



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

Board Members in attendance:

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

Call to order

Approval of the March 13, 2018 Minutes

Via Email a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave, seconded by George and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Guest: Mike York, Umpire – Frank Parker

Mike decided to show up for the first practice at La Vista Spot Complex. In the interest of Mike's and the Board's time, it was decided to just chat with Mike at the fields. It was explained to Mike that the Board has created a Disciplinary Review Council and going forward is taking a zero-tolerance approach to bad player behavior and language with game ejections being the initial penalty. Mike agreed and will instruct the other umpires of the new policy.

Standing Business:

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Once the draft is complete, Managers should send Steve their requests for uniforms and hats. It was reiterated the all players in the league will get new hats.

Rick indicated that the spelling error on the Denny Zakovec trophy has been corrected. The trophy will be presented to Don Cummings at 7:00 on opening night.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

League bats are continuing to be approved and tagged. All high-performance bats need to have a piece of red tape placed on them.

Field Scheduling – George Scott

George worked with Chuck Cantoya on getting the league schedule on to the NSS Web-site home page. This will make it very easy for players to see what is happening in NSS.

Finance and Registration – Bill Weller

Bill gave a final update on the registrations. 159 through PayPal, 18 by check and 5 not paid. It was the consensus of the Board the all five will eventually pay. If payment is not received by draft time, the non-paying players will be designation as “pool players”.

Bill has received the necessary information regarding the umpires so as to properly track the expense.

Bill asked the Board to finalize rules regarding memorial gifts. After a short discussion, it was decided the memorial gifts will be given for a player’s parents and children. In all other circumstances, a card will be sent. Kathleen will pick up a dozen cards and the Board members will sign them at the next Board meeting.

Field Operations – Ron Franck

Ron wanted to put it in the record what a good job the City of La Vista did in dealing with our weather-related tryout problems. The Board agreed.

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Gary Kruse

Elmwood Park has been paid for the Annual Meeting/Board Election event.

Should be receiving the new Tattoo synthetic 400s soon. The board will decide when we will test them.

Gary will approach La Vista Keno regarding their continued sponsorship.

The topic of a league-wide business directory was raised. It was decided that once things settle down we will poll the league to see how much interest is out there.

Rick stated that he will be having a conversation with Chuck Cantoya later in the week to discuss web-site responsibilities. After a discussion, it was decided that Gary will be the point person for web-site changes with the directors supplying the content. Gary agreed and will begin working with Chuck on getting trained-up.

Player Personnel – Dave Dye

Dave reiterated that the non-paying players do affect the draft sequence, but he will be able to quickly modify the sequence if some players still haven’t paid by draft time.

Dave will hold another manager draft Wednesday night to finalize the draft sequence.

Dave will be addressing all the managers on draft night to cover a number of important topics.

Dave put together a proposal for player replacement (see attachment below). In short, the idea is that if a team is down a player(s) for any reason (injury, vacation, business, etc.), the manager has the option to replace those

players with any other player of equal or less draft status. The manager would also have the option of having a non-batting catcher, but every time the absent player would have batted there would be an automatic out accessed. The nightly card draw would be eliminated, and the concept of long-term replacement player would become redundant. There are still a few questions regarding pool players, but we believe those can be worked out. Overall, the Board liked the concept. It was decided that we should socialize the idea over the summer (especially with the managers) and if no major wrinkles are found, we would try it out in the fall season.

Dave was asked to send out his materials.

Adjournment

Steve made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Gary and unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM

Next meetings:

Tuesday, May 22, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

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

Attachment 1 – Proposed Player Replacement Rule

Purpose is to try and level playing field and encourage Managers to ensure players show up.

1. All missing players to be accounted for in game. Teams will have their full roster (11 or 12 players) or a replacement for each missing player at each game.
2. Managers will pick up a player of equal draft position to replace any player not available at game time. May be pre-arranged or a game time decision.
3. Manager option to not replace a player, but take an out every time a missing player comes to the plate. Coordinate with opposing manager.
4. How do we incorporate Pool Players? DPP to assign Pool Players for evaluation purposes? Expedite integration of Pool Players.