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December 15, 2024

Everyone,

Below are the minutes from the NSS Board Meeting held on December 12th.

NSS Board Meeting
December 12, 2024

Attendance:

Board Members			
X	Mike Marlow	Tom Holder	X
X	Marty Boozikee	Augie Roper	X
E	Roger Clapper	Jim Price	X
X	Doyle Ollis	Dave Sanderson	X
Others in Attendance			
X	Roger Hein	Ed Tworek	X
X	Bo Boozikee		

Call to order

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

Approval of the Minutes

Mike Marlow informed the board that last month's minutes didn't save on the PC - no minutes to approve.

Board Updates:

Player Personnel - Jim Price

-Jim confirmed that ten coaches will continue his conversations with coaches after the holidays. Another discussion about a separate coaches meeting scheduled in February to discuss coaches' roles and information on any league changes for 2025.

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

-Roger reported that the lighting project was started at the fields and sent an email with his comments. Working with the City of La Vista on the possibility of using Field 5 if needed

Rules & Umpires - Augie Roper

-Augie explained the new umpire system for the upcoming season, he has four top-quality umpires lined up for Monday and Wednesday. Mike Gaughen will also oversee the self-umpire system on Wednesday nights. Mike Gaughen has nine umpires, consisting of players in the league who will umpire one of the fields on Wednesday night. Plus, there will be a backup pool for missing umpire slots on both nights. Approved by the board to pay \$5.00 to Mike Gaughen for the games he schedules. Augie mentioned that umpires should be invited to the coaches' meeting to help them transition into the season. The goal is to set expectations and lay out rules and regulations. Mike Marlow suggested that Augie and Marty work together to provide umpires our own Nebraska Senior Softball Polo or shirt to wear while umpiring.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

-Marty discussed the quotes she has received for purchasing softballs for the 2025 season, roughly around 3K. If we decided to buy balls with a private label logo, it would run an extra .50 per ball. This option was explored for league corporate sponsorship options.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

-Tom discussed that he would compile a list of questions to ask the league players for a survey in January. This survey isn't any directive to make a vote, but to help the board with any direction or decisions for new rules and/or regulations.

Finance & Registration - Doyle Ollis

-Doyle told the group we have an adequate amount of money in the bank account now, and all bills have been paid.

Motion: Doyle proposed a motion in which Dave Sanderson seconded that Mike Marlow and Doyle Ollis will be the primary signatures of the league banking account. The board approved the motion with no opposition.

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

-Dave said there are no new updates to report, working on sponsorship banners for corporate sponsorships. Dave will update the schedule within the next two weeks.

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

Dave went over his schedule thoughts for the 2025 season, and his thoughts were to fill in all time slots on all fields to maximize games played, and teams wouldn't have any Bye Games during the season. As the board discussed this option, Roger Hein said we should consider not playing the early game in field 2. The board discussed and agreed only to have two games on field two. Mike Marlow suggested we look into a better sunblock screen for field 2 to help the third base and shortstop positions see the ball better. The board will explore this solution with corporate sponsorships. Further discussion on the schedule - The Banquet location is TBD, it will be held on Nov 7th, 2025.

Commissioner - Mike Marlow

Mike worked with other board members on corporate sponsorships to help the league improve in several ways.

New Business

Helmet Rule - Jim Price

A motion was made by Jim Price and seconded by Augie Roper to add clarification to be added to the existing rule. A one-piece pitching helmet that protects the face and side of the head must be worn by the pitcher. The pitcher must use the provided pitching net if such a helmet is not worn. The board approved with one opposing Roger Clapper. The rule book will be updated.

Old Business

Parking Lot Items:

- Player Substitution rule for league and tournaments - further discussion on players who are out for more than four weeks, exception would need to be reviewed and approved by Director of Players - this is under further conversation
- Draft Skip Rule - due to the draft of 11 rounds (odd), the board is discussing which round this should occur. Some suggested the 9th round. This will be further discussed at the next meeting.
- Unlimited Runners Rule - used in the fall as a trial rule, the board will discuss it at the next meeting.
- Progressive Homerun Rule - used in the fall as a trial rule, the board will discuss at the next meeting.
- Players need to wear their team jerseys in the league, stronger, as suggested by the rules and coaches - we will discuss this discussion at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Tom made a motion to adjourn. Doyle seconded the motion, and all present were in favor.
The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Next meetings:

Monday, January 13th, 2024

Tuesday, February 11th, 2024

Tuesday, March 11th, 2024

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

Sincerely,

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