

FINAL Minutes



VSS Board of Directors Meeting July 18, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:05 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: Kari Martin (Team Manager Ravens) & Mike Calabro, Mike B (Ravens), Mike Smith (Team Manager Cardinals)

Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes of the June 20, 2022 meeting.

Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.

- *Treasurer Update – Dick*
 - Operating account is \$4235
 - A debit card will be obtained
- *Commissioner updates - Kevin*
 - Shed cleanout at Community completed
 - A bucket of dirt will be placed in the shed for use to fill holes in the field
 - Home team responsibility with shed and cabinet email sent to the league membership
 - Pitcher's mound moved (email out to clarify legal pitcher position)
 - A request will be made to brush hog the Left Field
 - Email solicitation to managers for candidates for valid Playoff substitute players ; list then to be reviewed and approved by the Board for use
- *Internal competition-Bill*
 - Season review/discussion
 - Owl's struggle with enough players for games, Hawks not having a consistent pitcher
 - Bob Cappa will join the Hawks until the Hawk normal pitcher is able to return from a severe injury and bat at the bottom of the roster
 - Team roster updates on web page status
 - Bat cleanup at Community completed
 - Team pictures – Mike Benjamin will schedule time with team captains for taking team pictures
- *Social Committee-Tim*
 - League September picnic food (pizza) will continue to be purchased from Paul's pizza
 - Facebook – weekly posting of scores, standings, and a weekly highlight of one of our league sponsors. There is not much activity from membership with postings.
- *External Competition – Kenny*
 - One-pitch tournament update => Saturday, August, 27, 2022 starting at 9am at Community Field in Vernon
 - Email solicitation will be sent out this week to the 4 teams that participated in the tournament last year
 - VSS Nor'easters have 16 on the roster for this tournament
 - Field preparation was discussed to assure clean lines and quality infield
 - Matt to supply umpires for the tournament
 - Commissioner will supply 12 balls for the tournament
- *Umpire update- Matt*

- There was a rescheduling in the umpire schedule for the 2nd half of the season due to league game changes
- All teams have representation with umpires
- Efforts are made to schedule umpires the day they play
- An umpire was discussed that is out of compliance with our league values. A motion was made to remove the umpire from the umpire rotation. Motion passed and Head Umpire to notify individual.
- *Public Relations – Brian* (from email report sent before the meeting)
 - Sponsor update
 - Last check received from Wicked Slice Pizza
 - Online deposit from Stateline Senior Services
 - Solicitation Letter sent to Dave Coppolelli (UPS Stores), Lisa Celotti (Michael’s Penalty Box)
 - Suburban Subaru and Rein’s deli are unable to sponsor this year but asked to be contacted next season
 - Expect to contact Monica at Fiesta Mexicana through a league member
- *Historian update – Kevin M*
 - This is the 30th year for VSS league play
 - Binders completed – 17 (1993-2003, 2006,2008,2015-2017,2021)
 - Binders in progress – 5 (2013,2014, 2018,2019,2021)
 - 2020 – Pandemic year
 - Some years material has been hard to come by
 - Books will be brought to tournament and picnic for viewing

New Business: none

Next meeting: August 8, 2022

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary 7/18/2022