



# NSS Board Meeting

May 14, 2024

## Attendance:

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

## Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm.

## Approval of the Minutes

Roger made the motion to approve the April meeting minutes. It was seconded by Tom and all were in favor, so the motion passed.

## New Business

### *Umpire Overtime* - Tom Holder

Tom presented this issue to the Board as the umpires are complaining about the length of the games in relation to their pay. Tom invited one of the umpires to attend the meeting, but he was not able to attend. Tom proposed that if the games run unnecessarily long (a given time), the umpires are compensated. There was further discussion around some of the other challenges with the umpires. The topic of self-umpiring came back up. Bob G. to discuss with Shawn from UBA to see if they are having issues getting/keeping umpires and whether they want to continue with the contract.

### *Severe Weather* - Roger Clapper

Due to the potential for severe weather, the Board agreed to cancel an evening's full slate of games. Roger is asking if this is something that the Board should be doing and if so, should it be codified in the Rule Book. The decision was that this is a rare occurrence and the Board should be able to use discretion to call games to ensure the safety of the players.

Roger also questioned whether it would be possible to have a “rain-out night”. This would be something to communicate to the managers and LaVista to determine if this is a possibility.

On a side note, Tom indicated that the ASA senior softball rules indicate that four innings constitutes a complete game while the NSS Rule Book says five innings. Tom made a motion to change the Rule Book from five innings to four for a weather- related shortened game. Mike seconded the motion, with all in favor, so the rule change passed.

*Late Game Start due to Replacement Players - Ed Tworek*

Ed proposed an addition to the Replacement Player section of the Rule Book that states that a player must leave a game where they are the replacement player to start the game with their assigned team.

After discussion, there is agreement that the rule should change so Bob Garcia will work with Ed to draft the verbiage and present it back to the Board at the June meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **Board Updates**

#### **Commissioner – Rick DuVall**

##### *Upcoming Event Planning*

Rick reviewed the Summary Calendar and came up with a list of items

- PEC Meeting - Mike is in constant communication with the PEC
- Fall Registration - need to set up the PayPal
- Board Nominations (7/1) - Call for nominations
- Annual Meeting - Gary has the pavilion lined up

#### **Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder**

Tom has been sending out messages to the league.

Mike created a flyer to use when soliciting sponsors and is working with Tom. Tom also has MDOne and Makovicka Therapy in process. There are levels of sponsorship that includes exposure on the website, banquet and possibly on championship shirts. Mike is willing to take the first step with the possible sponsors by doing phone calls or Skype.

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

The finances continue to look good.

For the tax ID, it is still in process and is something that will be needed for any sponsorship. Mike and Tom will communicate as needed.

#### **Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson**

Kathleen is now taking player pictures and Dave is in the process of loading them. Tom will send out a communication letting them know.

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

Dave presented the 2024 playoff bracket with dates only. Based on that schedule, it would allow one week of between the tournament before starting the fall season. The end of the fall season would remain the same.

#### **Player Personnel - Mike Marlowe**

There are two players that want to join as pool players and Mike evaluated them as acceptable for the league. They have an assigned Draft Equivalency Rating and will be added to a couple of teams to evaluate the DER in a team setting. Depending on if the rating changes, they may go back into the replacement player tool.

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

LaVista requested that Roger sign a letter to the State Legislator requested money for new lights and he did.

There was a player that was using a bat that had an additional grip on it. Since this is not a mechanical alteration the Board will allow it.

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

No additional items

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

Marty is ordering a new shirt for a player that lost his and is charging him accordingly. She is monitoring the number of softballs to ensure that there is no additional unauthorized use.

#### **Parking Lot Items:**

*Home Runs* - return to the July meeting (see February meeting minutes)

*Pinch Runners* - return to the July meeting (see February meeting minutes)

*Awards (repeat award winners)* - return to the August meeting (see November meeting minutes)

*Self-Umpiring* - return to the November meeting (see February meeting minutes)

## **Adjournment**

Dave made the motion to adjourn. Tom seconded the motion, all were in favor and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

## **Next meetings:**

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

All meetings are 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.