



NSS Board Meeting

April 18, 2023

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	James Bennar	X
E	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	X
X	Roger Clapper	Bryan Galloway	X
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
E	Kathleen DuVall	Chuck Trofholz	X
X	Clint Spiegel	Ed Tworek	X
X	Tom Holder		

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM

Approval of the Minutes

There were no objections to the previous months meeting minutes.

New Business

Advertising the League - Mike Marlowe

Once the league becomes a **501(c)(7)**, there is an opportunity for advertising that the league is not allowed to do today. There was discussion around the creation of an advertising advisory group to explore opportunities. When the **501(c)(7)** is complete, the Board will revisit.

Teams Purchasing Own Uniforms - Mike Marlowe

Mike spoke to the Board about buying the jerseys for his team, at his own cost. There was extended conversation around allowing teams to buy their own uniforms. There is no rule that prohibits a team from buying their own jerseys. Dave made a motion to allow Mike's team, as a test case, to purchase their own uniforms. Roger abstained, Rick opposed and the rest were in favor. The motion carried.

Old Business

Substitution Rule

The Board reviewed the rule via email prior to the meeting and the rule

A motion was made that those teams that did not draft a player during the skip round are allowed to pick up a skip round or lower player at any time during the year as a roster addition.

Acquisition of the roster addition does not count as a substitution toward the total number that are allowed per game per team. All were in favor except for Roger. The motion carried.

Permanent Replacement

Tara Long was assigned to Clint Spiegel's team that had to drop out so a pool player was given as a permanent replacement.

Player Evaluation Committee Transparency

James agreed to share with the Board the PEC members with the agreement that it would not be shared with the rest of the league.

501(c)(7) Initiative

Bob shared the new Articles of Incorporation and League Bylaws with the Board. Bob asked that any further changes be sent to him in the next two days so he can forward to the lawyers. Dave made a motion to move forward with the **501(c)(7)** which was approved unanimously.

Director Updates

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave submitted a document to the Board of his evaluation of the scheduling and draft done for the 2023 Summer season. He requested that this document be part of the Board meeting minutes and is attached as Appendix A.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Comments were made about the commit line not going all the way to the fence and Roger is working with LaVista on this issue.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

Bob reported that the general consensus of the league players is that the umpire crews are doing well. There are still concerns around the league rule learning curve.

Player Personnel - James Bennar

No updates outside of previous discussion

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Marty will communicate with the Managers to get them to send her the player name, number and sizes as soon as the draft is complete. Once she has that information, she will send it to Josh to get the uniform order started.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

Previous Players without NSS Website IDs

Rick reviewed the list of players that have not signed up for an NSS website ID. About half did not play last year so Rick will send a text message to the remaining people to see if they intend on playing this season.

June 20 Board Meeting

Due to challenges with summer schedules, the request was made to move the meeting to 6/27. James will be out of town that week but will call into the meeting.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Bryan Galloway

Bryan has been working with Chuck Cantoya to get players signed up. He feels that overall, the group has done well in getting through the process. He will send daily reminders until the end of registration.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Only 5 players have not paid of the current 157 players.

501 (c) 7 Non-Profit Status - Bob engaged an attorney and the articles of incorporation/bylaws are in process. They are finishing up some of the details and should be done within the next two weeks.

The budget looks good as no money has been spent but will be soon.

Parking Lot Items:

Adjournment

Dave made a motion to adjourn. James seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, April 20, 2023

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Tuesday, June 27, 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.

Addendum A

2023 Summer Registration and Draft Feedback per Dave Sanderson Director of Scheduling and NSS IT

1) Registration

- a. 2023 summer
 - i. Started Mon, 27 Feb
 - ii. Ended Sat, 25 Mar
- b. 2024 summer recommendation
 - i. Start Mon, 25 Mar
 - ii. End Sat, 23 Mar
- c. We need a **hard** registration deadline to allow for the Directory of Player Personnel (DirPP) to prepare and IT (Dave) to make any needed software changes.
- d. Registrations after the deadline will automatically become pool players. The board has the authority to change pool players to draft players, up through the player evaluation date, but only to help evenly fill team rosters (i.e., 18 teams of 11 players). The criteria as to which players are moved from pool to draft is to be determined by the board (e.g., highest priority by registration date)
- e. Note that Easter 2023 affected the schedule, primarily for access to St. Robert Bellarmine Church's free meeting rooms. Easter 2024 is Sun, 31 Mar.

