

# NSS Board Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2014

**Board Members in attendance:**

Ron Kunert	x	Dennis Steinhauser	x
Mert Opfer		Duke Burgess	x
Chuck Grubb	x	Ron Franck	x
Roberta Steinhauser	x	Greg West	x

**Approval of April 8, 2014 Minutes:** Motion made by Duke with Greg providing the second to approve the April 8<sup>th</sup> Board Minutes. Unanimous vote to approve April Board minutes.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Opening Day Ceremonies - 5/19/14 – Chuck. Discussed having NSS members get assembled at 5:30 p.m. to line 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> baselines. Larry Patterson will provide an opening prayer. Chuck will send an email to the NSS League.
- 2) League Survey – Chuck. Board reviewed the draft for the League Survey. Input will be solicited for frequency of the draft (every two or three years), paid umpires for the NSS Fall season, heat index in scheduling NSS games, league shirt colors and interest in a NSS sponsored Health Fair. Further discussion suggested we include a question regarding absentee balloting. Chuck will send survey to NSS League members.

**New Business:**

- 1) Ron Hager resignation - what to do with the vacancy of Associate Commissioner? – Ron K. Motion made by Duke with second by Dennis to reinstate the Director of Field Operations NSS Board position and solicit interest to fill this position for the duration of the summer league through November 2014. The Board will solicit nominations to fill this position in November 2014 with the other open NSS Board positions. Unanimous vote to approve motion.
- 2) CPR Training – Ron K Bill Bowes offered to conduct the CPR training at the LaVista fire house. May 27<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and June 5<sup>th</sup> are dates that Ron will discuss for Bill’s availability. Managers, Board members, and any other interested NSS League members are encouraged to attend. Chuck will create a CPR registration form for NSS League members to apply for the class.
- 3) Extra Uniform/Hat Order - determine final cost to each player. – Ron F. Ron Franck is getting the cost of the extra uniforms. Chuck will create an electronic form for NSS league members to place orders.

- 4) Friday Morning League – Chuck. The Friday morning senior league is not under the management or sponsorship of Nebraska Senior Softball. Concerns expressed with the utilization of “NSS” in the email communication and registration for this league. Ron Kunert will discuss this with Dave Banghart. Discussed the current status of registration and projected start date.
- 5) NSS Golf Tournament – Chuck. August 30<sup>th</sup> is the date for the NSS Golf Tournament. Email communication will be sent to the NSS League to register for this event.
- 6) Cornbelt Classic – Chuck. Communication will be sent to the NSS League to provide information and encourage support and participation in the Cornbelt Classic tournament.
- 7) Identification of Board Members – Chuck. Board discussed if there was a need to enhance visibility of NSS Board Members at league games. No endorsement at this time.
- 8) Absentee Balloting – Duke. Suggested allowing absentee balloting would increase the number of league members who could vote. Issues would need to be addressed to accommodate items such as write-in nominations. Decision made to include this for input on the NSS League Survey.
- 9) Memorial options for lost players – Duke. NSS Website page being developed to offer opportunity to recognize NSS deceased players. Chuck is working on this project.
- 10) Nameplate or sign painting on shed – Ron K. is checking on options with LaVista fields management. Chuck is checking on ways to have NSS League identification mounted on the NSS shed.
- 11) Replacement for lost players -- Duke. Discussed options for replacing Virgil Vaughn and Barry Arnold. In addition to the current 3 Pool Players, Duke has received a registration from 1 former NSS League player. Options were reviewed with the managers for possible replacements. Board endorsed assignment of Frank LaClair to the Reds and Lee Legenhausen to the Yankees. These individuals will need to go back into the draft for the fall and 2015 spring seasons.
- 12) Rain Outs – Dennis. Scheduling can be accommodated for the partially completed league games. Manager survey feedback supported making up partial rainouts. Partials would be made up at 9:00 p.m. on our current NSS fields. This will take 3 play dates to make up the 3 games from the partial rainout date. Dennis will work with Greg to ensure umpire availability for these additional 9:00 p.m. games: 5/19, 5/28 and 6/2. Dennis will contact the Managers so team communication can be made at the 5/14 league game. Full night rainouts will not be rescheduled. Motion made by Duke, with second by Dennis, that the Reds and Red Sox game on May 6<sup>th</sup> be made official based on the completion of the 4 ½ innings and 5 run rule.. Unanimous vote to approve motion.
13. League Championship – Dennis. Recommendation made for taking the top 2 teams from each division to have a single elimination for the league championship. This will be a match-up of the American and National league division top 2 teams. There will also be a league tournament.

14. Other

**Board Reports:**

- Commissioner – Ron Kunert No additional report.
- Field Scheduling – Dennis Steinhauser No additional report.
- Finance & Registration – Mert Opfer Not present.
- Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck Grubb Chuck will provide league communication for memorial services for Del Stokes.
- Player Personnel – Duke Burgess. Compliments expressed to Chuck for the successful event he coordinated for the Draft.
- Purchasing & Inventory – Ron Franck. Ron will coordinate with Chuck to provide the shirt pricing for the additional orders.
- Rules & Umpires – Greg West. Greg will follow-up with John for the umpire coverage for the 9:00 p.m. partial rain out rescheduled games. The games would be played on the field that is vacant first.

**Next meeting:**

June 10, 2014. Location: Pizza West Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m. Motion made by Duke to adjourn the meeting with Greg seconding the motion.

2014 Calendar

Activity	2014	Board Member Follow-up
League Survey	TBD	Chuck
Heart Defibrillator Training	TBD	Ron Kunert working with Bill Bowes on dates
Summer League Play Dates	4/28 – 7/16 (23 play dates)	(5/26 is a holiday)
Summer League Playoff	7/21	
Tournament Games	7/23 – 8/11	
Registration-Fall League	7/1 – 8/10	
Pre-season Practice	8/13, 8/18	
Draft	8/19	
Fall League Play Dates	8/20	
NSS Golf Tournament	8/30	