



NSS Board Meeting Agenda

June 19, 2018

Board Members in attendance:

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

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM.

Approval of the May 22, 2018 Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes was made by George, seconded by Frank and approved unanimously.

New Business:

Website update/Fall Registration – Chuck Cantoya

Chuck was not present but sent in the following update: He will finish up his testing on July 1. He would like to do a “soft registration” with the coaches and Board members on July 2-3 before opening registration to the general membership on July 4, 2018. This would not affect the end date for registration. The Board agreed with the suggestion.

Courtesy Runner – Rick DuVall

A change to the courtesy runner rule was proposed by Ed Tworek and is attached. After discussion a vote was taken. Gary was in favor, Steve, George, Frank and Ron were against and the rule will remain as written in the Rule Book.

Commissioner Resignation – Rick DuVall

Rick will be resigning as Commissioner effective immediately after the election and so the position of Commissioner will be added to the upcoming election ballot. The replacement would serve a three-year term

plus the three remaining months of Rick's term. George will update the web page to reflect that this will be added to the next election and change the nomination form accordingly.

Flip-Flop Rule Clarification – Rick DuVall

Rick read the proposed rule clarification submitted by Frank and is attached.

Rick made a motion to update the rule to eliminate the visiting manager discretion and change the rule book to reflect the new verbiage. The adjusted rule would take effect at the beginning of the 2018 Fall season. Gary seconded and all were in favor. The motion passed.

Fall Player Participation Rule Changes – Gary Kruse

Gary passed out possible substitute player rule changes for the Fall league and is attached. Since Dave was not in attendance, the decision was made to have the Board review and then have an email conversation to clarify/vote. In addition, it will also be discussed at a manager meeting on 6/20/18. The decision will have to be made by June 30th (prior to Fall registration) in order to implement for the Fall season.

Standing Business:

Player Personnel – Dave Dye

Dave was not in attendance and did not submit an update.

Scheduling – George Scott

Registration – will start on July 4th and end August 1st with the change in the start date due to the discussion above. Chuck is working on the online form and Bill indicated that PayPal is ready to accept registration fees.

Elections – Kathleen will create the SurveyMonkey and send a link to Gary for distribution.

The rained-out Athletics vs. the Royals game will be made up on July 2nd and therefore we will need an additional umpire.

Finance and Registration – Bill Weller

At this time, there is still only one sponsor – Jim Price and Ace Welding. The decision was to not approach LaVista about being a sponsor due to the lack of league support.

Bill will be out next week and will provide Steve Bessey the umpire payment to distribute in his absence.

Summer registration went well and Bill does not foresee any challenges for the Fall. Bill will hold all registration moneys until the end and do a final accounting and deposit.

Fields and website payment will come in the fall and those are the only expenditures to date.

Field Operations – Ron Franck

Other than the effect of weather on the fields, everything looks good.

Fence on Field 4 is still an issue. Ron will call LaVista again to see if he can get any action.

Marketing, Publicity and Communication – Gary Kruse

The preparations for the Home Run Derby and Ameritrade games is almost complete.

George will send Gary the Fall schedule information, so he could send it out in an email to the players.

Purchasing and Inventory – Steve Bessey

Equipment is not being put away after the last game of the night. The home team managers are responsible for this task, so Steve will send an email and George will reinforce it in his manager meeting on 6/20/18.

Rules and Umpires – Frank Parker

There was considerable conversation around the proper use of pitching screens and what should occur if they don't return behind the screen after a pitch. Suggestions included calling it an illegal pitch, only pitching over the screen and awarding first base if the pitcher catches the ball because they did not go behind the net. At the end of the discussion, it was decided that Frank would have a discussion with Chief Umpire Mike York to see how other leagues are dealing with this issue.

A survey went sent to the managers about the umpires and performance. Overall, the responses were positive.

It was suggested that we eliminate the scoring plate in favor of a scoring line. Some leagues and tournaments are moving in this direction for a variety of reasons, cost of an additional plate being one of them. Frank also had a conversation with Mike York on this topic. There was short discussion regarding collisions, tripping on the

plate, interference, and equipment cost. After the discussion, given we already own the equipment, it was decided that we would continue with the scoring plate.

Adjournment

Rick made the motion to adjourn. Steve seconded and all approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, July 10, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

Tuesday, August 7, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

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

Courtesy Runner Proposal

Discussion:

Speeding up the game without reducing the innings played clearly is desirable. Since we continue to experience time-limited, i.e. 6-inning games, here's a proposal to further reduce delays.

It has been adopted in senior softball's largest organization (SSUSA) for the same reasons.

This rule simply forces the manager to pre-plan courtesy running needs. And it cuts out the numerous time-outs for runners in the middle of an at-bat.

Recommendation:

A courtesy runner may enter the game only prior to the first pitch to any batter

FLIP-FLOP RULE

The flip-flop rule will be invoked in any game when there is a 10-run differential in favor of the visiting team at the start of the "open inning." If the visiting team is ahead by ten or more runs, the home team will remain at bat and start a new at-bats (beginning their seventh or last inning at-bats), meaning all runners then on base will return to the dugout. It will be an open inning. If the home team fails to tie or go ahead of the visiting team, the game ends and the visiting team wins. If the home team ties or goes ahead, the visiting team takes its turn at bat.