

NSS Board Meeting Minutes

Aug 5, 2014

Board Members in attendance:

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

Approval of July 8, 2014 Minutes: Motion made by Mert with Jim providing the second to approve the July 8th Board Minutes. Unanimous vote to approve July Board minutes.

Old Business:

- 1) League Survey – Chuck Survey ends Monday night, Aug 11th. Preliminary results were reviewed. Chuck will post the final survey results on the website.
- 2) Equipment Follow-up
 - a. Lost Equipment- Purchase Tote for lost equipment in NSS shed – Ron K purchased the tote and placed it in the NSS shed. Ron will place a label “Lost and Found” on the tote. Jim Price has another row of shelving that he will mount in the NSS shed.
 - b. Prices for pitching screens and mats – Ron F will check on matt prices - \$250 was estimated for a pitching screen.
 - c. Doors on NSS Shed – Ron K reported Jim Price did some work on the NSS doors. Need to wait for more humidity to solve sticking problem.
 - d. Second vertical upright to pitching screen for emergencies/ torn pitching screen update – Ron F One upright was replaced. A second has been requested in case of emergency.
- 3) Fall League Meeting date/location – Chuck tentatively scheduled this meeting for Tuesday, Sept 16th at the American Legion. Chuck is negotiating prices.
- 4) Awards and Recognition banquet date/location – Chuck reported that there is no availability at the location used for the 2013 banquet. He is pursuing other options.
- 5) Fall Registrations – Mert reported 116 registrations have been received for the NSS Fall League. Aug 8th is the deadline for registration.

New Business:

- 1) 3rd Annual Golf Tournament – Chuck. Bill Weller reported 64 have registered for the golf tournament. Cutoff will be 72. There are 11 people who have sponsored holes. Goal is to get 7

additional sponsors for 18 holes. Sponsor cost is \$50.00. A lawnmower has been donated that will be raffled.

- 2) League sponsorship of "Hole in One" in golf tournament for \$5000 prize/Insurance cost. Mert reported the insurance cost is \$150.00 to pay for all prizes given for the designated hole-in-one hole and par 3 holes program. (Insurance will pay the prize money if someone makes the hole-in-one par 3 holes.) Chuck made a motion with Mert providing the second for the league to pay the insurance fee for coverage of the hold in one par 3 prizes. All board members voted in favor of this motion.
- 3) Drafting process overview for fall (number of teams, players per team, etc.) Duke. In the spring, Gary Dukat agreed to be a non-playing manager with the understanding that he would be added to the roster when his injury healed in the fall. We placed him on the White Sox roster this fall. It appears all players will be returning for the fall – total of 13 players for the team. Motion made by Greg with second by Jim that all 13 players signed with the White Sox remain on the White Sox team. All members voted in favor of this motion. Duke requested input on establishing 12 as the base number for fall teams. Mert made the motion with Dennis providing the second to go with 12 as the team number of players for fall. All members voted in favor of this motion. Duke proposed that options be held open and pool players from late registrations be included in the draft if additional players are needed to make teams with even number of players. Board agreed to this understanding. Duke reviewed the draft process. Draft will be held at Pizza West on August 19th. Managers and one assistant are invited to be at the draft. Once registrations are final, Duke will provide the board with the suggested number of teams and provide managers with a copy of the proposed draft order.
- 4) Final discussion of 'replacement player' rule for fall season. Board discussed how the replacement player rule has reduced the number of times the nightly draft was needed. The penalty of one out per substitute player picked up in the draft has helped reduce the draft also. The committee formed this past winter charged to find alternatives for the nightly draft proposed two strategies – to call outs for substitutes and allow replacement players for long-term injured/ill players. Both suggestions have been successful in reducing the nightly draft. The initial survey results are showing that the replacement player rule needs some modification. Motion made by Duke with second by Greg to modify the replacement rule to allow teams to use only when they have less than 10 players present. All board members voted in favor of this motion. Duke suggested we change the process so that requests for the waiver come to him,

but it will be up to the managers to coordinate and agree on replacement players prior to each game. Once the game has begun no further changes can be made for this rule. Duke will send a message to managers explaining the rule change and Chuck will forward to all league players.

