



# **FINAL Minutes**

## **VSS Board of Directors Meeting December 6, 2021**

**Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM**

### **Board Members Present –**

*League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin  
Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger  
Treasurer – Richard Nabel  
Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher  
Umpire Committee – Matt Kellie  
Public Relations – Brian Battles  
Social Committee – Tim Poloski  
Kevin Massey*

**Missing:** External Competition - Ken Hartwright

*Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the September 29, 2021 meeting and the October 25, 2021 meeting. Motions passed and Bill will post to the league website.*

- **Opening Comments**
  - *The commissioner gave a warm welcome to the new Board members and was enthusiastic that this new board would work well together for our 2022 season.*
- **Treasurer Update – Operating account is \$4390**
- **Old Business**
  - Kevin M confirmed that all Sponsors’ framed certificates were personally distributed by him
  - Historian activity – 116 pictures now collected and save on a flash drive representing team photos from 2013 to the present plus some tournament pictures . Drive was given to Bill from Kevin M.
  - Bill confirmed By-law change with SSUSA posted to web site
- **New Business/Discussion**
  - Board structure
    - roles reviewed
    - Motion was made to add an Historian position. Motion passed.
    - Motion was made to name Kevin Massey as the Historian. Motion passed.
  - Preparation for 2022 season
    - Registration
      - Season registration - Jan 3,2022- April 17, 2021
      - April 16<sup>th</sup> – in-person registration date
      - Fee structure - \$60 for returning members; \$70 for new members
      - A motion was made to open a VSS Venmo account or Paypal account. Motion passed. Bill will open the appropriate account.
      - Suggestion made to have a “donate” button for members who wish to contribute more to league play
      - Bill to develop a means to receive the registration form online when members desire to use Venmo for payment
    - Umpire model
      - With feedback at the October VSS member meeting, the umpire model will continue to be an internal model

- Regularly scheduled games will have 2 umpires; teams will need to assure 2 representatives are provided to umpire during the season
  - Re-scheduled games (due to cancellation) will be SELF-umpired.
  - All games at Henry park will be SELF-umpired
  - Several umpire clinics will be hosted to better prepare umpires for the season; Hutch has volunteered to host
- Web site
  - Tournament/travel team content/dates needed for 2022 from Ken
  - Site to be updated to provide guidance that any league member who plans to purchase a new bat should consider compatibility with our mid-compression league balls (44375)
- Internal competition
  - Regular season runs for 15 weeks – May 2, 2022 – August 19, 2022 with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July week as makeup opportunities
  - Playoffs run August 22, 2022 – September 2, 2022
  - Bill will create a rule's summary cheat sheet for managers, umpires, & players after any new rule changes implemented using a SSUSA base format.
- Equipment needed for 2022 season
  - A motion was made to allow the purchase of 4 new league bats (2 Sr bats 27 & 28 mid-range; 2 regular bats 26 & 28 mid-range) for a maximum amount of \$1200 . Motion passed. Bill to purchase.
  - Kevin C to purchase VSS hats
  - 11 dozen Softballs (44375) were ordered by Craig
- Heat Index policy for 2022 season – a new policy will exist to call games based on heat index level. The heat index that exists at 1pm will be collected and if 97 degrees or above the games will be cancelled.
- Playing venue
  - Additional option to Vernon was discussed
  - Vernon seems to be the best choice for the 2022 season
  - Kevin C will discuss these items with Vernon Rec:
    - Working scoreboard
    - 12' pole or marker behind home plate for better seeing whether a pitched ball falls under 12'
    - Marked fields for any Saturday tournament
    - Better leveling of left field with dirt
    - Runoffs – 2<sup>nd</sup> base and behind pitcher's mound
- Rules committee
  - the commissioner expressed interest in re-instating a rules committee for review of possible Rule changes.
  - December - email solicitation from Kevin C for volunteers
  - January – meeting to be hosted by Bill of this new committee
- Social media – the use of Facebook for VSS league play pictures was discussed and Board was interested in pursuing.
- Sponsorship
  - Funding will be needed for a sponsor's banner once

*Next meeting: February 7<sup>th</sup> 6pm (agenda to include Covid policy)*

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:49 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary  
 12/6/2021