

FINAL Minutes

VSS Board of Directors Meeting March 15, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:00 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

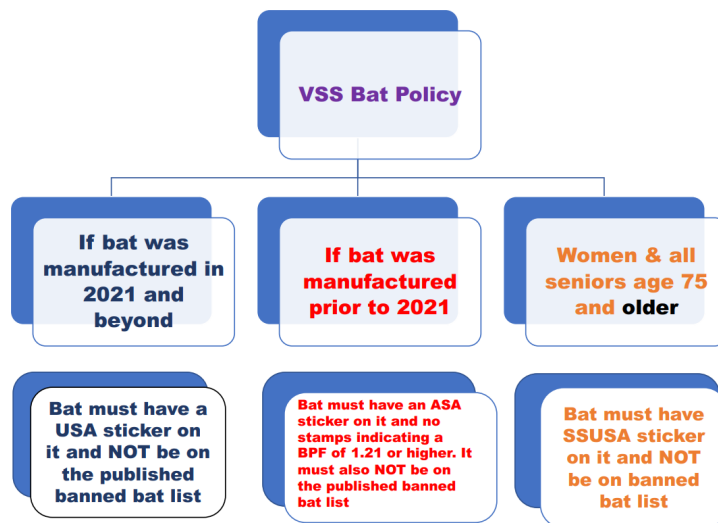
Guest: Dave Hutchins

Absent none

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.

Old Business

- *The VSS website was updated by Bill with:*
 - *the rules with the updated softball bat information for 2021 season*
 - *the FINAL VSS January 14, 2020 Board meeting minutes*
 - *the DRAFT February 22, 2021 Board meeting minutes*
- *Bat policy – in chart form*



- *Sponsors letter – the draft version of a special sponsor letter was discussed. It recognizes that the pandemic has impacted many businesses and that although our 2020 VSS season was cancelled, planning is underway for our 2021 season. Based on Board input some small changes will be made and then a final version will be ready.*

New Business/Discussion

Registration –

- *Registration process improvement opportunities were discussed. One option is to consider using Venmo or Paypal as payment options. Process will remain as is for the 2021 season and the topic will be reviewed again in the fall for next season.*
- *Current status – 58 players registered (57 returning & 1 new member)*

Season Opening:

- *Board approved May 10th to start the season*
 - *Generally 17 weeks are needed: 14 weeks of regular season, 2 weeks playoffs, 1 week for rainouts*
- *Preparation activities include:*
 - *Managers' meeting (review rules & code of conduct, distribute balls, score books)*
 - *Team tryouts & assignments*
 - *Develop schedule & assign practice dates.*
 - *Expenses:*
 - *Major-Town fee and insurance payment*
 - *Minor-Scorebooks & bat stickers,shirts/caps*

League protocol for league play during pandemic environment:

There was extensive discussion on the policy needed for safe league play during the continued pandemic environment. The CDC guidelines will be followed and the Board notes that each team member is responsible for compliance and to be thoughtful, accountable and responsible for safe league play for all members.

- *Initial recommendations:*
 - *Bring your own chair to games*
 - *Maintain social distancing (applies to spectators)*
 - *Minimize congregating before & after games*
 - *Wear masks around dugout areas*
 - *Bring hand sanitizer/disinfecting wipes/products as you need to feel safe*

Membership surveys:

- *Going forward a free capability from Google will be used for any surveys needed. Survey Monkey had been used but is not free for using this capability when there are more than 40 responders*

Next meeting: Monday March 29, 2021 at 6pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:23 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary
3/15/2021*