



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2018

Board Members in attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Gary Kruse	X
X	Dave Dye	Ron Franck	E
X	George Scott	Bill Weller	X
X	Steve Bessey	Frank Parker	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Cantoya	X

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 PM.

Approval of the December 12, 2017 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Steve, seconded by Frank and approved by Ron, Dave, George and Bill.

New Business:

Modified Registration Process – Chuck Cantoya

Chuck did a demo of the different aspects of the website, showing what can be updated on the front-end by designated content providers. There is also the back-end work that he and Zack perform due to the need for expertise.

He then did a demo of a new process for registration that will allow the player to indicate if they have played before and if so, the registration form pre-fills with previous information, allows for validation or change as needed and submit. If the player has never played before, they are presented with the full registration form to fill out. He has created it such that there are minimal changes that would need to be made for each year and season.

Once he has created this process, he will work on connecting it to the database in a way that will send notifications for completed registrations to the appropriate Board members.

Disciplinary Review Board – Dave Dye

Dave has not received any additional feedback from the Board of Directors. He would like to move forward with asking for volunteers for the Review Board. The Board of Directors agreed that he can start the process.

2017 Player Survey Results – Group Discussion

75% of the players in the league that received the survey responded.

Based on the response to question #2, Dave made the motion that we not have any tournament and that the three open dates will be used for the first three occurrences of cancelled games due to heat/rain/cold. Gary seconded. Frank, Bill, Dave, Gary and George voted aye. Steve opposed.

There was discussion on question #5 to determine what could be done differently this year because the biggest reason people did not attend the Banquet was due to a personal conflict with the date. The belief of the group was that the low number of people indicating “No Interest” and “Too Expensive” was a good sign.

There was also a review of question #6 and the group belief is that it will be better in 2018 with more notice for the Annual Meeting. The decision was made to have the Annual Meeting and Elections on July 30th to allow players as much time after the summer season and before the fall for time off.

Review discretionary fund – Bill Weller

The league is paying for a separate account to track the discretionary fund which is an unneeded cost.

Bill made the motion to merge the two accounts. Each of the credits and debits will be tracked accordingly but on separate ledgers for operational and discretionary funds. Steve seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Standing Business:

Finance and Registration – Bill Weller

Bill provided the Board with an overview of the finances for 2017. See Attachment A for a graphical representation of the distribution of funds.

This year the expenses exceeded income, in part due to the subsidizing of the player fees. There were some items that were under budget, for instance the umpires, field costs and ball usage were less than budgeted due to rainouts.

Bill will be proposing the 2018 budget at the February meeting.

Field Operations – Ron Franck

Ron was not in attendance. He submitted the following update:

I will be in touch with LaVista after our next meeting to pick up where Jim left off to provide them with our scheduling needs and to reaffirm that we will still have last year's pricing to help with our budgeting and to visit with them on any other concerns.

I will be conferring with Jim to see if there is anything else that I could or should do between now and April.

George will reach out to Ron requesting that he find out what dates in June the fields are not available and confirm the dates that we will need the fields for practice and new player testing.

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Gary Kruse

Annual Banquet Venue – Gary passed out information on the German-American Society as a potential location for the Banquet this year.

Dave made the motion that we commit to the German-American Society as the venue and November 2, 2018 as the date. George seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Liability Insurance – Gary checked into it and there was no way to improve on it so it has been renewed.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Steve was questioning if we want to stay with the same softballs that the league bought last year. The composite cost \$10 more per dozen over the synthetic. Gary recommended we use up the composite balls that we already have and then replace them with synthetic when the next order is placed.

Steve requested permission to order new practice jerseys. He was instructed to put the purchase into the budget. Bill indicated that he has some jerseys that he might be able to donate. He will look and let Steve know.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

Annual inspection stickers on being placed on the bats at the Friday UBA games. Gary will send out an email to league indicating the times and location for those who would like to have stickers placed on their bats before the season starts. This can also be done at the pre-season practices.

The balls there were a problem this past season were tested and given back to Steve. These will be sent back to the manufacturer for replacement.

Player Personnel – Dave Dye

Dave will start calling the current managers to see who is going to renew and then start on recruiting. In March he will work with Gary on a new player welcome email and then one for returning players with information preparing them for the season.

Field Scheduling – George Scott

George presented the latest iteration of the 2018 schedule.

Dave questioned the timing for the paper registrations and whether two weeks is enough. He proposed giving three weeks for paper registrations, making that end date March 31 for summer and July 25th for fall.

George will update the proposal the he presented to the board tonight and send it for publication with the meeting minutes as Attachment B.

