



Minutes

VSS Board of Directors Meeting August 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:15 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
Craig Tanner (Past Commissioner)*

Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021 meeting and the special August 2, 2021 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.

- *Opening Comments*
 - *Kevin C will send an email to the league team managers that there is to be no contact between teams immediately after the game (e.g. high fives and fist bumps) for the remainder of this season.*
 - *Several emails sent by members had favorable feedback on board and umpire performance this season.*
- *Treasurer update- Dick*
 - *Operating account => \$4619*
 - *The Yard Goats have a \$180 league deposit from a prior year and Kevin C will follow up*
- *Season discussion*
 - *Scheduled games will not be cancelled if another league member reports a positive Covid test. Individual will not be allowed to play until a positive PCR test is provided to the Commissioner. Precautions of non-vaccinated members wearing masks and no contact between teams post play is continued league policy.*
 - *The board agreed that final standings are to be reported in the same W-L-T (Wins, Losses, Ties) format as during the season*
 - *Playoffs*
 - *Craig has crafted the playoff game layout which will begin Monday August 23 in a double elimination format*
 - *Games will be played Mon-Thurs of that week with any rainout allowing games to be shifted to include Friday (teams need to be prepared to play daily with no requests for game movement accepted)*
 - *Games will start 3:20 and 4:45 to better assure completion within the allotted time; the 75 minute rule that states no inning can start will NOT apply to the play-offs*
 - *Games will be played until there is a winner; no tie allowed*
 - *The winner bracket will be done Aug 25th*
- *Social Activities- Ronny*

- *Fall picnic – there continues to be Board support for the fall picnic which will be funded by VSS & free for membership; however, a final call will be made on September 7th, for a “go” vs “no go” decision after understanding the current state position in September on events during Covid.*
 - *Sept 19, 2021*
 - *9am-7pm*
 - *East Windsor Park – Pavilion North*
- *Holiday Party?*
 - *There were 21 responders to the survey sent out with an early indication of 35 people would attend.*
 - *After much discussion that noted the increase in Covid with the Delta variant, unknowns about any restrictions by the state, and the Holiday party being an indoor event, the Board was unanimous in deciding to not hold a Holiday party this year. Any funding that was planned for this event will be considered for the picnic such as music and a speaker system.*
- *External Tournament update – Ken*
 - *Hosted tournament at Community*
 - *August 28th, 10am start*
 - *Leftover new softballs will be collected for use in this tournament*
 - *There are 4 teams*
 - Outside teams:*
 - *Diamond Dogs (\$250 entry fee)*
 - *Talaga (paying for food)*
 - *Vipers (\$250 entry fee)*
 - Internal team: Nor’Easters, a team of VSS members and paid for by VSS*
 - *Sponsor banner to be posted*
- *Sponsors- Kevin M shared a sponsor update:*
 - *Total sponsor donations YTD \$1,975.00*
 - *Thank You” letters have been sent out to all 2021 sponsors at this time*
 - *Rich & Karen Andreoli are actively working sponsor certificates with the plan to have them ready for the end of our season. Kevin M will deliver to each sponsor personally or solicit others if they would like to present them.*
 - *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*
 - *4th edition information sent to Dave Hutchins for inclusion in next VSS newsletter.*
 - *Continuing to solicit info and pictures from members. (Dave Hutchins/Edson Phelps)*
 - *Continuing to work on more binders. 12 of the 28 years of VSS completed.*
 - *Email sent out to all team managers to expect getting team pictures taken prior to season’s end.*
 - *What to do with registration forms from 1993-2012 was discussed . A suggestion was made to create a master inventory of players and years only with no need to keep the individual form.*

New Business/Discussion

- *The annual VSS league meeting will be held on Oct 25h at 6pm. A large cafeteria size venue is being sought to allow adequate spacing. Members may be asked to bring their own chair.*
 - *Topics for meeting: discussion*
 - *Umpire format options for 2022:*
 - *Continue with current format of volunteer umpires but need representation from all teams*
 - *Self-umpire which was the format used at Henry Park*

- Use external umpires at a game cost of minimally \$30/game; this would require a significant increase in member registration (\$40-50 more)
 - Each team playing at 3:30 games must supply 1 umpire for the 4:55 game; each team playing at 4:55 must supply 1 umpire for the 3:30 game
 - Any other option from membership?
 - Nominations will be sought for the board of the directors for voting at the annual meeting. There are three board members whose term is expiring (Ronny, Bill, Keven).
 - Rule changes: per league by-laws members can offer/submit rule changes sought for the next season
- Scoring & Clock – Kevin C has encountered challenges with these and continues to pursue

Next meeting: September 29th at Shea's

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary

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