

March 12, 2013 NSS Board Meeting Minutes

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

Approval of Feb 12, 2013 Minutes: All Board members present approved Feb 12, 2013 Minutes with no changes.

Old Business:

Morning League update – Dave Banghart. Dave was not available to provide an update. Steve expressed concern that he did not provide input for the costs noted on Dave's draft Registration Form. Field costs need to be provided by LaVista Parks and Rec. Recommendation made that a Board member contact Dave to discuss the need for Dave to contact LaVista Parks and Rec. Steve will make the follow-up with Dave.

Board Job Descriptions – Field Scheduling Job Description is posted on the Website. Field Operations Job Description link will be removed from the website. These responsibilities are presently included in the Job Description for the Associate Commissioner Duke questioned the history of having a separate Board position for Field Operations and suggested someone speak with Ron Kunert. At this time, it will be the Associate Commissioners responsibilities.

Registration for Fall League Dates – This will be left on the Agenda to address later.

General League Meeting/Picnic Date – Chuck. This will be left on the Agenda to address later.

Fall League Play Dates – Dennis. This will be left on the Agenda to address later.

2nd Annual Gold Tournament Date- Chuck. Bill Weller and Gary McCoy will be co-committee chairmen for this event. Location and date to be determined.

Review Playing Rules and Guidelines Draft – Duke and Ron.

Qualifications #2. Ron recommended new players stay in the league if they fail the qualification tests and made pool players until they can pass. Motion made to keep the Qualification rule provisions as is with no changes. Fees would be returned if the player does not meet the Qualification provisions. Motion approved. In favor – 7. Opposed – 1. Morning league is available as an option for them to gain proficiency. (Refer to the NSS Website for the Nebraska Senior Softball Player Rules and Guidelines under "II. QUALIFICATIONS" for the updates in yellow highlight.)

Status of Obtaining ASA Rule Books for Umpires and Board Members – Ron. \$10 per book is the best price Ron found. Ron will buy one ASA Rule Book for NSS.

What process will be used if we need to drop an existing team due to low registrations and more than one team has the same least number of players registered? Dennis. Motion made to use the most

forfeits in 2012, then post mark/date-time stamp from electronic entry off the last registration at the deadline for signing up. Approved by all as a Board Resolution.

Locate Practice Jerseys – Dave. Dick Smith has the practice jerseys and will drop them off at Dave's house. At least 20 practice jerseys will be needed.

New Business

Field Fees – Steve. Every other team pays \$14.28 per game, LaVista Parks and Rec getting 4 games per night on the softball fields. We paid half of that price and played twice the number of games. LaVista Parks and Rec wants us to pay the same amount next spring (2014) as the other teams. This will be about \$400 per team. They want \$300 per game this year. Wed night would be the only opportunity to get one new field. That would not be sufficient. It is likely we will have 16 teams this Spring. We are paying for 16 teams now.

Awards to be given for the Spring/Summer session – League Champion and/or Tournament Champion – Duke. Recommendation made to let the Tournament Committee discuss options and make a recommendation. Discussion noted that we don't know the number of teams yet. One option could be the number of total wins determines the league champion. Awards should be given to each, league champion and tournament champion. Motion made that the League Champion and the Tournament Champion will receive awards. All members voted in favor of this motion. Dennis will put together a Tournament Committee.

Uniforms – Chuck Allan Pfeffer will be our new source for uniforms. Font, style and colors will be consistent with team standards.

Website-Adjust your Screen Resolution – Chuck will get a screen shot from Duke to present issue with Paul.

Meetings – Chuck. If unable to attend, it is importance that you share and communicate your issues with the Board members prior to the meeting.

Board Agenda on Website – Ron. Agreement expressed that the NSS Meeting Agenda be on the website prior to the Board Meeting. Ron will define the timeline the Agenda items need to be provided to him prior to each meeting and contact Paul to create a link on the NSS website for posting the Agenda. Only the current Agenda for the upcoming meeting will be posted on the NSS website.

Umpires – Greg talked to Kevin regarding umpires attending the league scrimmage game on April 17th. NSS umpire fees per game will be \$24.00 this year. Greg noted his concern in getting good umpires with this price since Omaha league umpires receive \$22.00 per game with 2 umpires per game. The league schedule for assigned umpires needs to be posted on the website with the phone numbers provided if contact is needed. Greg to follow-up with Kevin on getting this schedule posted.

Commissioner – Steve. No additional report.

Associate Commissioner – Ron. No additional report.

Field Scheduling – Dennis. QA of the schedule will be completed prior to season start.

Finance & Registration – Mert. 110 registrations have been received. 92 of those have been paid. \$14,892 received in registrations to date. 65 paid by Pay Pal, 32 paid by check and the remainder are pending payment. Motion made to keep the permanent pool player registration fee at \$65.00. 2 were in favor, 3 voted no and 2 abstained from voting. Due to this motion not passing, Player Personnel will take care of making this fee decision. All were in favor of this motion.

Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck

New Scoreboards – Virgil Vaughn and Rod Kidder have agreed to repair/replace our existing scoreboards with something a bit lighter, more durable, and easy to operate. Once work begins, Dave Janda will provide oversight of the project.

April 10th – Bill Bowes will train on the defibrillator and the new CPR procedure. All Managers and Board Members need to be at this training.

Sports Authority has indicated they will be updating their partnership with NSS.

Scoreboard design shared – Board requested to review this design. Chuck will email this to the Board.

April 8th – next NSS social at Keno

Player Personnel – Duke. We have 3 Managers that are not coming back as Managers. A person from each team has indicated they will be Managers. Braves – Jim Wilmot, Brewers – Dave Dye, Blue Jays- Cort Fernald. Motion made to accept these replacements. All board members voted in favor of this motion. One Manager has not got back with Duke regarding what he is going to do. Phillies only have 1 player that has registered. Recommendation made for Duke to contact Dave to get a response for his intent to be a Manager. Bats for women –Miken bats discussion. Motion made to update the NSS rules to state men 70 and over and all women will be allowed to use the Miken bats. Motion was approved.

Purchasing & Inventory – Dave. Softballs are purchased. Shirts are lined up – just need to get the count needed. Scorebooks need to be picked up.

Field Operations- Dennis. No additional update.

Rules & Umpires – Greg. No additional update.

Next meeting – April 4th recommended. Place- Perkins based on availability of the room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Roberta Steinhauser, Secretary