



NSS Board Meeting

July 9, 2024

Attendance:

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

Call to order

Approval of the Minutes

Marty made the motion to approve the June meeting minutes. Dave seconded. All present were in favor so the motion passed.

New Business

There is a player who indicated that there is a net that has a hole in it. He would like to buy the whole net setup as he believes that this one needs to be replaced. Tom indicated that there are inexpensive options as the Board is not inclined to sell the existing one at the price that is being offered. In the interim, Marty will find the damaged net and repair it.

Old Business

Late Game Start Due to Replacement Players

This was previously discussed at the May and June Board meetings. After the June meeting, Ed Tworek sent the proposed verbiage to the Board via email but did not receive responses. Dave made a motion to accept the verbiage that Ed proposed via email and attached as Amendment A. Bob G. seconded. Marty opposed and all the rest in attendance were in favor so the motion passed.

Home Runs

This was originally proposed at the February Board meeting and after discussion, was postponed until this session. Summation: There is currently a two home-run limit per game per team. Tom would like to suggest changing this to a “one-up” rule instead. Once each team has two home runs, then both

teams are allowed another home run. It will continue to “one-up”. Bob D. recommended that this be held until the fall season and the Board agreed.

At the July meeting, Tom made the motion to accept the proposal from the February meeting and it was seconded by Dave. Dave and Tom were in favor. Bob D., Bob G., Rick and Marty were opposed so the motion did not carry.

Pinch Runners - From the February meeting:

This was originally proposed at the February Board meeting and after discussion, was postponed until this session. Summation: The question on the survey whether a player could run as many times as needed in a game but only once per inning. Due to the survey being split on allowing unlimited pinch running, the rule will remain as it is and will be taken into consideration again in the fall.

At the July meeting, Tom made a motion to allow a player to pinch run as many times as they want per game but still have a maximum of two per inning. Dave seconded the motion. Tom, Rick and Dave voted in favor of the motion. Marty, Bob G. and Bob D. were opposed. Because the vote was a tie, the motion does not pass.

Board Updates

Finance & Registration - Bob Dalziel

There are still some expenses to be paid to the account appears to have more money than is truly available. Those expenses will be paid by the end of August.

Bob is working through the people that are not marked as “paid” due to system issues and matching to the registration. He believes there are four people that are truly not paid that he is following up on.

As of the Board meeting, there were 71 registrations for fall ball.

Manager of Web Services - Dave Sanderson

- Player picture updates are now complete
- “How to register” page created
- “How Standings are Computed” page updated
- Gary’s golf tournament added to the home page
- No pending users
- As usual, most player new account requests and registration problems are due to phone/tablet
- Addition new users forthcoming - 4?
- Board member continuity documents
 - Have: Commissioner, Purchasing, Scheduling, and Web and Database
 - Need: Field Operations, Finance, Communications, Player Personnel, Rules and Umpires

Scheduling - Dave Sanderson

It has been pointed out to Dave that the American Division #1 seed (Rays) and National Division #1 seed (Rockies) just happen to be playing their last regular season game tomorrow night against each other.

Alan Hardt (Rockies) suggested to Dave that we make that game the league championship game, thus freeing up the 7/15 Field 3 7:30 slot, which was already set up for the league championship game. Ed Tworek (Rays) was at the Board meeting and agreed. They will use a coin flip to determine home team. Tom will send a communication to the league.

There will be a virtual Board meeting to certify the fall team count and schedule. Draft night is confirmed for 8/1/24 at St. Roberts.

Player Personnel - Mike Marlowe

Mike was not present but sent the following information to the Board via email:

"I have spoken with the player's committee, and no changes will be made for the rest of the summer season.

Preparation for Fall League – I will work with Dave to finalize the draft picks and get notifications to the coaches to get their players signed up. I have spoken with two of the three pool players about getting signed up for fall. This task will continue until registration is complete."

Field Operations - Roger Clapper

Roger was not present but sent the following topic via email:

"One thing I wanted to bring up is the need for stickers on bats. If the bats are stamped with USA/ASA logos, why do we need an additional sticker every year? Seems a bit duplicitous, and unnecessary, to me. Same with senior bats, they are already appropriately marked."

Stickers are still needed because there are bats that are ASA approved that are not allowed for NSS as they are considered "loaded". Put on the parking lot for next February.

Rules & Umpires - Bob Garcia

Bob indicated that there have been complaints about one umpire that Bob is addressing directly with him.

Purchasing & Inventory - Marty Boozikee

After discussion among the Board and with several managers, Bob D. made a motion that NSS award jackets only to the winner of the championship game. There will be no t-shirts given to either team for

winning their division. The motion was seconded by Bob G. Bob D., Bob G., Rick and Marty were in favor. Tom was opposed. Dave abstained from voting. The motion passed. Marty will order the jackets as soon as the winner is determined and the player sizes provided.

Commissioner – Rick DuVall

No further updates.

Marketing, Publicity, & Communications - Tom Holder

No further updates.

Parking Lot Items:

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

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

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

Dave made motion to adjourn which was seconded by Tom. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 7:33PM.

Next meetings:

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Tuesday, October 8, 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 to be included on the agenda.

Addendum A:

Replacement Player Rule Change Recommendation

Objective:

Eliminate game start delays due to replacements.

Problem:

Current rules frequently allow game start delays, creating a ripple effect through most later games. Both players and umpires alike are affected negatively by longer than necessary presence at the park.

Discussion:

While replacement players are a necessary part of our like-for-like system, overall time management is inefficient. A large part of the solution could come from better manager diligence in choosing replacement players who will not be conflicted by late-running games. But voluntary compliance by all has not occurred and is not likely. Codifying the rule is necessary, as suggested below.

Recommendations:

Enact the following NSS game rules, effective for the Fall season. Reassess following the season.

- 1. All players serving as replacement players for another team will leave that game in time to start his regularly assigned game the next time period.*
- 2. No player will leave his assigned team early, while playing his regularly scheduled game, to join another team as a replacement player.*
- 3. Game start time will not be delayed due to a missing replacement player. Rather, at scheduled start time, or 5 minutes after the prior game which ended late, whichever is later, the umpire will declare play ball, start the game clock, and apply the penalties outlined in paragraph "The Game4a". That is, call ball or strike every 20 seconds against the tardy team, until such time that each team is positioned to play.*

Note that the above recommendations do not prohibit the selection of a player who may have to leave early, provided the manager has a plan to backfill that player when/if he must leave.

Additional Considerations:

Other options which will meet the objective, but may be too harsh include:

- 1. Banning use of any replacement from games scheduled on another field, directly before or after your time slot.*
- 2. Declaring a forfeit to teams undermanned (8 or less) at game time due replacements.*