALL BANQUET: At this time a tentative date of November 4 has been selected for the Annual Softball Banquet. Steve Quinn will discuss with Alan Hardt the availability and capacity allowance of the Elk Ridge Village. The Board will also consider suggestions for other locations, but something will need to be secured soon.

BOARD MEMBER ITEMS:

- Dave Banghart - Provided a current update of the Umpire Evaluations. Most of the umpires have been evenly rated in the 5 areas of concern.

- Dick Smith – Has added the batter box mats to the inventory list. He has 1 case (72) and a partial box of new balls. This should be a sufficient supply to get us through the rest of the summer season, and all of the fall season. Also added to the league inventory list will be 12 jersey/24 caps for use by pool players.
- Ed Tworek – It has been 3 years since we have had a training session for proper use of the defibrillator. He suggests that a member from each team should be assigned to be trained and responsible for reaction in the event the defibrillator should need to be used. Ed will also be holding his annual Fun/Rec tournament on 10/1/11. He has been contacted by SSUSA and they are interested in sponsoring this tournament, but would like to see it also publicly supported by Nebraska Senior Softball.

A motion was made by Dave Banghart and 2nd by Chuck Grubb to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Submitted by:
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