



NSS Board Meeting

September 10, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Rick DuVall	Tom Holder	X
X	Marty Boozikee	Bob Garcia	
X	Roger Clapper	Mike Marlow	E
X	Bob Dalziel	Dave Sanderson	E
Others in Attendance			
X	Kathleen DuVall	Ed Tworek	X

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of the Minutes

Marty made a motion to approve the August meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Roger. All present were in favor and the motion passed.

New Business

Banquet Preparation - Rick DuVall

While Dave was not present at the meeting, he asked for a decision on the banquet pricing so he can update the website. For reference, here are last year's costs:

- NSS Player Only \$25.00 USD
- NSS Player + 1 Guest \$50.00 USD
- NSS Player + 2 Guests \$83.00 USD
- NSS Player + 3 Guests \$116.00 USD
- Tu/Fr Player \$33.00 USD
- Tu/Fr Player + 1 Guest \$66.00 USD
- Tu/Fr Player + 1 Guest \$99.00 USD
- Tu/Fr Player + 1 Guest \$132.00 USD

Marty has a list of the menu options from German American Society and presented it to the Board. She will get back with them to find out cost for each of the options and bring it to the October Board meeting.

Nominations - Tom will send out notification for nominations on September 25th and give two weeks for input.

Awards - Marty needs three weeks to get the awards ordered once the nominations are in.

Jacket orders - This will be completed once the fall tournament is complete.

Fall Tournament Bracket - Rick DuVall

Dave sent the Board a proposed bracket for the fall tournament. There are no objections to the layout so the Board determined that will be the one that will be used.

Bob Garcia Resignation - Rick DuVall

Bob will be leaving NSS and there will be a need to replace him for the remainder of his term. Mike was not present at the meeting and because he will be next commissioner, it will be his decision on how to fill the slot.

Player Ejection - Roger Clapper

There was a situation where a player was making disparaging remarks about the umpire but the umpire was unable to determine who the offender was so they could not throw out of the game. Roger's recommendation is that there is a rule indicating that if the person cannot be determined, the manager would be the one to be ejected from the game. This will be taken up for further discussion in the fall.

Old Business

Board Updates

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

Dave was excused from the meeting but provided the results of the website use survey as noted in Appendix A.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave was excused from the meeting but indicated via email that he did not have any updates.

Player Personnel - Mike Marlowe

Mike was excused from the meeting but did not have any pertinent updates for the Board.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Roger reported that all the lighting will be updated starting this fall. He will let the Board know the tentative start date as soon as he knows, in case it affects the end of the Fall season.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

No further updates.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

Ron Franck fixed the wagons and nets in the shed.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

No further updates.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

Tom commented that it was nice to have more candidates than positions for the Board.

There was a reporter from NPR who came to games on 9/9/24 and talked with some of the players. The article will be airing on 9/19 and the reporter will send a link so Tom can distribute it.

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

Bob believes that the paperwork for the 501(C)7 will be complete in the next month or so.

Parking Lot Items:

2025S/F schedule discussion - Information from Dave Sanderson's 5/21/24 email:

- Change the 2025S season to extend into Aug (longer summer), thus making 2025F shorter
- Change 2025S to play MWTh
- Add one or more divisions
- Have only one division

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Bob G. and all present were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

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

Appendix A:

Website update with 110 respondents:

The website survey closed on 9/5 with the following results:

Website visit frequency:

29% once a week

25% twice a week

44% three+ a week

Website access:

43% computer

6% tablet

17% android phone

33% iphone

1% I don't use the website

Why you don't use the website:

"Don't like it" was the most useful of the three responses, which is a worthless response to the question.

What would you like to see on the website:

Useful comments, such as:

Adding a lost and found page - I'll look at adding something in the offseason

Better access to the yearly calendar - I don't get this as the calendar summary is one click from the front page

Advertising - this will be added in the offseason

Better mobile (cell phone) access - will work in the offseason

Help find tournament team info - it is there already, but tournament teams don't provide updates.

Make the log in button easier to find - this is more of a problem on cell phones, but will be worked in the off season

Player's phone numbers - already available via player's page, if the player allowed it to be shared

Helpful hints page - I'll look at adding something in the offseason, probably more of an unmoderated comment page.

RP Tool add player's positions - I can work with Chuck on this

New player feature - if someone interviews new players and provides me with something to post, I'll post it, but good idea

Financial report (quarterly, annually) - If the Dir of Finance provides me with something, I'll post it

More photos - If I get them, I'll post them. I understand that there used to be a place to flip through pictures. I may try to add a more automated photo scroll in the off season.

All players printable option - I'll talk with Chuck about this in the offseason

"I would like to see a posting on the front page, in BIG LETTERS, saying that anyone that loses equipment that does not have any sort of identification on it, causing the Communications Director to send out a "LOST & FOUND" message will be subject to a \$100 fee, payable to the Commnications Director. NO EXCEPTIONS!" - I wonder who wrote

this 😊

Prior seasons final standings - This may be difficult, unless someone has the data or Chuck can dig it out of the database.

Less useful comments, such as:

Less jokes

Not mentioned, but something I'll try to add in the offseason is a photo list of each season's league and tournament winners, possibly with the player's names