2) Pre-player evaluation (all seasons)

- a. The board determines the number of teams, based on available players. This is given to the
 - i. Director of Player Personnel (DirPP)
 1. Fills vacant coach needs
 2. Works with the board, especially the Director of Purchasing and Inventory (DirPI) (jerseys), to determine team names
 - a. Note that if divisions are used, the number of teams in each division should be the same +/- one.
 3. As needed, DPP draws lots to determine coach order for picking their team name from available team names.
 4. Maintains the draft order spreadsheet with the serpentine visual chart.
 - ii. Director of Field Operations (DirFO) provides field unavailability dates to the Director of Scheduling
 - iii. Director of Scheduling (DirSch)
 1. Builds a schedule based on the number of teams. Initially team names are not required for the schedule, but team names are required no later than player evaluation.
 - a. Uses field unavailability dates from DirFO
 - b. Uses federal holiday schedule for Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day)
 2. When the final schedule is determined
 - a. Provide the schedule to the Director of Rules and Umpires (DirRU)
 - b. Upload the schedule to the website
 - c. Notify the Director of Marketing, Publicity and Communications (DirMPC) to let all players know the schedule is posted

- d. Email the schedule, as a pdf, to the Director of Field Operations (DirFO) to be given to LaVista Parks and Rec for their consumption and to be posted in the field's display case
- 3) Player evaluation and practice
 - a. 2023 summer
 - i. Player evaluation scheduled for Mon, 10 Apr, but moved to Mon, 3 Apr. This was a smart change.
 - ii. League wide practice 3, 5, 10, and 12 Apr – the idea to let the weather and players to be ready for the new season
 - b. 2024 summer recommendation
 - i. Mon, 1 Apr Player evaluation
 - ii. 1, 3, 8, 10 Apr Practice – again to let the weather and players warm up
- 4) Pre-draft night (all drafts)
 - a. Director of Player Personnel (DirPP)
 - i. Sends the draft order (serpentine) to coaches
 - ii. Send the draft order, team order, and coaches list to IT (Dave) at least two days before the draft
 - b. IT (Dave)
 - i. Enters the order, team order, and coaches list into the website for consumption during the draft
 - ii. Makes any necessary back-end changes to accommodate anything new
- 5) Draft night
 - a. 2023
 - i. Tue, 11 Apr St. Robert Bellarmine's Meeting Room 3 (free); smallish room but usable
 - ii. Roles:
 - 1. Director of Player Personnel – ran the draft
 - 2. IT (Dave) – recorded team draft picks, showed the current and upcoming team draft order and remaining players.
 - 3. Team managers and assistant managers – picked their team's players
 - b. 2024
 - i. Tue, 9 Apr Lock in this date ASAP for the Mainelli Center (free); largest room
 - ii. Roles Same as 2023
- 6) Regular season begins
 - a. Opening ceremony?
- 7) Regular season ends
 - a. Single elimination tournament
 - i. DirSch builds a bracket before the season ends, but populates it with team names when the bracket order is determined, and posts the bracket online
 - ii. Each winning coach populates their score online
 - iii. DirSch updates bracket after each night of the tournament and posts the bracket online

Post registration / draft notes from the IT department

Chuck was VERY busy getting users NSS website accounts. Most of the problem were due to players using their cell phones to register. Cell phones have smaller display areas, thus making it very difficult to see fields that are off the display. Turning cell phones into landscape mode (sideways) helps. The player also needs to know to move the screen around to see all fields.

Chuck was also very busy making back-end changes. Dave and Chuck discussed how to make it easier to create the serpentine chart and the output needed to populate the website. The serpentine chart (Excel) is a good visual cue for seeing how the draft will work, however, it has been a VERY tedious and error prone task to update, including every change in coach draft round, serpentine order, skips, etc. The information was literally parsed out of the chart, also laboriously, to populate the website. Dave changed the Excel spreadsheet to more easily and automatically create the serpentine chart AND the output to create the output to populate the website. It should be noted that any changes in the serpentine path does take time to manually change, but it is still significantly faster using the new process that Dave created. The process to modify the draft order is the DirPP's responsibility but should be performed with help from IT (Dave).

There were issues with getting late user accounts and registrations for 2023. After registration was closed, Chuck made back-end software changes. A few minor errors were disrupting late user account and registration. Chuck resolved these issues.

Chuck will continue to maintain the software back-end. Dave will be working more and more on the user interface (customer assistance) aspect. One change that Dave will be making is to improve the draft order spreadsheet, in terms of the logic for all the draft slots, as well as providing both a horizontal (landscape, as it is today) and a vertical (portrait) visual, as some coaches like it portrait as opposed to landscape.

Dave will also be working on cleaning up the existing NSS user accounts – which are or are not needed. Dave is already receiving requests for new accounts and following up on who is requesting the account and why it is needed. This week alone, two accounts were requested, Dave asked both who they were and why they were needed, and neither person responded, to which both will probably be denied. Other aspects of the user accounts will be reviewed as well. Dave will be working with Chuck to improve the user account request process.