

NSS Board Meeting Agenda

September 20, 2016

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Ron Kunert	Duane Carolus	X
X	Ed Tworek	Ron Franck	X
X	Chuck Grubb	Jim Price	X
E	George Scott	Paul Hamel	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Rick DuVall	X
X	Steve Bessey	Gary Kruse	X
X	Al Pfeffer		

Approval of August 9, 2016 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes made by Duane, seconded by Jim and unanimously approved.

Old Business:

All-Star Game at TD Ameritrade Park – Chuck Grubb

All agreed that it was a great day with 53 players participating. Avery Smith came to the game and said that he will do some additional things next year such as putting player pictures on the screen and providing an announcer. The recommendation was to use 10 players instead and that will be taken in consideration with the planning for next year. Thanks to Ron Franck for bringing all the equipment and to Chuck for coordinating.

Options for managing weather delayed games – Ed Tworek

We are continuing to test the shortened format during the fall in preparation for hot weather/lightening/injury delay play in the summer. There has been no decision to continue this as the standard format for the summer but only as a way to see if there are any changes needed. It also give the league members a chance to experience it. There is no plan to use this format for the Summer 2017 season.

Paul provided data that showed that the first seven games to the Board. Increasing the clock time to 50 minutes meant that all but one game did go to 7 innings. The time did not increase significantly nor did the number of runs.

Milt proposed using a 3-2 starting count but experience shows that lengthens a game due to excessive walks. Ed recommended a 2-2 instead. This was also an option that was taken into account during the initial planning.

Chuck to do a communication explaining the process, what the goal is for this trial period and what the meaning is for the fall season.

Timer Set for:	Avg. Game Time	Ave. # Innings	Ave. # Runs
45 min	56.42	6.42	21.42
50 min	57.36	6.96	21.72

Bids for Jerseys – Ron Franck

Al Pfeffer presented example jackets for the tournament and league winners as well as jerseys for the next draft, including prices (without 5.5% state sales tax).

Gary Kruse presented example jerseys for the next draft, including prices (with shipping included [no tax]).

The last time all jerseys were replaced jerseys and hats the cost to the league as \$33.30 per according to Al.

Chuck asked if they were cheaper if the league went with minor league teams instead. There also could be consideration by the new Board to use some discretionary funds to help pay for the jerseys.

This will be revisited again when the new Board is in place.

Fall Registration Update – George Scott

There was no update by George as he was not in attendance to address.

Field Update – Jim Price

With all the rains, the fields have been in very good condition.

During the last medical emergency it was confirmed that the ambulance crew decided NOT to bring the ambulance onto the field but the key was available to open the gate if needed. Jim to follow up to just validate that everything is back in place and ready.

The fields have been invoiced and paid for the summer season. Once the fall season is done, Jim will repeat the process, with Ed paying without Board approval since it was all agreed upon ahead of time.

Chuck commented that the outfield chain link is pulling in which is a safety hazard. Jim to address with Ryan in LaVista.

New Business:

Guidelines for notes in game score reporting – Ed Tworek

Ed presented the Board with the guidelines for notes that are associated to game score reporting. It is meant to be used for status only and not for comments that are manager to player communication and should be applicable to both teams. The Board is requesting that George address this with the Managers.

Discretionary spending options –Ed Tworek

The regular budget is all revenue from player fees. There is also income from sponsors that is separate and not used for player/team/league expenses. There is some accumulation of funds now that can be used for enhancements and Ed is asking the Board to consider ideas for the use of this money. It can be carried over to next year if need be.

Rick mentioned that people have told him that they would like to go back to the old venue for the Membership meeting as a way to use some of the funds. The attendance has dropped with the change in venue and with the introduction of absentee ballots.

Paul also brought up putting a chute or drop-down in the equipment shed that was discussed at the August Board meeting.

Ron Franck reminded the board about a previous board decision where we ended our having insurance coverage and instead decided to self-insure and that this positive balance would be our source for repair or replacement of any and all equipment, the shed and all its contents in the event of theft vandalism, fire, arson, natural disaster and etc. When and if we attempt to reduce our positive balance we must be mindful of our self-insuring and keeping a sufficient balance to cover any and all losses if it should become necessary.

This item will be carried to the next meeting's agenda to allow the Board to formulate more ideas.

September 28th Games –

Motion made by Duane that the 8.29 games that were rained out be played on field three on 9.28 with the original 7:00 game from field 4 be moved to the 6:00 game on field three and one umpire scheduled to work all three games. Those teams that did play on 8.29 can use field four as a practice field. Seconded by Paul. Motion passed unanimously. Chuck to put out a communication accordingly.

Conference Phone - Kathleen DuVall

Jim made the motion to purchase a conference phone for the use at Board meetings. Seconded by Ed. Motion passed unanimously. Rick and Kathleen DuVall will make the purchase and contact Ed for reimbursement.

Banquet – Chuck

The banquet is scheduled for November 4th at Millard Social Hall. Chuck will be meeting with them next week to discuss logistics. Chuck would like to keep the ticket price would be \$17.50, the same as last year.

Chuck asked the Board to start thinking about award recipient nominations.

Web Master Needed

Paul Williams is looking to step away and so the Board is looking for a replacement. Chuck will communicate to League players to see if there is anyone interested.

Closed Door Discussion – Board Members Only – Ron Kunert

The board entered a closed door discussion at 7:53PM. The board reconvened at 9:06.

The motion to adjourn made by Jim and seconded by Paul. Approved unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM

Next meeting: October 11, 2016 @ 6:30 PM

Location: Pizza West