



NSS Board Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2021

Attendance:

Board Members			
x	Steve Quinn	Rusty Jensen	E
E	Alan Hardt	Terry Hovorka	x
x	Mark Opfer	Rick DuVall	x
x	Tom Holder	Dave Sanderson	x
Others in Attendance			
x	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Trofholz	x
x	Chuck Grubb	BJ Danze	x

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM. Rusty and Alan were excused from the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the April meeting minutes was made by Rick, seconded by Rusty and approved by all.

New Business:

Replacement Player and Late Start of Games - Ed Tworek

Ed reported that there is a lot of waiting for replacement players to finish their games before the next game could start, resulting in delayed games to the end of the night. He gave several options but the Board decided that the problem is not as prevalent as it seems and the only real resolution to the issue is to have rosters with 12 or 13 players which creates the old set of problems.

Replacement Players in Tournament - Ed Tworek

Ed questioned the rule where the maximum number of replacement players is three in the tournament. The Board was reminded that a team could play with three replacements and a total of nine players rather than forfeiting.

Director and Commissioner Nominations - Mark Opfer

The agreement is that the time to start recruiting for the open positions is now. For the next election it will be for two Director and the Commissioner positions. Tom will send a league-wide message to start the process.

Golf Tournament - Mark Opfer

Gary presented at the previous meeting but in addition, Gary would like the tournament to be advertised on the NSS website. Mark is working with Gary on the registration form site and if there is a charge for it, Mark will approach him to pay for any expenses. Tom will work with Gary on the communication to the league.

Response on Board Ruling for Player Code of Conduct - Group Discussion

There was a request to review the incident that occurred between the Reds and the Diamondbacks as there is some concern for the consistency of the punishment. The current Code of Conduct does not address penalties for infractions. It was agreed that if a Board member's team is involved, they will be able to give witness but not participate in the decision and that there will be an in-person Board meeting to discuss the situation, then determine the needed discipline.

Posting of Meeting Agenda - Kathleen

There has been a request to have the agenda for the Board meetings posted ahead of time. Kathleen will post them at least three days before the meeting, giving people time to decide if they want to attend if desired.

Ryan "Rhino" Willms - Chuck Grubb

The gofundme page has collected almost \$4700 with a good part of that coming from the league. Thanks to all that contributed and for your support of an NSS family member.

Director Updates:

Finance & Registration - Mark Opfer

There has been some income from Choice Hotels in the past month. A refresher email will be sent now that people are traveling again, letting everyone, not just tournament players, know that they can get a discount with the code.

Mark will work with Chuck to get everything ready to enable fall registration starting July 1st.

All submitted expenses have been paid.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

See the New Player Survey 2021 results at the end of the meeting minutes. Tom's interpretation of the survey is that the league is doing the right things and the league is working well. It was sent to 37 player with 22 responses.

Player Personnel - Rusty Jensen

Rusty not present, so no update given.

Purchasing & Inventory - Rick DuVall

Infield Rake Purchase - The purchase is complete and the rake is now in the shed. It appears that someone has used it and Terry will label it as belonging to NSS.

Banner and Koozie Purchase for Golf Tournament - Rick did some research on the two and Central State Printing is able to do both. For the banner, Rick mocked up one and presented it to the Board. For the koozies, he presented the colors and prices. Steve will contact Gary to see where it is going to be displayed during the golf tournament to see what criteria might drive the banner size.

Rules & Umpires - Terry Hovorka

Replacement Players and the Mandatory "Sitting out an Inning" - Dave Sanderson

Several teams have recently not followed the rule to sit a replacement player for an inning. What happens if a team has 11 players and does not do the mandatory "sitting out an inning"? There is no penalty in the Rule Book. Tom will send a reminder to the managers. At this time, possible penalties for not adhering to the rule is unresolved.

Field Operations - Alan Hardt

Alan not present so no update given.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

The calendar is updated for the banquet for 2021 and 2022.

Dave did a presentation on how he applied the seeding rules to the team's standings based on a single 16 team single elimination bracket and the problems inherent with the tie-breaker rules. Mark made the motion that there be a single elimination bracket for each division and the winner of each division will play for the league championship. The motion was seconded by Tom and all were in favor. Tom made a motion that the higher seeded team in a game would be the home team until the championship, when there would be a coin flip. The motion was seconded by Dave and all were in favor.

