

# Nebraska Senior Softball

## *Monthly Board of Directors Meeting*

6:30 p.m.      April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015      Pizza West      LaVista, NE

Attendees: Ron Kunert, Duane Carolus, Jim Price, Ed Tworek, Greg West, Ron Franck, Chuck Grubb, Duke Burgess,

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. CST by Commissioner Ron Kunert

Minutes from March meeting were reviewed with no additional edits required. Motion to approve by Price, seconded by Carolus. Voice vote unanimous for approval.

### **Registration Update (Ed Tworek)**

181 registered (including 2 non-playing managers). All new players who have not made one of the first couple of practices have been contacted to assess intent (except one of them).

### **Scheduling (Duane Carolus)**

A 14, 15, and 16 team basic schedule has been created. Decision needed on number of teams. After roundtable debate, Burgess motioned to go with a 15-team schedule which was seconded by Franck. Voice vote unanimous for approval.

Once the 15-team schedule was approved, Grubb motioned for a blind draw to match team numbers on the schedule with team names. Carolus seconded. Voice vote unanimous for approval.

Team names were randomly drawn from a hat and entered on a numbered list from 1 to 15.

### **Equipment Status (Ron Franck)**

Ron provided a complete run down of the condition and status of equipment. This included:

- Yellow cart refurbished with compartments added to prevent damage to items.
- White scoreboards under repair by Ron Franck.
- Older scoreboards under repair by Chuck Grubb; 1 finished; 1 pending completion.
- Pitching screens repaired with new nets.
- Strike zone mats cleaned and scoring plates ready.
- Balls and scorebooks to be handed out on April 20<sup>th</sup>.
- First aid kit and defibrillator cleaned, replenished, and ready.

### **Scoreboard Discussion (Duke Burgess)**

Before he left Arizona, Duke discussed options with a vendor for services on an electronic scoreboard. The NSS BOD viewed the solutions provided by the vendor and had a productive

conversation regarding positive aspects and potential shortfalls. Total cost, with shipping, would be estimated around \$725.00 with funds to come from the Corporate Partner pool for betterment of the league and NOT the player's registration fees. After reviewing specifications, a motion was made by Price to purchase ONE (1) SNT-300BB portable electronic scoreboard. Seconded by Burgess. Voice vote unanimous for approval.

Upon using the first scoreboard for a period of time, the BOD will consider purchasing a second portable electronic scoreboard for league use.

### **Defibrillator Training (Jim Price)**

Papillion Fire Chief (and NSS player) Bill Bowes conducted two defibrillator and CPR training sessions for the league at the fire house in La Vista. A total of 39 people participated over the two periods and the first one was featured as a news segment on Channel 6 WOWT-TV (NBC) in Omaha.

A great deal of praise to Bill for the exceptional instruction which included practice on resuscitation dummies and a lively Q & A period.

### **Upcoming Draft (Duke Burgess)**

Duke presented an excellent overview of the draft scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This included a graphic representation of player losses since 2014, their draft order, and a review of which teams would select first in the 2015 player draft of new registrants and players electing to be drafted to new teams.

The board then discussed team strength and due to the board promise made in consideration of the season long injury to manager Gary Dukat in 2014, the decision was made to allow Gary to return as a roster player/manager of the White Sox but the team was forced to take a late draft pick to ensure parity. The White Sox would be the only 13 player team.

In addition, it was decided that the Mets and Dodgers would be the teams to function with an 11 man roster with the Cardinals being the 3<sup>rd</sup> team, if necessary.

Motion made to accept the proposal and seconded by Price. Motion passed by majority with abstentions from Carolus and West. No 'nay' votes recorded.

Next meeting slated for May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Pizza West. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Grubb