- 5) Discussion regarding players who register and then don't play during the season. Duke discussed the parity issues that are encountered when players register and then don't play. Board decided this was a personal issue and not to make any changes to current practice.
- 6) Use of umpires for Fall ball – Greg requested input from the Board regarding NSS league players as umpires for the fall season. Most players have expressed the preference in having paid umpires. In addition, the league tried using self-umpiring in the past without success. We will continue with paid umpires for the foreseeable future.
- 7) Equipment use by outside agencies. Ron Franck noted we have people borrowing equipment that has not been returned. Board discussed a check out form that could be useful in tracking this problem. Outside agencies would be asked to reimburse the NSS league for damaged or non-returned equipment. Duke will develop a sign out sheet that will be kept in the NSS shed. A current board member must be present to sign out and back in any borrowed equipment.
- 8) NSS sign for shed. Board endorsed value in having a NSS sign placed on the shed. Ron Kunert noted the LaVista Parks and Rec needs to provide approval of the proposed sign. Chuck will send out a message to the league asking for volunteers to help with this project.
- 9) Registration Forms for 2015 – Chuck has the 2015 Player Registration Form prepared and ready for next spring. The Board Member application form is also drafted and will be available this week. Basic information about the individuals experience and interest in a Board position is asked to be included on the form. We will have 3 Board positions open. Board members were asked to solicit NSS members to run for the Board.
- 10) Absentee Ballots. Initial survey results have endorsed having absentee ballots available for those who are unable to attend the NSS League meeting. As a way to prevent duplicate voting, the addition of individual player number was discussed when submitting an online absentee ballot. Chuck will research software options available for absentee ballots. Duke made a motion, with Ron Franck seconding, that the Board allow absentee ballot voting in 2014. Chuck, Jim, Ron Franck, Duke, Greg and Mert voted in favor. Dennis was opposed. Motion passed.

Board Reports:

- Commissioner – Ron Kunert No additional report.

- Field Scheduling – Dennis Steinhauser Suggested starting the season on Aug 20th with a last scheduled play date of October 15th. That would provide 16 play dates. Board will make a decision based on the final registration count next week. Recommendation made to go with 1 division if we have 11 teams, 2 divisions if we have 10 or 12 teams.
- Finance & Registration – Mert Opfer Additional registrations are expected and golf entries are coming in.
- Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck Grubb Chuck has had a couple of inquiries regarding a Storm Chaser night. He is working on the marketing follow-up discussed at this board meeting.
- Player Personnel – Duke Burgess No additional report.
- Purchasing & Inventory – Ron Franck Ron will be following up on the equipment action items discussed at the Board meeting.
- Rules & Umpires – Greg West No additional report.
- Field Operations- Jim Price Jim will call Ryan South, LaVista Parks, to communicate field needs for the fall league starting on August 20th through October 20th.

Motion made by Mert with Ron Franck providing a second to adjourn the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

All board members approved the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Next meeting:

Sept 9, 2014. Location: TBD

Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

2014 Calendar

Activity	2014
Registration-Summer League	2/1/14 – 4/10/14 (returning players) 2/1/14 – 4/15/14 (new players)
New Player/Draft League Practices	4/9, 4/14, 4/16, 4/21
Draft Night	4/22
League Scrimmage Games	4/23
Summer League Play Dates	4/28 – 7/16
Summer League Playoff	7/21
Tournament Games	7/23 – 8/11
Registration-Fall League	7/1 – 8/8
League Survey	8/1 – 8/11
Pre-season Practice	8/13, 8/18
Draft	8/19
Fall League Play Dates	8/20 – 10/15