

# Nebraska Senior Softball

## Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 p.m. Feb 12, 2015 Perkins 72<sup>nd</sup> & Grover

Directors in attendance: Ron Kunert, Ed Tworek, Chuck Grubb, Duane Carolus, Duke Burgess (via Skype), Ron Franck, and Jim Price. Additionally, Rick Duvall was present for a presentation on scoreboards.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved.

### Old Business

- Rick Duvall made a presentation on several options for scoreboards for the coming seasons. One of the key points in the presentation is that the City of LaVista is not interested in entering into a long-term agreement with Nebraska Senior Softball (NSS) regarding use of the fields. Three options for Scoreboards are being considered.

Option 1 – Repair/redesign the current scoreboards. Cost estimate is \$150 - \$200 per scoreboard with most work done by Ron Franck. These would be ready in time for the season.

Option 2 – Portable electronic scoreboards. Estimated cost is \$650 per scoreboard. These could be acquired in time for the season.

Option 3 – Permanent electronic scoreboards. Cost estimate is \$3000 per scoreboard plus an estimated \$1000 for labor and materials to install. Available for the Fall 2015 season at the earliest.

Most discussion during/after the presentation focused on Option 2. The manufacturer is located near Phoenix so Duke was asked to contact the manufacturer and schedule a visit to actually look at the product and make a report at the next meeting.

- Ron Franck reported on the status of our equipment. Two new pitching screens are ordered as are 2 replacement nets for the current pitching screens. The new screens will be used for evenings only while the 2 refurbished screens will be used by the Friday morning league, who will assume maintenance responsibility.

Sixteen dozen ball are ordered for the summer league and 4 dozen for the Friday morning league. Five dozen unused balls remain from the 2014 season.

Ron F will be reconfiguring the wagon compartments so there will be clearer storage areas for items to reduce the damage incurred in transit between the fields and the storage shed. A checklist will be provided to assist the managers in preparing and closing the fields each night.

Ron did a complete inventory of NSS items in the storage shed and will maintain it throughout the season. Bill Bowes was requested to inspect the AED to ensure its functionality after use last season.

New green batter's box mats were acquired with 2014 funds for evening use only and will be marked for easy positioning on the fields..

- Ron Kunert has the new sign to post over the door to the storage shed. Steve Zimmerle also has a 4' diameter yellow softball sign for affixing to the back side of the shed. Installation is dependent on weather conditions.
- Chuck had nothing to report on the 2014 look back.
- Chuck reported that registration will end on 4/12, with money due by then. Without payment, a player will not be considered registered. Ed, Duke and Chuck will manage/track registrations.
- Chuck reported that the Web site is back up in the old format. Registrations this year will not use the express registration since we need to capture any new/changed information for players.
- Duane brought a request from John (head umpire) to reduce game length to 50 minutes plus 1 inning due to the lateness of the end of the last game as currently scheduled. Discussion indicated a desire to stay with current 55 + 1 setup based on trying new game time scheduling. Duke will respond to John's request.

Duane passed out a sample 16 team schedule for examination. 16 teams are ideal for 2 divisions playing your own division twice and the other division one. This produces a nice neat 22 game schedule. Duane still needs to work on draft schedules for 15 or 17 teams.

- Ed raised a question about the wording of the rule concerning when a game is considered complete in the event of halting due to weather in the middle of a game. Duke will consider a revision and put it out for an email vote of the Board.
- Duke reported that 11 managers indicated they would return as managers for the 2015 season. Two indicated they would not but had potential replacements. Duke will follow up with these managers. Chuck will send an email to the league about the manager situation for 2015.

### New Business

- Ron Kunert contacted Bill Bowes about conducting AED training. Two sessions are scheduled, 4/6 and 4/8 at the LaVista Fire Station. Address and times to come later. The session will last approximately 3 hours. Sign ups will be made available.
- A request was received from a league member to not schedule games for the night of July 13 so members could attend the Triple A All-Star game activities. It was decided to hold league games on that night as would normally be scheduled.
- The issue of refunds/credits for partial season play was discussed. Should there be a formula used in determining the amount? Should it be a refund or credit for an upcoming registration? This will be addressed again at the next meeting.
- The question was raised as to when the minutes are considered approved and subsequently posted to the Web site. It was decided that a draft would be sent to Board members for review and comment, edits would be made and then posted.
- The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 3, 6:30 P.M. at Perkins at 108<sup>th</sup> and L.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Carolus, Director of Scheduling