

NSS Board Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2014

Board Members in attendance:

Ron Kunert	x	Dennis Steinhauser	x
Mert Opfer	x	Duke Burgess	x
Greg West		Ron Franck	x
Chuck Grubb	x	Jim Price	
Roberta Steinhauser	x	Ed Tworek (incoming Board member)	x

Approval of September 9, 2014 Minutes: Motion made by Duke with Chuck providing the second to approve the September 9th Minutes. Unanimous vote to approve September Board minutes.

Old Business:

1. Annual Election Results – Chuck. New Board Members are Ed Tworek and Duane Carolus, with Jim Price getting elected to the position he held temporarily. Forty-one (41) ballots were cast at the annual league meeting. Fifty-six (56) absentee ballots were submitted. Attendance at the league meeting was considerably less than at the 2013 league meeting.
2. Results of Absentee Balloting (lessons learned) –Chuck/Duke Those nominees who completed the board application form in advance were assured of having their name on the ballot. Absentee ballot voting resulted in more than twice as many league members getting to vote. Recommendation made for consideration to not having nominations accepted on the floor at the meeting. This will be discussed next year. Concerns expressed that absentee voting decreases attendance at the annual meeting.
3. NSS Awards and Recognition Banquet – Chuck. Banquet is n Nov 21st. Ticket price is \$17.50. Only 23 tickets have been sold to date. Chuck has asked Managers to help with communications and encouragement to purchase tickets. Auxiliary is sponsoring desserts. Tables will be available for each tournament team. Chuck requested ideas for gifts for the NSS significant others in attendance.
4. Individual Awards- Chuck is organizing a committee to assist with the awards. 50 responses received to date for recommendations for the NSS individual awards. Balloting closes on Monday. Lifetime Achievement Award will be decided by the NSS Board. Chuck asked board members to enter names on a slip of paper and provide o him after the meeting.
5. Umpires at Banquet (ticket cost) – Chuck. Board discussed subsidizing a ticket for the umpires. Chuck made a motion with Ron making the second to subsidize the cost of the ticket for each umpire. They would be responsible to purchase additional tickets for spouses attending.
6. Website Update – Ron Kunert. Paul is working on reloading the website content. You can get to the web site by using ‘www.neseniorssoftball.com/ness’. Chuck will send a communication message to NSS members to provide this new access.
7. Equipment Follow-up-Purchase of Mats, Pitching Screen Prices – Ron Franck Ron purchased the 4 green mats from Dave Banghart, strike zone mats were not purchased. Options are still being pursued for pitching screens. Ed recommended “Pitch Safe” be researched for the pitching

screen he purchased. Price is \$299 plus shipping costs. Ron will negotiate a deal for the purchase of 2 pitching screens. Recommendation made for managers to turn in softballs at the end of the season to Ron. Frank Parker asked if the Friday morning league could use the pitching screen, mats, and pitchers masks. Use was discussed and an agreement made that the morning league assumes the responsibility for lost or damaged items utilized. Frank discussed the option of adding the Friday morning league to NSS. Board decided to postpone discussion until after new board members are in place. Frank will request to be included on the Jan 2015 NSS Board Agenda to make a presentation on adding the Friday morning.

8. Sign for Shed – Jim (not present for update)
9. Scoreboard Committee – Chuck/Jim Chuck had 7 people volunteer for this committee which will research options. Rick DuVall will chair this committee. They will meet next week to initiate discussions on temporary, portable and permanent scoreboards.

New Business:

1. Fall Playoff – Dennis. Fall playoff game will be scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Field 4 on Monday, Oct 20th. Tiebreaker rules will apply if weather does not permit playing the game. Rangers, White Sox and Padres are currently in the running for the playoff. Board discussed options for prizes to be awarded to championship teams. Ron Franck will contact Al Pfeiffer and Dave Janda to discuss options and ordering process, advise the board of results, and contact team managers. White Sox, Phillies and the fall champion managers will be contacted to ask what option they prefer and to provide sizes.
2. 10-Run Rule for Extra Innings- Duke Board discussed how many runs should be allowed in the extra inning after a tie. Board agreed that extra innings would not have a run restriction imposed, since the idea is to break the tie and have a winning team. A revision to the rules will be made before spring 2015.
3. Appropriateness of having Board Directors umpire games- Duke Discussed perception concerns of NSS Board members being scheduled to umpire games. John Rydzynski (Head Umpire) plans to ensure umpires run scheduling changes through him in the future.
4. League Secretary vacancy– Duke. The secretary position will be vacant after November. Chuck has requested volunteers for the position in a communication emailed to the league. Will also solicit volunteers at the annual banquet.
5. ASA Rulebook – Chuck got an ASA Rulebook for the NSS league.
6. 2014 Look Back – Chuck noted scheduling, tournament, rules, length of season, rainouts, draft, etc to see if there are any opportunities to improve upon for the 2015 season. Chuck will create a template and email this to the Board to gather input.
7. Other –
8. Need to follow-up on safeguards for the Treasurer position. This will be discussed after new board members take office.
9. New board member positions - Ron appointed Ed Tworek as Director, Finance and Registration, Duane Carolus as Director, Scheduling, and Jim Price as Director, Field Operations.

Board Reports:

- Commissioner – Ron Kunert (no additional update)
- Field Scheduling – Dennis Steinhauser (no additional update)
- Finance & Registration – Mert Opfer Mert provided a projection that we will be ending the year under budget. Chuck has some corporate sponsor checks that will be coming in. Jim

Price to follow-up with LaVista Parks and Rec to get an invoice for the ball fields and start negotiations for the 2015 season.

- Marketing, Publicity & Communications – Chuck Grubb Chuck has sent out invoices for Corporate Partners. Chuck asked the Board members to provide any communication items that he could send to the NSS board members.
- Player Personnel – Duke Burgess Duke commented on his observation of how smooth the 2014 NSS season has gone.
- Purchasing & Inventory – Ron Franck Ron will follow-up on the pitching screens. Ron will take a complete inventory of the NSS League equipment and conduct an end of season cleaning and repairs. Ron is working on creating compartments for the storage wagon for designated areas for the mats and scoreboards.
- Rules & Umpires – Greg West (not present for update)
- Field Operations- Jim Price (not present for update)

Mert made a motion with Chuck providing a second to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.
Unanimous vote to adjourn.

Next meeting:

Tentative - Nov 18, 2014. Location: Pizza West –or- Conference meeting TBD Meeting Time:
6:30 p.m.