

Dec 11, 2012 NSS Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members in attendance: Dave Janda, Steve Quinn, Chuck Grubb, Mert Opfer, Dennis Steinhauser, Duke Burgess, Greg West, Ron Hager and Roberta Steinhauser (Secretary).

1. Identify Dates for 2013 League Calendar

| Activity | 2012 | 2013 | Board Member Follow-up |
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| Manager Survey | 12/19/11 - 12/23/11 | Completed in Oct 2012 | Duke will send out the Oct 2012 Manager Survey results to Board |
| | | | All Board Members to provide input on League Survey questions to Chuck by Wed, 12/19. (Subjects for survey noted: Use of mats, Interest in morning league and a scheduling question- their preference to play at an early game at 6 or a late game at 8 p.m.) The time length of games is contingent on scheduling requirements for the number of games per night. The 65-70 ft baseline will be a board decision. (Chuck to draft questions for the survey. Survey to be sent out around 12/24 with the survey to end on 1/14/13. Survey results to be discussed at the Board Meeting on 1/15/13. |
| League Survey | Jan | 12/24/12 – 1/14/13 | 10 day period to pay \$25 late fee after the registration deadline of 4/1. Board decided that all registrations received after 4/10 would become a permanent pool player until a spot opened on a team roster. Board is to submit ideas to Duke regarding how these vacancies on teams would be filled. |
| Registration-Summer League | 2/1/12 - 4/3/12 | 2/1/13 - 4/1/13 | Recommend separate registrations for Morning League if interest is expressed to support a Morning League. |
| Player Survey | Mar | Covered by | |

| | | League Survey | |
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| New Player/Draft League Practices | 4/4, 4/9, 4/11, 4/16 | 4/3, 4/8, 4/10, 4/15 | <p>Chuck to ask Bill Bowes to see which of these dates works with him for this training. Steve will check with LaVista on options to keep Defibulator in the Concession stand.</p> <p>First League play date will be 4/22/13. End date is open for future determination</p> |
| Draft Night | 4/16 | 4/15/13 | |
| League Scrimmage Games | 4/18 | 4/17/13 | |
| Heart Defibulator Mgr and New Board Member Training (prior to 1st game) | April | 4/8, 4/10 or 4/15 | |
| Summer League Play Dates | 4/23 - 7/18 | 4/22 - | |
| Rainout Games | 7/23, 7/25, 7/30 | tbd | |
| Tournament Games | 8/1, 8/6, 8/8, 8/13, 8/15, 8/20 | tbd | |
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| Registration-Fall League | 7/1 - 8/10 | tbd | |
| General League Meeting/Picnic | 8/14 | tbd | |
| Fall League Play Dates | 8/27 - 10/17 | tbd | |

2. Steve will call Dave Banghart to discuss his involvement with the Morning League. Board discussion for potential of 1 or 2 Board members to work with Dave Banghart. Board will support but not be in charge of the Morning League. Dave will be requested to get a 3 man committee to establish leadership and guidelines and provide their recommendations back to the NSS Board.
3. LaVista Field Contract Update (field commitment for long term contract) – Steve is in negotiations with LaVista Board. Goal is to obtain multi-year deal with incremental increases in order to secure field use. Cost will go up for the fields. This cost needs to be determined prior to next Board meeting.
4. Team roster size. (How many players will comprise a team?) Board motion made for starting at 12 players per Team to begin the season which may expand to 13 if we have an odd number of players. Future meeting to address handling of 13 players. All Board members approved this motion.
5. Length of games for 2013 season. (How many minutes for game limit?) Decision to be tabled for next meeting - number of teams, fields and how late games can be played will be discussed when we have more information.
6. Registrations received after deadline. Board decided that all registrations received after 4/10 would become a permanent pool player until a spot opened on a team roster. Board to discuss at next meeting how these pool players might be assigned if a vacancy arises on a team.

7. Registration cost for Spring/Summer 2013 Motion made to have \$65 Registration Fee for returning player and \$90 for new players. (Same registration fees as charged in 2012) Field and Umpire fees will increase and be absorbed by the League.

8. Design online and paper registration forms as soon as dates and cost are determined. Morning and Evening. (Pending Board Member assignment)

9. Umpires. (One or two? How much to pay? Outline of expectations? Retain Vann as head umpire?) Motion made to have 1 umpire per game. Motion approved with all Board members in favor of having 1 umpire. Agenda item for next meeting for Greg to provide update.

10. Clear cut manager responsibilities needed. (Update Coaches Responsibility Document – Pending Board Member assignment)

11. Rule Changes: - Defer to next Board meeting

* Reference attached NSS suggested rule and guidelines changes submitted by Duke

II Qualifications (2.Skill Qualifications a.b.c.d.)

III Registration (3.Deadlines)

IV Playing Field (8. Pitching Screen)

VI The Game (1. Umpires)

VIII Competition Procedures (5.Pool Players, 6. Player Draft System)

* Player capability assessment. Manager challenge? League wide test?

* Replacement players. Availability? Roster size? Available pool players? Leaving game for their own game? Injuries requiring a replacement player? Borrowed catchers?

* Heat index and game cancellations. Why cancel all games? - agenda item for next meeting

* Draft every 2 or 3 years beginning in 2014? – decide next year

* Home and Visitor by coin flip?

* Pitching screen. Use and placement.

* Mats. Continue to use them?

* Five run rule. Move to tournament style of play?

* Board members as managers?

* Player participation.

* Enforcement of uniform wear? Section IX 4.

12. 2013 Schedule – Prerequisites for creating schedules - Dennis (to be discussed at next meeting)

13. 2012 Year End Statement Review – Mert presented the 2012 Year End Budget Report. \$1200 more in sponsors revenue than budgeted. (Great job Chuck!) Additional player income was offset by the cost of the new jerseys. Advertising and office supplies were under budget. Banquet cost was over budget. Motion made to approve the year end budget report. All Board members approved the year end budget report.

14. 2013 Budget Planning. Mert All Board Members requested to provide Mert forecasted expenses so he can prepare the 2013 budget.

15. Equipment Update and future purchases of equipment. Supplies- Work with vendors now (out of season) and work some deals for cost of softballs. – Dave
16. AED maintenance – defer discussion to next meeting
17. Draft for New Players or returning players entering draft. (How will it work?) - defer to next meeting
18. Update board member website job descriptions- Duke – defer to next meeting
19. Morning League – defer to next meeting
20. Managers that do not play, Registration form to account for this designation. – Discuss at next meeting
21. Consideration requested for pool players that signed up on time, were assigned to the Team, for the retention of staying on the team. - agenda item for next meeting.
22. Director of Player Personnel will work with the Associate Commissioner on pool player assignments.
23. US Committee Rule Reports – 65 to 70 ft bases. – defer to next meeting
24. US Committee Rule also removed the scoring plate and is now using a scoring line. – defer to next meeting

Motion to close the meeting at 9:52 p.m.