

# DRAFT Minutes



## VSS Board of Directors Meeting July 19, 2021

**Meeting called to order at 6:13 PM**

### **Board Members Present -**

*League Commissioner - Kevin Conklin*

*Internal Competition - Bill Hettinger*

*Social Committee - Ronny Griffith*

*Public Relations - Kevin Massey*

*External Competition - Ken Hartwright*

*Treasurer - Richard Nabel*

*Recording Secretary - Gail Gretzmacher*

**Guests:** *Dave Hutchins*

**Absent** *Craig Tanner (Past Commissioner)*

*A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2021 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.*

- *Opening Comments*
  - *Gail noted the outstanding job our commissioner (Kevin C) is doing with managing all the heat and rain conditions, rescheduling and working with Parks and Rec.*
  - *Kevin C recognized that the collective Board is working well together and some league members also recognized the job the Board is doing.*
  - *Kevin C expressed appreciation for the solid survey response from the membership on playoff format*
- *Treasurer update- Dick*
  - *Operating account => \$4600*
    - *Anticipated/Planned expenses*
      - *frames for sponsor certificates*
      - *Fall picnic*
      - *Web site hosting renewal and domain name*
      - *balls*
      - *2022 insurance*
      - *Holiday party (pending membership interest)*
- *Season discussion*
  - *With all the rainouts and heat-cancelling days, rescheduling games will be challenging*
  - *Another location (VCMS - Vernon Center Middle School) will be considered for makeups*
  - *The membership voted resulting in 86% in favor of double elimination playoffs*
  - *Playoffs will stay on target to start August 23*
  - *Kevin C has worked to have the Parks and Rec perform needed work for field drainage and improve the infield with limited success*
  - *To accommodate double-elimination playoffs, the regular season will need to be shortened and the commissioner will work to get teams to close to an equal number of game*

- *Umpire activity – Keven noted the challenges with scheduling umpires with all the rescheduling of games as well as the shortage in our pool of umpires.*
- *Games at Henry requiring team to self-umpire seem to have worked reasonably well.*
- *Social Activities- Ronny*
  - *Fall picnic – funded by VSS & free for membership*
    - *Sept 19, 2021*
    - *9am-7pm*
    - *East Windsor Park – Pavilion North*
  - *Holiday Party?*
    - *A survey will be sent out to the membership to see of any interest as it would be a split funding between VSS and each individual team member. In 2019 there were 62 attendees at the Holiday party.*
- *External Tournament update – Ken*
  - *Cape Tournament:*
    - *Vernon 70s - September 13-15 (funded by VSS)*
  - *Hosted tournament at Community*
    - *August 28<sup>th</sup>*
    - *Working to have 4 teams (3 outside and an internal VSS-represented team)*
    - *Sponsor banner to be posted*
- *Sponsors- Kevin M shared a sponsor update:*
  - *A \$250 donation was received from the UPS store (Dave Coppolelli)*
  - *“Thank You” letters have been sent out to all 2021 sponsors at this time*
  - *Letter was sent out to the membership to have players and families support all of our current and past sponsors.*
  - *Total donations to date: \$1975*
  - *Framed sponsor certificates for distribution to sponsors at the end of the year will be handled by Rich & Karen Andreoli*
  - *A new sponsor banner will need to be budgeted for next season*
  - *There will not be a displaying of the outdated sponsor banner for remainder of the season. However, if there will be a VSS sponsored tournament, the banner will be displayed*
- *Historical - Vintage VSS – Kevin M*
  - *3rd edition information sent to Dave Hutchins for inclusion in next VSS newsletter.*
  - *New articles to follow each week with varying bits of historical documentation and pictures from early years of the league. (Earliest information I’ve obtained is from 1993 and latest information is from the 2010-2011 seasons.) If more information from other years comes my way they will be included as well.*
  - *Suggestions are welcomed from all. I will be submitting a new email to be disbursed to the league requesting pictures, articles, etc. from individuals if they’re willing to provide them.*
  - *I have compiled three binders of information: 1993-1999/2000-2002/2008. Currently working on completing the remainder of binders with relevant information.*

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

- *Prepare an agenda item for the annual membership meeting to add a VSS Historian Board position (Aug mtg topic) with a modification to VSS By-laws*
- *Solicit for a new Public Relations Chair for 2022 (future)*
- *Scoring & Clock – Kevin C will take action to purchase: (not discussed)*
  - *A game clock to better communicate time to the players (buzzer to sound at 65 minutes into the game signaling the next inning will be the last inning and the open one)*
  - *A backstop scoreboard for better display of scoring to all*

*Next meeting: August 9<sup>th</sup>*

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 8:02 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary*  
*7/20/2021*