



# FINAL Minutes

## VSS Board of Directors Meeting September 29, 2021

**Meeting called to order at 6:01 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  
Umpire Committee – Keven Busque  
Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher  
Craig Tanner (Past Commissioner)*

*Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 meeting Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.*

- *Opening Comments*
  - *Congratulations were given to:*
    - *Regular Season winner – Blue Jays*
    - *Playoff winner – Cardinals*  
*The final playoff games were exciting between the Orioles and the Cardinals with each of the last two games ending win a ONE run win. Both teams played well and made for a great ending to the season.*
  - *Recognition and appreciation were expressed to:*
    - *Kevin Massey for the excellent job he has done with sponsors this year, without any solicitation of funding from them. His strong engagement with sponsors still saw some of them sending monies for this season.*
    - *Ken Hartwright and Kevin Massey for organizing a successful Tournament on August 28<sup>th</sup>.*
    - *Kevin Massey for initiating an effort to collect historical league information and pictures and organizing the material into binders by year.*
- *Treasurer update- Dick*
  - *Operating account => \$4093*
    - *The Yard Goats have a \$180 league deposit from a prior year*
    - *An outstanding tournament team fee of \$250 to be received*
    - *All bills are paid (a note that insurance covers a liability of \$200,000)*
    - *An audit will be performed on October 20th*
- *Social Activities- Ronny*
  - *Fall picnic was attended by ~50 people on Sunday September 19 at East Windsor Park. From 9am-7pm. Cost was \$944.52. Folks who attended enjoyed pizza, meatballs, salads, and grinders with a note to reduce food amounts next year and that grinders were not popular. Covid limited activities to corn hole games*
- *External Tournament summary – Ken*
  - *Hosted tournament at Community on August 28<sup>th</sup> with 4 teams who expressed that the tournament was well-run and that there would be interested in playing next year. The winner was Diamond Dogs from Ludlow. There were 2 VSS volunteer umpires per each game. Honorary captains from the VSS team were Don Graves and Don Hensley. There were some*

*challenges with field readiness and working scoreboard as the Rec department only had the field ready for Friday's field activities and made no effort to ready the field further for any Saturday play. Sponsor banner was posted.*

- *Public Relations- Kevin M*
  - *Total sponsor donations YTD \$1,975.00*
  - *"Thank You" letters have been sent out to all 2021 sponsors*
  - *Framed "Appreciation Certificates" handed out to 2 of 6 sponsors at this time (Shea's & Fiesta Mexicana.) Both of these sponsors are on board to sponsor our league next year as well. The remaining sponsors will be visited within the next two weeks to receive their certificates.*
  - *An Excel spreadsheet was sent to Joe Handleman for his annual league audit providing the amounts each sponsor gave us. The same spreadsheet was sent to Dick Nabel to cross reference if needed.*
  - *All Public Relations documents are ready for a new 2022 Public Relations board member.*
  - *Will need to budget for a new Sponsor banner next year if we are to continue displaying the banner at Community Field.*
  
- *Historical - Vintage VSS – Kevin M*
  - *Effort continued to solicit info and pictures from members. Would like to digitize this information to put out on our website. Recently received several videos of the Cardinals-Orioles championship game from Tiffany Szych and would like to incorporate these as well as any other videos going forward.*
  - *Continuing to work on more binders. 13 of the 28 years of VSS completed.*
  - *Recently completed 2021 binder. Included our VSS One Pitch Memorial Tournament documents and photos in this binder.*
  - *Always looking for new ideas from members; solicit at the annual meeting.*

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

- *The annual VSS league meeting will be held on Oct 25h at 6pm. .*
  - *Preparation for annual VSS member meeting*
    - *Minutes from the October 20, 2020 VSS annual meeting will be posted to the web site*
    - *A quorum of 30% of the dues-paying members is needed to hold the meeting. (35 people needed)*
    - *Board members whose term is up => Bill, Ronny, & Keven; league members who expressed interest in joining the Board were discussed; the Board is in agreement that new Board members can bring new perspectives and ideas.*
    - *A few By-law and rule changes proposed by the Board were discussed. The membership can also submit rule change candidates for consideration.*
    - *The 2022 Board will be reviewing policy on:*
      - *Umpiring*
        - *Options discussed:*
          - *Continue with current model (but not all teams participate in supplying umpires)*
          - *Self-umpire (each team supplies 1 ump for the game they are playing)*
          - *Paid umpires (This would increase membership fee of ~\$32)*
          - *Flip-flop model – Team playing at 4:55 supply an ump for the 3:30 game and the 3:30 game teams supply an ump for the 4:55 game)*
        - *A Heat index policy*
        - *The addition of an Historian Board Position*
        - *Review the benefit and value of using the Vernon field versus other options. Local sponsorship will need to be considered for any possible change.*

*Next meeting: Annual VSS member meeting on October 25*

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 8:07 PM.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary*

*9/29/2021*