

# **FINAL Minutes**

## **VSS Board of Directors Meeting January 14, 2021**

**Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM**

**Board Members Present –**

*League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin*

*Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger*

*Social Committee – Ronny Griffith*

*Director of Umpires – Keven Busque*

*Public Relations - Kevin Massey*

*External Competition - Ken Hartwright*

*Treasurer – Richard Nabel*

*Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher*

**Past Commissioner – Craig Tanner**

**Absent – none**

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2020 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.*

### ***New Business/Discussion***

*Dick reported the league checking account balance of \$5595.*

*Kevin C shared the results of the monkey survey which had been sent to the league membership:*

- *63 respondents*
- *68% in favor of maintaining or increasing registration dues*
- *76% in favor of a \$20/member increase for 2021 season*

*The Board recognized the financial struggles many of our league sponsors have been experiencing during this pandemic time and the financial impact to league income with this situation. Kevin M will draft a letter that will be sent to existing league sponsors with the sentiments of:*

- *Thanking them for past sponsorship*
- *Recognizing the financial impact this pandemic has had to small businesses*
- *Continue advertising their business on our League web site*

*The Board discussed the critical expense items needed to run the league and noted the larger items being the Vernon Parks and Rec fee and insurance. There was recognition of expense items that could be eliminated and where supplies exist from previous season.*

*A motion was made and seconded to increase registration dues by \$20 for the season of 2021 only. Motion passed. Many members left their 2020 registration monies with the league to be carried over for the 2021 season. With the motion above, returning members will need to*

*remit a \$20 additional fee for the 2021 season. New member registration fee will be \$80 (\$60 normal fee + the \$20 additional fee for 2021 season only)*

*Bill noted*

*Keven will craft a letter to be sent out to the league membership recognizing the special considerations that apply to our 2021 season:*

- Sharing the results from the Monkey survey*
- Recognizing the hardship our sponsors are under & impact to our league*
- Need to increase league registration fee to cover the minimum expense for our league to continue*
- Players who paid for the 2020 season who do not want to play during the 2021 season can still get a refund for the 2020 payment up through the close of the 2021 registrations*

*Bill to update registration forms for 2021 season on web site:*

- End of registration – April 17*
- League start – early May*

*Kevin C will seek relief from the Vernon Parks and Rec on field expense for our 2021 season to aid in keeping our league costs down.*

*Ken expects to continue the tradition of the Memorial Tournament which has been normally held in July with a couple of teams. Further discussion will occur on the opportunity to have team(s) in the Cape Cod Tournament which is normally held after Labor Day.*

*Next meeting: Monday February 22, 2021 at 6pm.*

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 8:03 PM.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary  
1/14/2021*

