



NSS Board Meeting

November 15, 2022

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	James Bennar	X
E	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	X
E	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the October meeting minutes was made by Dave and seconded by Bryan. All present were in favor and the motion carried.

New Business

There were no guests at the meeting or new business presented.

Old Business

No old business was presented for discussion.

Director Updates

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Marty was not present and did not provide an update.

Bob Dalziel paid the German American Society for the banquet.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Roger was not present but indicated via email that LaVista is working in an attempt to remove some of the "lips" on the edge of the fields.

Bob Dalziel would like Roger to start the conversation with LaVista about field costs next year to start with the budgeting for next year.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

Bryan cleaned up the website, removing events that are past. He is keeping the Facebook page updated with events such as the tournament teams.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

The fields, softballs and banquet are all paid which leaves a good cushion financially for next year.

To be a 501(c)7, NSS would be required to file with the state as a non-profit organization. It appears that was started in 2006 but not fully completed. To finalize the work, the paperwork needs to be completed for the EIN and then sent to the IRS. It will allow the league some tax advantages. There must be bylaws and articles of incorporation so Bob Dalziel will write them up and bring to the next Board meeting for review.

Rick made a motion to have Bob Dalziel engage a lawyer, if needed, and spend up to \$3000 to get the league to a 501(c)7. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

As an outcome of this, the Rule Book will need to be updated. Dave volunteered to help Bob Garcia.

Bob Dalziel is looking for budgetary quotes for next year and if the league is looking to change umpires, that might have an impact on those quotes. Rick requested that Bob Garcia contact UBA and Mike York to find out their price structure and bring it to the next Board meeting. Bob Dalziel requested that this be part of the survey and the group agreed to email proposed questions.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

The banquet overall was a success. The food on the buffet ran out and when the food was replaced, it was less than optimal. Some believed that it was because there was another event occurring at the same time, stretching the workforce and kitchen. The overall consensus was to keep it at German American Society but have Marty discuss some of the issues with the event manager.

Rick was contacted by a company that would manage a website that they would create for \$79/month. They cannot create a schedule but you can import one in. It will also show scores face up. The discussion was that there is too much custom programming for things like replacement players and the draft that would not be replicated so the decision was made to not pursue.

Rick talked with several people about the pitching helmet issue at the banquet. Vince is no longer able to get the helmets and people would have to buy them on line. Vince also indicated that in

tournaments, pitchers that don't wear the prescribed equipment have to sign a secondary waiver. For NSS, the Board believes that using a secondary waiver does not negate the rule for proper equipment.

Chuck Cantoya sent the Board an email with a status update on the website and future development. He proposed having people register as it creates better data for use in things such as draft, PayPal etc. Rick will contact BJ to get a count of the people that have already registered and bring that to next month's meeting for consideration as to whether people will have to register going forward.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave provided information about the 2023 schedule which will start in a little over four months. He presented some of the calendar challenges and asked the Board to review to give him input before his next presentation at the next Board meeting.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

James has been reviewing the Rule Book in his new position as Director of Player Personnel and he has some ideas that he will bring to the December Board meeting.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

Bob was able to get in touch with UBA today and will follow up with the contact there as well as Mike York to prepare for the coming seasons.

Parking Lot Items:

Pitching Helmets - September meeting - return December 2022

Assessment of Older Players - July meeting - return December 2022

Last round of the draft and how to structure - October meeting - return December 2022

Change to the off season jerseys - May meeting - return January 2023

Use of Intentional Walk - July meeting - return January 2023

Pro-rated player fee refunds - September meeting - return January 2023

Adjournment

Dave made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob Dalziel and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:37PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

All players are encouraged to attend the Board meetings. If you want to attend and have a specific topic, please email the League Secretary at kkduvall24@gmail.com to be included on the agenda.