



# FINAL Minutes

## VSS Board of Directors Meeting June 20, 2022

### Meeting called to order at 6:29 PM

#### **Board Members Present –**

League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin  
Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger  
External Competition - Ken Hartwright  
Treasurer – Richard Nabel  
Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher  
Social Committee – Tim Poloski  
Historian - Kevin Massey  
Umpire Committee – Matt Kellie

Missing - Public Relations – Brian Battles

Guests: Team Manager Kari (Raven)s & Mike Calabro (Ravens)

Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes of the May 16, 2022 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.

- *Open Comments – Recognition and appreciation was extended to Kari Martin for her service to the league as the Raven Manager. The Board noted the fine job Kari is doing.*
- *Treasurer Update – Operating account is \$3900*
- *Internal competition-Bill*
  - There are 117 active players in the league this season
  - Peter DeHertogh, a new league member, has joined the Owls
  - It was noted that the additional base for courtesy runners was not in compliance with our rules. Bill will address and move the base back this week and will add a line to show placement for base.
  - Courtesy Runner from home rule was discussed and that clarification is needed . (Rule Section K)
    - A motion was made and approved to change wording in league Rules section K – DESIGNATED COURTESY RUNNERS as stated below.

#### **SECTION K – DESIGNATED COURTESY RUNNERS**

The maximum advancement by a courtesy runner from home on any play is first base. If the courtesy runner from home makes any move to advance to second base the play will be called dead. All runners will go back to the last base they reached.

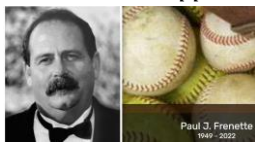
A courtesy runner plate will be placed by the umpire as far back as safely possible in the backstop area. A courtesy runner from home must start with one foot on the courtesy runner plate. A courtesy runner from home cannot leave the courtesy runner plate until the ball is hit by the batter. In the event a courtesy runner from home leaves the courtesy runner plate before the ball is hit by the batter, the batter will be called out.

At the beginning of the season, each team will provide the Board a list of players who will have a courtesy runner from home plate. This list will be approved by the board and provided to each manager. This list will be reevaluated by the board at the mid-point in the season.

Players approved by the board to have a courtesy runner from home have the option of deciding before each game whether they wish to use a courtesy runner from home for that game. A player using a courtesy runner from home during a given game must use a courtesy runner for all at bats during that game or they will be called out once first pitch is thrown during any at bat in which a courtesy runner is not used. If a courtesy runner from home is being used by a player, the umpire must allow the courtesy runner from home to take his/her position before the first pitch is thrown even if the batter has stepped into the box. If a player is using a courtesy runner from home during a given game and the courtesy runner from home is not in position when the first pitch is thrown, the batter will be called out.

- Kevin C to send email reminder to team managers of the responsibility for opening and locking the shed and cabinets, which hold our equipment, properly. There have been instances where the cabinets were left unlocked and valuable equipment could be lost.
- Kevin C to contact the town about cleaning out the shed which has become quite disorganized and messy.

- Kevin C to construct an email, reviewed first by the board, to the league explaining the need to compile a list of potential substitute players for playoff teams in need. Managers will be requested to provide at least 3 names from their team (not number 1's or those playing like a number 1) by July 18<sup>th</sup>'s Board meeting for a review and decisioning on who is eligible to managers during playoffs.
- *Social Committee-Tim*
  - *Game scores and standings are posted weekly to Facebook*
  - *A different sponsor is featured weekly*
  - *Preparation for the September picnic will be initiated in July with plans to hold at Nevers Park in South Windsor, a different venue.*
- *External Competition – Kenny*
  - *Aug 27 one-pitch tournament preparation has begun with plans to have at least 4 teams*
    - *Start time is 9am and Community field will be the venue*
    - *A league email will be sent out to the league for interest/availability to fill the home team with needed positions*
    - *A motion was made and approved to honor a past player, Paul Frenette, at this Memorial Tournament*



*Note: this tournament will remain named 'Memorial Tournament' as was approved at a league meeting a few years ago but discussion at this board meeting resulted in our collective interest in honoring a former player at this tournament going forward.*

- *Umpire update- Matt*
  - *2<sup>nd</sup> half season assignments will be posted next week*
  - *Self-umpiring at Henry Park has gone well*
- *Public Relations*
  - *No report available*
  - *Kevin M noted that:*
    - *Dave Coppoloilli also wishes to sponsor funds even though he already provided sponsor recognition cards for our league. Brian will follow up with Dave.*
    - *Brian will need to purchase the sponsor frames and that Karen Andreoli is still willing to create the certificates.*
- *Historian update – Kevin M*
  - *An email will be sent out to the league managers seeking their help to get team pictures this season. Mike Benjamin, who has experience with photography, has agreed to take the pictures this year. In the past Karen Andreoli took them.*

#### *New Business: deferred*

- *An idea was proposed for getting more members to the annual membership meeting. To be further discussed at next meeting*

*Next meeting: July 18, 2022*

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:57 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary 6/20/2022*