

NSS Board Minutes

June 9, 2015

Board Members in attendance:

Ron Kunert	X	Duane Carolus	
Ed Tworek	X	Duke Burgess	X
Greg West	X	Ron Franck	
Chuck Grubb	X	Jim Price	X
Secretary		John Rydzynski	X

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm.

Approval of May 12, 2015 Minutes: Motion made by Duke, seconded by Jim to approve as modified. Approved unanimously.

Old Business:

1. Umpires: Duke/Chuck. John Rydzynski, Head Umpire, attended the meeting and provided his observations regarding NSS operations. John finds that 1.) 90% of 9:30 games are starting late, with end times sometime lasting until 11:00 pm, 2.) Players are not getting to the fields on time for the 6:00 pm games, causing a delay in subsequent games, 3.) His experience with electronic scoreboards are fraught with problems (pushing wrong buttons, not being able to see, etc.), 4.) 10-run rule for last inning is excessive, 5.) We've lost 3 umpires this year because of the scheduled start time changes.

Lengthy discussion followed. Agreed to start the 6:00 pm game on time, regardless of whether teams are ready. Need to get teams motivated to change out dugouts more quickly between games. Suggested we limited the last inning to 5 runs over, instead of 10. The board agreed to allow the umpire and managers to implement the flip-flop rule in the last inning if all both managers agree.

Board members shared observations of umpire performance, professionalism, positive interactions and less than satisfactory encounters. Discussed comments received regarding umpires and suggested ways to improve. John thanked the board for the honest and candid observations and will ensure umpires are aware of concerns.

2. Status of Electronic Scoreboard: Ron. Discussed recent experiences with the scoreboard. Problems observed with size of numbers, brightness, and requirement of having a dedicated scorekeeper. Decided to withhold use of electronic scoreboard for championship games only. Ed T. will contact the vendor to see about modifications. Restated that the purchase of the scoreboard was made using Corporate Partner dollars at no cost to NSS players.
3. Two versus three-year draft cycle: Duke/Chuck Deferred to Jan, 2016.
4. League Secretary Position: Ron K. Suggestion made to contact the NSS Auxiliary to see if they might have someone willing to take over this responsibility.

New Business:

- 1. Fall scheduling issues: Ed. Suggestion made to develop guidelines for the fall season prior to building the schedule. Motion made by Ed to have a 2-division league in the fall. Seconded by Duke. Approved by Chuck, Duke, Ed, Jim; Greg abstained. Motion made by Duke, seconded by Jim to have a championship game and no weather makeups for regularly scheduled games. Approved unanimously.**
- 2. Long-term injured rule clarification: Duke. Discussed interpretation of current replacement player rules. Decided that pool players cannot be used as long-term injured replacements. Current method of encouraging injured players to remain on the roster, rather than drop off for the remainder of the season is best approach for the league. If a player drops off the roster, no replacements can be used, but the player has the option to return to that team in the fall and subsequent spring.**
- 3. Fall Registration: Begins July 1st and runs through Aug 10.**

Motion to adjourn at 9:50 pm. Unanimous vote.

Next meeting:

TBD: July 21, 2015. Location: Pizza West, Time: 6:30 pm.