



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

Board Members in attendance:

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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	Gary Kruse	X
X	Dave Dye	Bill Weller	X
X	Dave Janda	Catherine Grubb	X

Meeting called to order at 6:29 PM

Approval of the September 12, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes via email was made by Jim, seconded by Ron approved unanimously.

New Business:

Banquet Facilities and Catering – Gary Kruse

Gary called around and found that Bel Air Social Hall has the date open for the banquet. He handed out information about what is available there and what the cost would be per person. See attachment.

Ed is concerned about the size as it appears to only be 1/3 the size of Millard Social Hall. Gary indicated that the co-owner, Holly, said that it would hold 230. As the size gets larger there is a need to use adjoining rectangular tables as opposed to more intimate round tables. We might also have to sacrifice some of the space used for displays and the desserts.

Ed also found several potential options and handed out financial information on each of the places he found. See attachment. The numbers are based on 155 attendees, renting for 5 hours with all the same menu items (3 meats, 2 vegetables, coffee, tea, water).

Dave Dye volunteered to look at as many of the possible venues as possible on Wednesday and report back to the Board on which would be most suitable from a size, parking and atmosphere perspective. All agreed that a decision needs to be made by the end of business on Thursday.

NSS Auxiliary – Catherine Grubb

The Auxiliary will provide the desserts for the banquet again this year and will need the following items:

- Two large tables
- Will the venue provide the table clothes and plates?
- Attendee headcount

Ed and Gary confirmed that all the aforementioned venues would allow us to bring in our own desserts. The Board committed to have the number to Catherine the Monday before the event (11/6/17).

Catherine also asked that there be a reminder sent out to the league members about the LaVista Keno night on the second Monday of the months when we are not playing ball. Gary will be assuming the Director of Communication role and committed to sending these out.

Webmaster replacement – Rick DuVall

There was a solicitation sent out, looking for a new web master and received a response from Ross Whipple. Zach is still available to us as a resource. Chuck is going to set up some time with Ross to walk him through the maintenance of the website to see if he is willing to assume the full role.

Rich Hansen also inquired whether it was a paid position which at this time it is not. Zach has been paid a total of \$420 for his work to date which included getting the new website up and running. It is anticipated that his ongoing expenses should be much less.

Dave was going to call Tommy Hereford (previous player/web-master who is no longer in the league) to see if he is interested in being the web-master again.

Banquet Awards – Rick DuVall

Rick received information about the Manager of the Year, Spirit Award and Team Mate of the Year voting from Chuck today which he distributed to those in attendance.

The Board reviewed all the nominations and recommendations were made to the Commissioner as to the recipients. Rick will work with Steve on the creation of the awards based on the selections made.

Denny Zakovec Memorial Fund – Rick DuVall

Rick has been in conversation with Denny's daughter about the memorial money that was collected and that she would like to donate it to the league. The Board discussed options of ways to use the money to preserve

Denny's memory as opposed to just putting the money in the general fund. The Board came up with one idea that Steve will be investigating.

Transition to new Board Members – Rick DuVall

Rick asked that each of the leaving Directors work with their replacements to transition as much of the knowledge as possible and any outstanding responsibilities. The new Director assignments are as follows:

Bill Weller – Director of Finance and Registration

George Scott – Director of Scheduling

Dave Dye – Director of Player Personnel

Ron Franck – Director of Field Operations

Gary Kruse – Director of Marketing, Publicity and Communications

Frank Parker – Director of Umpires and Rules

Steve Bessey -Director of Purchasing and Inventory

Standing Business:

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Jacket order has been placed for the Mets and he will place the order for the fall season winners as soon as the season is complete.

There are 20 dozen softballs left and ready for next year's season.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

There was confusion on the field this week due to an umpire believing that there were no games. A player filled in and called the game which prompted the discussion around paying players to fill in for absent umpires. After discussion on the pros and cons, a vote was taken. Frank, Steve, Jim, George voted in favor of paying and Ed, Duane and Ron voted no. The motion passed.

Frank, Rick and Kathleen have been working on the wording to update the Rule Book for Championship and Tournament play rules which should be done by the end of the week.

Frank talked with Chuck Trofholz about indoor practicing at UBA. Practices are set to begin on Tuesday 12/5 @9:00.

Frank recommended to the Board that we invite Chief Umpire Mike to the banquet and pay his ticket.

Player Personnel – George Scott

No update.

Scheduling – Duane Carolus

Duane gave some initial information to George who will be taking over Scheduling. They will continue to meet on an as needed basis.

Finance and Registration – Ed Tworek

Ed would like to attend the meeting in December as a guest to give a year-end summation. Bill asked if there was going to be an audit of the books before he took them over. Only once has there been an audit of the books with no irregularities noted. The Board will continue to explore this idea.

Field Operations – Jim Price

The fields are still there.

He will contact Ryan at LaVista to let him know of the transition to Ron.

He will send the final game numbers to Ryan after Wednesday night's game. At the same time, Jim will ask Ryan for an estimate of the field cost for 2018.

Rick will compose an email thanking the LaVista ground crews for their work, send it to Jim who will include it in his correspondence.

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Ron Franck

Ron has composed an email announcing the start of ticket sales that he will send as soon as the venue and menu are decided. That information will also be sent to Chuck to update the website and make it ready for the ticket sales. Since the decision on the venue will be complete in the next couple of days the announcements should go out yet this week.

The music will be provided by DJ Curtiss Neeson.

Emcee will be: Torri Pantaleon

Ron will be contacting Alan Hart, Larry Peterson and Bryan Galloway to see who would be willing to do the invocations.

Alan Hardt would like to do a presentation on his trip to Serbia to show how the equipment donated was used. The Board decided that he could do a silent looping presentation on a side table if he would like.

Catherine will see if she can get Auxiliary members to staff the check-in table. She will also see if the photographer from last year would like to do it again and recommended that if they agree that NSS will pay for their meal.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Steve and seconded by George. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 PM

Next meetings:

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

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