Motion to adjourn made by Steve, seconded by George and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

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

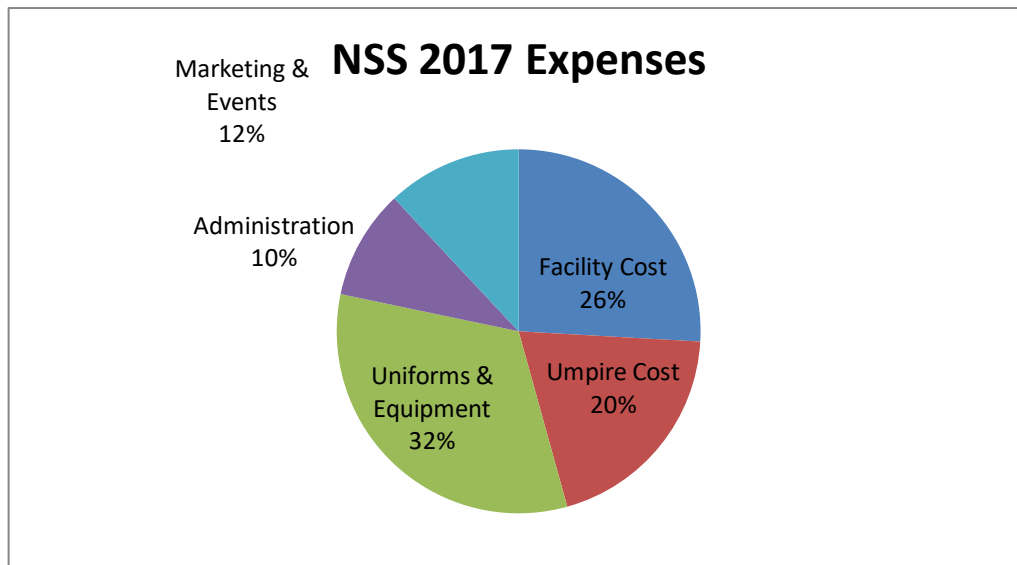
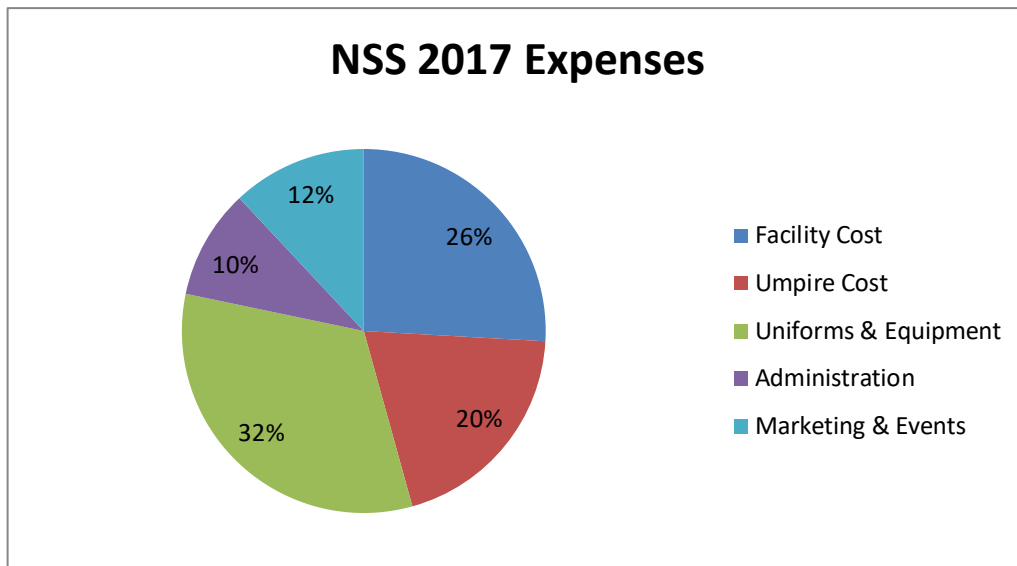
Attachment A

NSS Expenses 2017

NSS Income 2017

Facility Cost	\$7,262.00	\$ 25,715.00	
Umpire Cost	\$5,550.00		
Uniforms & Equipment	\$9,138.00		
Administration	\$2,732.00		
Marketing & Events	\$3,358.00		
Total	\$28,040.00	\$ 25,715.00	\$ (2,325.00)

The additional expenditures (note figure in red) were taken from the NSS Operational fund.



Attachment B

NEBRASKA SENIOR SOFTBALL- CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

SPRING/SUMMER SEASON

.Registration- ON-LINE Spring/Summer League- Returning Players	Mar 1 - Apr 7
Paper Registration- Returning Players	Mar 1- Mar 31
.New Player Skill Testing/Open practice	April 9,11
.Draft Night	April 12
.Spring/Summer League Start	April 16
.No Games	May 28
.No Games-Fields Not Available	June 18/20
No Games	July 4
End of regular season	22 game nights, July 11
Championship Night	July 16, no rain outs with rains outs July 25
Spring/Summer Season Ends	No rain outs- July 16 with Rain outs July 25
League Meetings	Monday, July 30 -Elmwood Park, Omaha, 6:30PM

FALL SEASON

Registration - ON-LINE Fall League Returning players	July 1- Aug 1
Paper Registration- Return Players	July 1- July 25
New Player/open practice	Aug 13/15
Fall Draft	Aug 16
Fall League Start	Aug 20

No games

Sept 3- Labor Day

End of regular season

**Oct 15
16 games nights**

Fall Championship Night

**Oct 17
Alt Oct 22 Rain**

2018 Banquet

Friday, Nov. 2