



FINAL Minutes

VSS Board of Directors Meeting August 8, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:07 PM

Board Members Present –

League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin

Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger

Public Relations – Brian Battles

Treasurer – Richard Nabel

Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher

Social Committee – Tim Poloski

Historian - Kevin Massey

Umpire Committee – Matt Kellie

Missing – External Competition - Ken Hartwright

Public Relations – Brian Battles

Guests: Kari Martin (Team Manager Ravens) & Mike Calabro, Mike Smith (Team Manager Cardinals)

Motion was made and seconded to approve the amended minutes of the July 18, 2022 meeting.

Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.

○ **Treasurer Update – Dick**

- Operating account is \$3790
 - Next expense will be the September picnic (~\$500-\$700)
- A debit card has been procured

○ **Commissioner updates - Kevin**

- 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**

- There are now 120 active players in the league
 - Recent additions: Ed Coderre – Owls, Ugo, Perini & Joe Casparino – Blue Jays
- Number of games by team was reviewed in light of the weather impacting the schedule:
 - Cardinals – 26, Falcons – 25, Eagles & Orioles – 24, Ravens & Hawks – 23, Blue Jays & Owls -22
 - The Commissioner will be reviewing the remaining schedule and look to adjust make-up games to bring teams closer to the same number of games (as it is reasonable to see that 30 games will not be possible; playoffs start on time)
- Playoff substitution policy was discussed and Commissioner will be sending an email out with this revised policy from last season and an expectation from team managers.
- 2 team pictures have been taken; other team managers should contact Mike Benjamin to have their team's picture taken
- Team pictures – Mike Benjamin will schedule time with team captains for taking team pictures

○ **Social Committee-Tim**

- League September picnic was discussed (September 18 11am-3pm)
 - Venue will be Veterans Memorial Park on Pleasant Valley Road in South Windsor; appreciation extended to Mike Smith for securing this venue and at a discounted price
 - League members and family members are invited to attend; managers will be asked to collect a count of their team members/family planning to attend for food planning
 - Menu to include pizza, salads, soda & water, cookies
 - Corn hole and horse shoes are available activities
- Facebook :
 - The remaining sponsor will be highlighted this week on the site (a means of recognizing and thanking them)
 - Team pictures when available will be posted There is not much activity from membership with postings.
 - 2 brief video clips from last year's final playoff game will be posted to ready all for playoffs to begin

○ **External Competition – Kenny** (supplied via email)

- Planning continues with the One-pitch tournament scheduled for Saturday, August, 27, 2022 starting at 9am at Community Field in Vernon
 - Check received from the Ludlow team
 - Hutch reports the Vipers will hand in a check prior to tournament start
 - Pastor John will be speaking at the opening ceremony honoring Paul Frenette
 - The plaque purchased for the winning team last year is not available; other choices being evaluated
 - Commissioner will be contacting John Brandt (Vernon Parks & Rec) for umpire candidates
 - Format:
 - 8:45- Opening remarks
 - Pastor John recognizing honoree Paul Frenette
 - Playing of the National Anthem
 - Tournament starts

Note: before the games commence, there will be a brief ceremony to recognize many past members who have recently retired in addition to the Paul Fredette memorial portion.
- Joe Marsala's 70's team is getting ready for their Cape Cod tournament. Practice has been set up and arrangements have been made with Joe to pick up his team shirts from Kenny prior to their trip
- With an insufficient response there will not be a 55+ team.
- *Umpire update- Matt*
 - Hutch has offered to umpire as many playoff games as his schedule will allow; Matt will schedule other umpires to fill in where needed
- *Public Relations – Brian*
 - Sponsor update
 - There is a total of 8 sponsors (all have been recognized on our web site)
 - Framed certificates are being made for all sponsors (appreciation to Karen Andreoli for creating the certificates that will then be framed)
 - Vernon Parks and Rec plus South Windor Parks and Rec were discussed with an interest in recognizing them more formally (possibly a certificate)
- *Historian update – Kevin M*
 - No additional updates – Board recognized the great progress Kevin made in collecting and organizing all the seasons for the VSS league.

New Business:

- Annual VSS membership meeting
 - October 17 at 6pm
 - Vernon Community Center venue being pursued
 - There will be Board openings that will need to be filled with a vote
 - Suggestion was made to have 4 raffle prize winners and give tangible gifts at the meeting
 - A proxy voting capability was discussed and will be presented for a by-law change at this membership meeting

Next meeting: September 19, 2022

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary 8/8/2022