

FINAL Minutes



VSS Board of Directors Meeting June 8, 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*

Past Commissioner – Craig Tanner

Guests: *Director of Umpires – Keven Busque,, Rich Andreoli,, Mike Smith, and Dave Hutchins*

Absent none

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2021 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.

Old Business/Discussion

- *Treasurer update- Dick
 - *Operating account => \$5000
 - *Remaining expenses – Cape tournament entry fee for 70s team, frames for sponsor certificates**
 - *Funds are available to have a picnic in the fall (free to members) & a Holiday social (subsidized for members)
 - *Ronny will take action to organize these events**
 - *Dick to determine the needed carryover funding for the 2022 season**
- *Registration update – Bill
 - *117 paid members in the league**
- *Season review
 - *Team parity was discussed with the result that no change will be made to any team*
 - *Team Managers will be solicited for their members willing to play a 2nd game when another team is in need of players for a game*
 - *Number 1 Player list was reviewed for those names that were not previously approved but to be re-evaluated. Additions to #1 list: Ronny Griffith, John Massey*
 - *Runners from Home List was discussed and it was recognized that players will need to be appropriately added by team managers during the season. Players can only come off the list at the season midpoint. Harry Tamiso was approved to come off the list at season midpoint.*
 - *Umpire activity – league is in need of additional members to step up and help umpire and team managers with no representation will solicit from their teams. It was noted that communication with umpires during games is to ONLY come from the Team Managers and not any other team member. Umpires will not tolerate bad behavior addressed to them or other league players.**

- *Code of Conduct – Board discussed that our league is for good play and good sportsmanship and that all league members should be reminded of that and conduct themselves appropriately.*
- *Makeup games at Henry Park*
 - *Only a single game will be played at Henry Park for a needed makeup game:*
 - *3:30 games => 3:30 at Henry Park*
 - *4:55 games => 4:45 at Henry Park (leagues follow at 6pm at Henry Park)*
 - *Games will be self- umpired (batting team will act as the plate umpire)*
- *External Tournament update – Ken*
 - *Only 6 league members responded to the solicitation for tournament 70s players*
 - *Memorial Tournament will be planned (now for the Fall)*
 - *Contact will be made to John Brandt for available field dates*
 - *Solicitation will then be made for team entrants*
- *Sponsors- Kevin M shared a sponsor update:*
 - *\$100 donation from Integrated Rehabilitation Services of Vernon.*
 - *\$100 today from The Rockville Pharmacy*
 - *\$250 from "Fiesta Mexicana" restaurant*
 - *"Thank You" letters have been sent out to all 2021 sponsors at this time*
 - *Letter sent out league wide to have players and families support all of our current and past sponsors.*
 - *Total donations to date: \$1725*

New Business/Discussion

- *Scoring & Clock – Kevin C will take action to purchase:*
 - *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*
- *Framed sponsor certificates- sponsor certificates will be printed and then framed for presentation to our 2021 season sponsors.*
- *Sponsor Banner- The banner was discussed and it was noted that sponsorship has changed from what is presented on the current banner. Therefore, the current banner will not be displayed at games. At a later date sponsorship will be confirmed to update the banner for the 2022 season.*
- *An idea was presented to host a tournament with community participation of first responders & essential works. This was discussed with strong interest from the Board. Cost would be minimal with field reservation (\$250) and then providing lunch. Ken will pursue.*
- *Historical - Vintage VSS*
 - *1st edition information sent to Dave Hutchins for inclusion in next VSS newsletter.*
 - *New articles will 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.)*
 - *Suggestions are welcomed from all. Dave and Kevin M will work together to disseminate as much league history without overloading the newsletter*
- *Players who have paid registration fee but can no longer play in the field or bat would like to participate as a courtesy runner for their team. Per current league rules they would not be eligible to be a courtesy runner without playing in the field and batting. This topic was discussed briefly and no rule changes will be made this season but this item will be considered at a Board meeting in the fall.*

Next meeting: July 19th

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:29 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary
6/8/2021*