



VSS Board of Directors Meeting March 29, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:02 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: none

Absent none

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 15, 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 February 22, 2020 Board meeting minutes*
 - *the DRAFT March 15, 2021 Board meeting minutes*

- *Sponsors letter- the updated version of a special sponsor letter was discussed. Although it recognizes that the pandemic has impacted many businesses financially, it does now contain wording to allow monetary support to the league if the sponsor chooses or can. Regardless, the 23 sponsors will be retained on our website for our membership to see and support. Final letter will be sent out to sponsors by April 5.*

- *Registration update –*
 - *Current status – 82 players registered as of 3/29 (includes 2 new members)*

- *Treasurer update*
 - *Current league balance of \$5256 (plus \$500 town has for fields & \$ 180 Yard Goats have)*
 - *The insurance bill has been paid*
 - *Shirts will need to be ordered but league has existing ball caps*

- *Neon stickers for bats have been ordered and will contain the VSS logo, regular or senior level, and year*

- *Season opening preparations:*
 - *Time Table for beginning of season:*
 1. In person registration April 17th 9:00-11:00 followed by new player evaluation on field at 11.
 2. April 18. Close of registration
 3. April 19 and 21 open practice for anyone wanting to practice
 4. April 20 and 22 – Two additional days of evaluation, new player practices
 5. April 22th completion of rosters by board 6:00 coaches can attend to hear recommendations
 6. April 26th first day of practices followed by coaches meeting 6:00
 7. Umpire meeting April 29th 6:00
 8. April 26th first day of practices
 9. May 3-6 – Joint team practices
 10. Beginning of season 5/10/21
 - *Stickering bats will occur during the practice week and even the first game*
 - *Kevin C will be drafting a letter to membership to highlight some important league policies .*
 - *Kevin C will contact Town and secure fields for practices*
 - *Discussion:*
 - *Board will look at league holistically to assure teams are balanced to allow parity in competition*
 - *Managers will be contacted to understand unassigned inventory of team shirts*

New Business/Discussion

- *A few league members have sponsored additional monies to help the league during this challenging season with finances and no sponsor solicitation. Discussion ensued on how to recognize these members to the entire league and give our collective appreciation.*
- *A motion was made and passed to allow the League Commissioner, representing the Board, to have conversations with any league player who wants to play a position that would put that person at risk. Safety and enjoyment are prominent goals of our league.*
- *A suggestion was made to establish a Historian Board position to review stored league records and determine material to retain and digitize. This topic will be further discussed at a future meeting.*

Next meeting: Thursday April 22, 2021 at 6pm.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:02 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary
3/29/2021*