



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2017

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Duane Carolus	X
X	Ed Tworek	Ron Franck	X
X	George Scott	Jim Price	X
X	Steve Bessey	Frank Parker	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Grubb	X
X	Dave Janda		

Approval of June 16, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes via email was made by Steve, seconded by Duane with unanimous approval.

Ed presented an amendment to be made to the minutes to indicate that the monies paid to Omaha Parks and Recreation were for the items listed below that line. The meeting was also for the league meeting and not Draft Night. Adjusted meeting minutes will be posted.

New Business:

Extreme Heat Protocol – Rick

The managers were polled and there were some concerns expressed about the health of the players. It is also believed that there is a lot of confusion around the terms “guideline” and “rule” with the general league populace. There is also some confusion around what the official temperature was that is being used to determine play cancellation/delay. It will also need to be determined at a time that is early enough that will allow people to adjust their schedules as needed.

Chuck recommended using a government-based entity to determine the temperature and heat index. He could change the URL on the NSS website to reflect whatever service and location the Board decides on.

If it is determined that a communication needs to go out, Rick will send a text to the managers who will in turn notify their players.

3:00 with the National Weather Service readings in LaVista using the projected heat index at 6:00 will be the benchmark and if that threshold is met, the communication would go out.

The managers polled indicated that while they would like to play, a majority indicated that they would rather not play at all, two indicated they would like to go with a delay and one wanted to play regardless.

Frank made the motion that all games are cancelled if the projected heat index is 105 degrees or higher at 6:00 or later with the earliest call being made at 3:00. Duane seconded the motion. All in favor and the motion passes unanimously.

NSS Solicitations – Rick

This item was previously brought up at the May Board meeting and the decision was that the NSS league member email mailing list or website should not be used for things that are not NSS sponsored.

Since that time there has been a couple of other instances where there have been other requests to use that email list for other events or activities so it was readdressed.

The consensus of the Board was that the email list would not be used for anything that did not benefit the league. It would always be used for communication to league members about those things that do benefit the members such as the banquet, meetings or events such as playing at TD Ameritrade.

The agreement was that each of these situations will be reviewed on an as needed basis. The expectation would be the person wanting to approach the league would present the need to the Board for a decision.

Standing Business:

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Ron Franck

Sponsors: There have been no additional monies paid by the advertisers this year. Ace Welding and Repairing Inc., Bauer Built, and DLR paid through 2017 and Choice Hotels is there because of the discount that they give to players.

Banquet: Ron checked with several venues and the cost for a Saturday night was cost prohibitive. He checked with UNO, Aspen, Bel Air and Ralston Arena. Eddie's Catering/MSH would be \$1000 for a Friday and \$2500 for a Saturday. They would also provide us a cash bar.

Estimated meal cost - \$19.00 per plate + 17% gratuity + tax

The weekend of November 3/4 was a random selection by George. Ron will also check to see if November the 10th is possible and report back to the Board. The budget for the banquet is \$2000 and then the extra is paid by the tickets purchased by the players.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

No new updates.

There are seven or eight dozen of the old balls still in play before moving to the new balls (approximately four weeks from now). When it is time to move to the new balls, both teams will use them.

Ed commented that the pitchers net used by the Friday league is very stretched and needs to be replaced. Ron countered that the frames are the issue and he would be willing to work with Steve to fix them.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

Everything has been going on time, for the most part. There have been a couple of games that started early when all the players are present which has helped.

Player Personnel – George Scott

Registration is underway with 8.1.2017 being the deadline. There are 32 registrations to date. George did talk with many players during the games this week and there was an increase in the number.

There is one new player that might come to the games next week to get a feel for the league and to start meeting people.

George sent a list to the managers the names of the players on the long-term injury list.

Field Scheduling – Duane Carolus

Duane has an 11/12 team schedule already created, waiting for registration to close. Duane will recommend that if there are only 10 teams that there be no divisions.

Duane asked George to communicate to the managers the process for disbanding teams when not enough of the players don't come back for the fall season.

Finance and Registration – Ed Tworek

Ed has been paying \$30/hour for Zach's time as the website administrator, some of which is reimbursed by the Friday league.

Rick asked Chuck to put together a budget request for those items that would be beneficial to pay for with the website such as SurveyMonkey or other tools that are used today on a "free" basis.

Field Operations – Jim Price

Jim sent the Fall dates to Ryan at LaVista.

Frank requested that something like a putty knife be added to the shed for use with cleaning up the bases after a muddy night.

Chuck indicated that there is still a problem with the fence curling in right-center field on 4. Jim will contact Ryan about getting it fixed.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Frank and seconded by Steve. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

Next meetings:

Tuesday, August 15, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, September 12, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, October 10, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

All meetings held at Pizza West, 12040 McDermott Plaza, La Vista unless otherwise noted.