

## MCSA Meeting Minutes

Location: Life[Link] Community Church

Date: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2011

6:33 PM Prayer – Rob Utley

6:34 PM NSA vs ASA – Rob Utley

- The discussion to go NSA was tabled at the last meeting
- Ben Moore: expressed concern about safety for pitchers if we go NSA and use “hotter” bats
- Rob Utley: NSA does move the mound back and staying ASA doesn’t prevent people from hitting middle or change a player’s hitting ability
- Mel Utley: mentioned that we also have to consider co-ed and women when making the decision as to go NSA or stay ASA. She expressed her concern about harder hit balls in co-ed
- Steve Marshall: stated that a switch to NSA just doesn’t make sense right now since we are going to be playing on Morbitt Field, which is a smaller field
- Rob Utley: homeruns should not be a huge issue on Morbitt because the new homerun rule should limit homerun attempts
- Carl Hardwick: the three feet that the mound will be moved back will not make a difference in safety for a pitcher.
- Kevin Graham stated several cons for staying ASA:
  - Next year, when ASA changes standards, current ASA bats will be not grandfathered in
  - NSA offers lower compression balls than ASA (52 core / 275 compression)
  - The mound is closer in ASA
  - There is no ASA church state tournament
  - The NSA National tournament is in Muncy, Indiana while the ASA Nationals are in Florida
  - Kevin will be organizing an NSA state tournament
  - ASA’s focus is fast pitch girls softball, not slow pitch
  - There is a lack of local ASA tournaments
  - The Nazarene Nationals are considering switching to NSA
  - NSA has a bat protest policy while ASA does not (\$200 protest fee, 5 year suspension)
- Jim Kelley: expressed concern about using low quality balls with lower bat speed bats would result in very weak hits for those who play recreationally
- Ben Moore: stated that the benefits of NSA over ASA concerning tournaments was a non-factor for most Tuesday teams
- Steve Marshall: stated that we have never had a problem with ASA, and in fact, our association affiliation has very little impact on our actual league
- Jeff Reed: stated that the ASA was appealing to him because it is being proactive to protect players, including the upcoming switch to not allow bats with end caps
- Jim Kelley: stated that the whole reason the league ever decided to become affiliated with any association was for the benefit of insurance

- Kevin: clarified that the insurance that any association provides to a league is only supplemental insurance, secondary to an individual's insurance
- Rob Utley: one of the things we have to consider with going to NSA are women and rethinking the age limits for the league
- Kevin Graham: clarified that it is possible for the league to go NSA, but stay with ASA bats
- Chuck Daniel: stated that as a pitcher, bats speeds really aren't a concern for him
- Mike Winders: stated that we might have to look into changing age limits next year regardless due to a case in California concerning age requirements and other regulations coming about
- Kevin Graham: stated that the NSA rule for courtesy runners is: 1 per inning for anyone. Co-ed: 2 runners allowed per inning, 1 for female, 1 for male
- Carl Hardwick: stated that if the ASA does not grandfather bats in when it makes the change, then most bats we use would not be allowed. If we switch to NSA and stipulate that we are only allowed to use ASA bats, we could then grandfather bats in when the ASA makes the bat switch.
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to switch the MCSA from ASA to NSA

7:07 PM ASA vs NSA Bats

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to only allow ASA legal bats in all MCSA games, tournaments, etc.

7:15 PM Pitch Height – Rob Utley

- There was discussion at a previous meeting about wanting to go back to six feet to twelve feet, as opposed to six to ten feet for pitch height. No motion was made.

7:16 PM Balls

- Kevin Graham stated that he can get balls cheaper than what was decided on at our last meeting
- Kevin can get balls for \$34.44 per dozen
- A motion was made, seconded, and passed for the league to use 52 core / 275 compression NSA balls

7:24 PM Team Status – Rob Utley

- We still have two teams: White Oaks Road and Prospect UMC undecided whether they will play in the league this year

7:25 PM Flip Flop Rule

- A motion was made, seconded, and passed to remove the flip flop rule

7:34 PM Run Rule

- A motion was made, seconded, but failed to implement a run rule of 20 runs after 3 innings

7:40 PM Prayer – Rob Utley