

NSS Board Agenda November 12, 2013

Board Members in attendance:

Ron Kunert	x	Dennis Steinhauser	x
Ron Hager		Duke Burgess	x
Mert Opfer	X	Ron Frank	x
Chuck Grubb		Greg West	x
Roberta Steinhauser	x		

Approval of October, 2013 Minutes: Duke made the motion with Mert seconding the motion to approve the October 2013 Board minutes. All board members present approved this motion.

Old Business:

1. Banquet Summary – Chuck’s Marketing Report for 11/12/13 is posted on the website. Banquet attendance was approximately 180. Awards were presented to the three team champions: Marlins, Braves and Pirates. Three new awards were introduced this year: 1) Lifetime Achievement Award. Presented to Del Stokes 2) Spirit Award. Presented to Denny Zakovec (Starting in 2014, this award will be named the Denny Zakovec Spirit Award) 3) Teammate of the Year Award. Presented to Vince Bruce of the Brewers. Steve Quinn was presented with a statue of a ballplayer for his service as Commissioner for the league. His wife, Tricia, was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Donations for the grandson of Larry Hovseth totaled nearly \$2,200.00 to include a \$1,000 silent auction bid on the item donated by Eddie’s Catering.

2. Committee to draft a recommendation for the drafting and use process for nightly game replacement players– Greg. Greg has players identified for this committee. Dennis inquired whether this committee would consider “how they will be used” in the discussion/recommendation for this committee. Dennis recommended the committee consider on option of playing with only 9 players if the team has less than nine players available, which includes a non-batting catcher. Greg acknowledged a penalty process of taking an automatic out will also be considered. This committee will make a proposal to the board with their recommendation. The board will need to vote on the recommendation.

3. Storage Shed – Ron Frank. Ron talked with the La Vista Public Works Dept. Concrete should be delivered for the slab on Friday. Duke reported that he asked Omaha Public Schools to identify interest in building this shed as a class project. He received an offer from the OPS Career Center to have students build this in the classroom as a class project for the cost of materials only – no labor costs. Duke will provide Ron Frank the contact information for Ron to coordinate the details of the shed with the OPS instructor. Duke estimates the cost of materials will be around \$500. Duke made a motion to provide Ron the authority to work with OPS and enable the Board

to make payments for the materials as needed by OPS. Dennis made a second to the motion. All Board members voted in favor of this motion.

New Business:

1. LaVista Fields – Ron Kunert. Ron and Steve met with the LaVista Parks and Rec. They are presently drafting a contract for 2 fields on Monday and 3 fields on Wednesday for a 3 year term. Future year (2015) potential exists to expand the number of fields on Monday nights to 3. Joe Beninato was suggested to review the contract. The third field could be used for rainouts and enables a foot in the door to expand the fields to 3. The third field could cost up to \$1,600 for one or two games per night if the league expands. (Board needs to wait for the contract to be presented to NSS to know the costs that will be presented. Reduced pricing is expected due to contracting use of the third field. The league would not be required to take the 3rd field. Wed. could have 3 games on 2 fields and 2 games on the additional new field. The original goal was for 75 minute games. Most games that missed getting 7 innings were only missed by about 3 minutes. If the games were for 65 minutes, 7 innings could be achieved if we implemented the 5run rule. The Board needs to make a decision on the 5run rule before proceeding with the endorsement of the 3rd field. The City Council will be deciding on the charges and contract. Recommendation made by Dennis to have an Agenda Item to make a decision on the 5- run rule at the December Board meeting. Duke reiterated that the fall season presented the opportunity to test the 5- run rule which was successful. Ed recommended taking this to the Managers to get their input. If all managers would be in favor of the 5- run rule, then it would not need to be included in the general league survey. Dennis will contact all managers to get their input on the 5- run rule and provide a report at the December meeting. Ed Tworek made reference to a Memorandum of Understanding that Dave Banghart created in past years for field rental. Ron will work with Ed to get this document for review by the Board to consider modeling for use instead of a contract.
2. Survey Questions – Ron Kunert reported that Chuck needs the Board members to provide all ideas for survey questions to Chuck by November 30th.
3. Other Agenda items - Ron Kunert noted an email he received today requesting the availability of any used balls that managers might have for use at the indoor practices this winter. Ron Franck will contact managers to see if he can get 2 or 3 dozen good used balls for Frank Parker and Chuck Trofholz for practices.

Board Reports:

- Commissioner – Ron. We need to work on the 2014 calendar. Roberta Steinhauser will email the 2013 calendar to the Board. Dennis commented that we will start the league one week later than it was started in 2013 due to the cold temperatures experienced during the first week of games this year. Ron thanked Dave Janda who was in attendance at the November Board Meeting for his service on the Board.

- Associate Commissioner – Ron H. Not present
- Field Scheduling – Dennis. No additional updates.
- Finance & Registration – Mert. Current balance is \$12,964.
- Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck. (Not present. Chuck has the Marketing and Promotions report for November 12, 2013 posted on the NSS Website)
- Player Personnel – Duke. Duke provided a player evaluation document to the managers several weeks ago. Most have returned these, but some have not been returned. We see this as a good tool for the draft process this spring. All Board members noted they were in support of this and will encourage those managers who have not returned them to do so. Duke will send a list of managers to board members who have returned evals.
- Purchasing & Inventory – Ron F. Ron reported the inventory of balls retrieved from the managers will total 71 new balls. The concrete slab for the shed should be poured by Friday. OPS will likely be building the shed. Ron will check with Chuck to see if he has any similar connections identified for options to build the shed. Equipment is now at Ron's house - safe, secure and cleaned. Ron suggested changing his Board of Director title from Purchasing & Inventory to also denote Equipment and Supplies. Dave commented that Al Pfeffer's cost for nylon jerseys would be \$22.50 a piece with a total cost of \$28 – 30 with lettering. Estimate would be \$37.00 for cap/jersey cost. Applying \$37 for 192 projected members results in \$7,100 to budget for 2014 cap/jersey expenses.
- Rules & Umpires – Greg. Greg noted he'll need to align additional umpires with 3 fields.
- Ed Tworek inquired if the cost of the concrete pad will be in the 2014 budget. Yes, the concrete expense will be paid in the 2014 budget. Consideration recommended for a concrete ramp to be included with the pad.
- Dennis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron made a second to this motion. Meeting adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Next meeting:

December 10, 2013. Location TBD. Meeting Time 6:30 p.m.