Adjournment

Dave made the motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rick and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

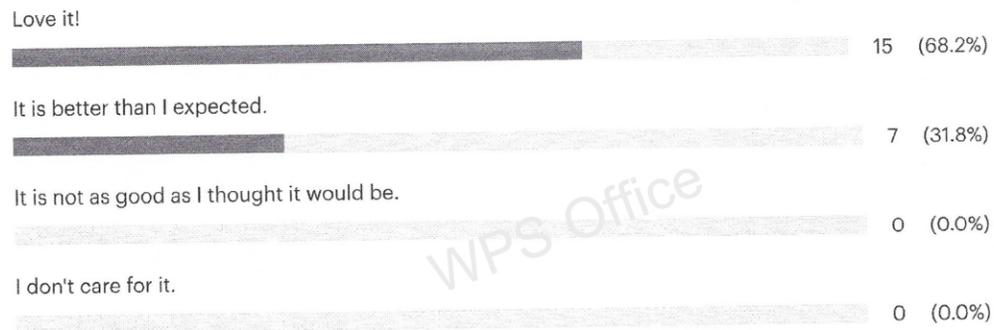
Tuesday, September 14, 2021

All meetings held at 6:00 PM at Sean O'Casey's - 2523 S 140th Ave, Omaha, NE unless otherwise noted.

New Player Survey 2021

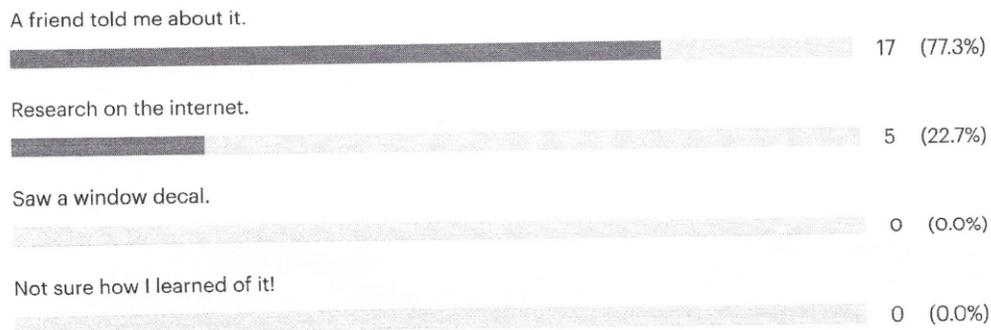
Question 1 has 22 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Based on your experience so far, how are you enjoying the league?”



Question 2 has 22 answers (Radio Buttons)

“How did you learn of the Nebraska Senior Softball league?”



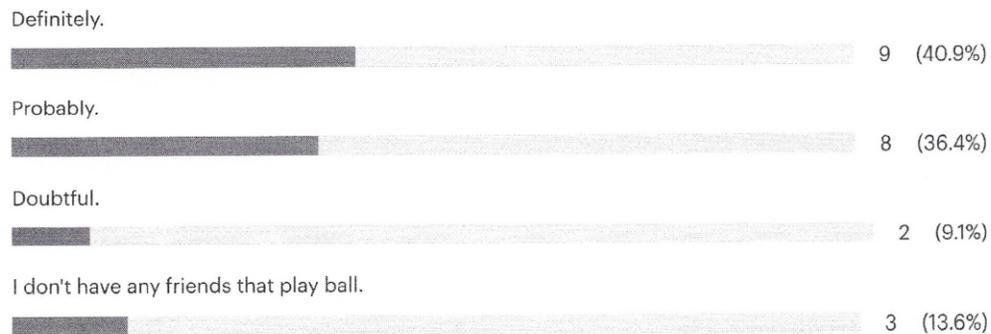
Question 3 has 22 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Based on your experience so far, will you register to play again next year?”



Question 4 has 22 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Will you try and get a friend or two that play ball to sign up for our league next year?”



Question 5 has 22 answers (Radio Buttons)

“Is the Nebraska Senior Softball league what you expected?”

It is much better than I expected.



It is about what I had expected.



I expected it to be better than it is.



I had no idea what to expect, to be honest.



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