

## **VSS Annual Meeting Minutes for October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Meeting called to order at 6:15 by Dave Hutchins?** (Did I miss this or did we not call the meeting to order?)

**Attendees** - Craig has a list of everyone in attendance

**Quorum established?** – Yes / meeting accomplished via Zoom Virtual Call

### **2020 Board Members Present –**

Commissioner - Craig Tanner

Asst. Commissioner/Public Relations – Dave Hutchins

Treasurer – Richard Nabel

Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger

External Competition – Kevin Massey

Social Committee – Ronny Griffith

Director of Umpires – Keven Busque

Past Commissioner – Kevin Conklin

### **Absent –**

Secretary – Mary Gracylany

### **1. Commissioners Opening Remarks**

Craig welcomed everyone to the Zoom meeting and spoke to the cancelled 2020 softball season as a result of the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.

He also thanked everyone who deferred their registration fees to the 2021 softball season. (See memo #1 for “Letter from the Commissioner”)

### **2. Secretary’s Report**

Dave read a report generated by standing Secretary Mary Gracylany (see memo #2)

The only item up for discussion was line item #9 (Members Comments) This concerned possibly renaming the “Howie Bromage Tournament” and not “identifying a great person...” as Mary wrote. More discussion to follow on this topic by the incoming Board of Directors.

### **3. Treasurers Report**

Dave read the report generated by standing Treasurer Dick Nabel. The report reflected the finances generated by the league for 2020. (see memo #3)

### **4. Audit Committee Report**

Audit Committee Chairperson Joe Handleman read his report of audit stating he had completed a formal examination of the books and records kept by Treasurer Dick Nabel for the period October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

He and his auditing team completed the report on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 without any discrepancies to the Treasurers report. (see memo #4)

#### **5. Umpires Report**

*Nothing to report from standing "Director of Umpires" Keven Busque as there was no official softball season. (see memo #5)*

#### **6. Assistant Commissioners Report**

*Standing Asst. Commissioner Dave Hutchins reported the focus through the year was to review and revise any and all rules related to the league rules structure.*

*He formed a 10-person committee of league members to accomplish this task taking approximately 4 months to complete.*

*A completed finalized copy of "Rules and Regulations" can be found on the VSS website.*

*Dave also stated that he did not seek any league sponsorship from local businesses due to Covid. (see memo #6)*

#### **7. Internal Competition Report**

*Dave and standing Internal Competition Chairman Bill Hettinger read Bill's report reflecting the status of registered players and the lack of tryouts and practices due to the Covid pandemic.*

*They also thanked everyone who deferred their league dues to next year's softball season. (see memo #7)*

#### **8. External Competition Report**

*Dave read the report generated by standing External Competition Chairman Kevin Massey. The annual VSS tournament was to be played on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 but was cancelled due to Covid-19.*

*Although the softball fields were reserved and paid for earlier in the year, the Vernon Parks and Rec Department has credited our league for a future tournament in 2021.*

*(see memo #8)*

#### **9. Social Committee Report**

*Nothing to report from standing chairman Ronny Griffith as the end of year picnic and holiday party had to be cancelled due to Covid-19.*

*(see memo #9)*

#### **10. New Business**

*Craig stated he is stepping down as acting league commissioner but will perform duties of past commissioner.*

*He thanked all the league players for their participation during his tenure and also to the standing Board of Directors for their work to make the league successful.*

*Dave is also stepping down as acting assistant league commissioner and everything else he does! He stated he will be glad to continue working on the VSS newsletter, to register games scores and team standings, and to help in any way he can to assist others.*

*Mary is also stepping down as our league secretary.*

*Kudos from all league members to Craig, Dave and Mary for their diligent work to make the league a success!*

*Board of Directors Nominations.*

*Kevin Massey – position TBD*

*Kevin Conklin – position TBD*

*Gail Gretzmacher – position TBD*

*Ken Hartwright – position TBD*

*These nominees were voted on and all four were voted in to serve for the year 2021 softball season.*

*(see memo #10)*

### **11. Questions & Answers**

*Bob Lathrop asked about the Board of Directors thanking league sponsors from last year. Dave responded that this item had been accomplished with great thanks to all the businesses who contributed funds to the league.*

*Joe Handleman mentioned to all of us that the “Dome” was open for business on Tuesdays and Thursdays for softball participation. All members are welcomed.*

*The drawing for the free league registration was performed and the winner was Dick Nabel. He graciously contributed his “win” back to the league funds. Another drawing was held and was won by Mike Malone. Congrats!*

### **Closing Remarks.**

*Craig and Dave thanked all the Zoom participants and reminded us all to stay safe!*

*The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. \*\* (I did not hear a motion on this??)\*\**

*Standing board members and incoming board members were asked to remain on the Zoom meeting for further information. Unfortunately, we were all bounced out of the meeting at 6:48 PM.*

*We have scheduled another meeting of the current and new board members for Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM via another Zoom call.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Kevin Massey, External Competition Chairman*

*10/20/2020*

*(Revised 10/23/2020)*

