

NSS Board Agenda

October 1, 2013

Board Members in attendance:

Steve Quinn	x	Dennis Steinhauser	x
Ron Hager	x	Duke Burgess	x
Mert Opfer	x	Dave Janda	x
Chuck Grubb	x	Greg West	x
Roberta Steinhauser	x	Ron Franck (incoming Board Member)	x

Approval of Aug 12, 2013 Minutes: All Board members present approved the Aug 12th Board Minutes.

Old Business:

1. LaVista Field Contract Follow-up – Steve
 - a. Steve noted that LaVista Parks and Rec suggested a meeting that Steve and Ron Kunert will attend to discuss a contract proposed for 3 years with 3 fields for the summer NSS Leagues. NSS Fall league would be sufficient with the use of 2 fields. Ron Hager recommended that Steve bring a contract with him to present to LaVista Parks and Rec at this meeting. The 3rd field would enable flexibility for growth, rainouts, etc.

New Business:

1. Recording Board member voting position for split votes. Ron Hager made the motion recommending when there is a split vote that the Board member names be included in the minutes for those voting in favor and against. Duke seconded the motion. This motion passed unanimously.
2. Dave Banghart will be inducted into the Metro Omaha Softball Hall of Fame. Duke made the motion recommending that the Board subsidize the attendance of Steve Quinn at this event as a representative of Nebraska Senior Softball. Chuck seconded the motion and all Board members voted in favor to support this.

Board Reports:

- Commissioner – Steve. No additional update.
- Associate Commissioner – Ron. Ron’s new email address is rhager@tetradpropertygroup.com
- Field Scheduling – Dennis. No update.

- Finance & Registration – Mert. We currently are over budget in revenues due to increased sponsors and under in expenses because we received a favorable invoice from LaVista Parks and Recreation which results in a favorable budget variance of about \$3,800. Mert will be working on the 2014 budget in December. All Board members should submit projected expenses for 2014 to Mert in Oct-Nov.
- Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck. Banquet is on Nov 9, 2013. 18 tickets have been sold to date. The banquet will be held in an excellent hall with great food. Registration for tickets will be closed around Nov 2nd. Price for the banquet tickets is \$15 each. Chuck needs a MC for this event and encouraged all Board members to submit recommendations. Chuck noted that the online payments through Pay Pal over the last 3 years have exceeded \$47,000. This has been a favorable convenience for the NSS league members.
- Player Personnel – Duke. Duke wants to form a committee to discuss the process that is followed for the nightly draft of replacement players. This committee would bring back a recommendation to the Board. Duke asked that Greg be the committee chair as this will tie in with potential new league rule revisions. Recommendation made that the Board be aware of all committees that are being formed. These committees provide an opportunity for NSS league members to get involved and step forward to provide assistance. Duke noted the need to start working on the end of year NSS Survey. Chuck assembles the survey after submission by the Board members of the questions to be included in the Survey. Recommended that questions be written with response options limited to two choices (when feasible) to avoid the dilution of results from attempting to cover all possible answers. This method simplifies the survey results and helps eliminate ambiguity. Steve suggested handing out a slip of paper to each NSS member at the annual banquet to provide the opportunity for them to submit ideas to be included on the survey.
- Purchasing & Inventory – Dave. 30 dozen softballs were purchased this year with 9 dozen left for the fall league. Dave distributed all new balls to managers this past fall. Since we realize managers received more new balls than they need, managers will be requested to turn in left-over new balls at the end of the fall season for distribution next year. Any used balls may be returned for use by the traditional practice sessions. Discussion on uniform jerseys with the consensus that league members do like having their names on the shirts. Good record keeping will be essential to document the font size, manufacturer, etc for new shirt orders to assist the incoming Director of Purchasing and Inventory. Having a relationship built with one vendor to ensure continuity and quality would also be an asset.
- Ron Franck update. We currently pay \$583 per year for insurance to cover the equipment. Additional insurance cost to cover replacement cost of a storage building and contents would be an additional \$300 per year. "Tuff Sheds" require keys to be made by the Tuff Shed manufacturer. Ron noted an 8 x 10 ft shed would be the optimal size. This shed would be placed between fields 1 and 4 at the La Vista complex. Duke mentioned the value of having the pad poured now to enable curing through the winter months and the shed built in the spring. The LaVista Public Works have approved the shed. Cost of the assembled 8 x 10 Tuff Shed

would be approx \$2,500. Cost of the concrete slab is \$150. Board members will email follow-up after the current shed size is checked out.

- Rules & Umpires – Greg. Umpires have worked out well for this fall. Discussion commenced on draft processes for extra players. Managers are responsible to ensure that every NSS player is eligible for the draft through an announcement to solicit interest for the draft for extra players.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Chuck recommended that all board members begin thinking about what went right and wrong in 2013 so the league could continue doing the right things and fix the situations that fell short. In addition, Chuck encouraged the board to begin listing the topics and issues that need to be addressed by the board for the 2014 season and assign an A, B, C priority to them for resolution. Board member input to be forwarded to Chuck for consolidation.

Next meeting:

TBD- Date not scheduled at this time.