



# NSS Board Meeting

December 20, 2022

## Attendance:

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

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01

## Approval of the Minutes

The motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by James seconded by Dave. All were in favor and the motion carried.

## New Business

### NSS Website and Site Logins - Chuck Cantoya

There are about 100 players that do not have a username/password. Having one would secure the registration process and the players information. This is in alignment with most other websites that gather financial information. It would also allow Chuck to hide the player list from anyone who does not have an approved login.

Chuck did a demo of the proposed workflow on how to create a login, then use that to register. He also talked through several different scenarios for those people who change email addresses or have other issues. There is a vetting process to ensure that those that create a user account are truly part of the league.

There will be a testing period where select Board members will test the website before releasing to the rest of the Board, then the Managers, then the Players.

Dave made a motion to approve the proposal, seconded by Bryan. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Bryan will need to communicate the need for a user account at any time and not wait for registration. Chuck will compose verbiage for the front page of the site and send to Bryan who will use that for his email.

## **Old Business**

### **Pitching Helmets**

Rick gave a history on the rule change that was implemented requiring pitching helmets and the supply chain issue that cause it to be not enforced.

After discussion, the consensus was that the league was not going to mandate the use of a helmet vs mask.

Bob Dalziel made a motion to allow pitchers to use either a face mask, helmet or pitching screen. The motion was seconded by Bob Garcia and all were in favor. The motion carried.

### **Player Assessments**

The Board discussed the topic of player skills assessments. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted 5-3 to not institute a required league-wide skills assessment process for existing players. Instead of initiating a league-wide skills assessment process, players will be encouraged to perform self-assessments during the registration period while alerting them to the opportunities of the Tuesday and Friday morning leagues.

### **Last round of the draft and how to structure**

It was decided that the draft will continue to use the serpentine process for the initial rounds. James will come back to the Board with a proposal for the final round at the January meeting.

## **Director Updates**

### **Field Operations - Roger Clapper**

Roger reported that for 2023, the field prices will remain the same.

### **Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway**

Winter survey questions are due to be distributed before the end of the year. Bryan will send to the group the items he already has and the Board will add any they feel could be beneficial.

### **Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel**

The balance in the account is positive and at the January meeting, the Board will take this into account, along with the budget to determine season fees.

Bob needs to do the budget and is asking each Director to give him their budget at the January Board meeting. Most important are:

- Uniform fees
- Umpire fees
- Number of games to determine field and total umpire costs

#### **Commissioner – Rick DuVall**

No additional updates.

#### **Scheduling - Dave Sanderson**

Dave will build a schedule based on 16 teams. The assessments will tentatively be the second week of April and the request was made to have the fields available the first week of April for practices. He will present another draft schedule at the January Board meeting.

#### **Player Personnel - James Bennar**

Several players request that there be an All Star night game between the seasons. This would also be a family “thank you” game with food provided. This will be added to the league survey to determine interest among the league members.

#### **Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia**

Bob did some research on umpiring groups in the area. He found a group that would umpire for \$30 per game plus \$5 admin fee. They do all the scheduling and would have one point of contact for questions/issues. Mike York is asking for \$30 per game.

The request is to vet the other group by getting some references and then come back to the Board with a recommendation of whether to stay with the existing umpires or go with the new group.

It was also suggested that there be a scrimmage game during the new player evaluation.

#### **Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee**

The recommendation was made to explore other jersey vendors. Dave has a local rep for a company he uses and he will provide that to Marty. Rick believes he has a local person who has MLB rights as well as information from the same company that supplies the softball that he will provide her.

## **Parking Lot Items:**

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**

The motion to adjourn was made by James, seconded by Roger with all in favor. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

## **Next meetings:**

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

Tuesday, March 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](mailto:kkduvall24@gmail.com) to be included on the agenda.