



FINAL Minutes

VSS Board of Directors Meeting March 6, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM

Board Members Present –

League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin

Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger

Internal Competition – Tim Poloski

Treasurer – Richard Nabel

Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher

Umpire committee -Matt Kellie

Public Relations - John Murphy

Public Relations - Jack Frascarelli

Social Committee – Brian Battles

Guests: Kari Martin, Ken Hartwright, Mike Smith, Mike Calabro, Mike Bard

- Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.
- **Opening Comments** none
- **Treasurer Update – Dick**
 - \$8774 in the operating account
 - Insurance payment will be made in late March
 - Audit note – Joe Handelman submitted the required 990-N form to the IRS for our VSS league; submission was accepted. (thank you, Joe)
- **Internal Competition- Bill, Tim**
 - Registration update – 68 members have registered
 - 2 new members to the league
 - 2 members opting out of their current team
 - Bats inventory – Tim/Kenny
 - Current VSS bat inventory and planned purchase years:

	ASA/USA	SSUSA
26 oz.	Worth Krecher * Miken Ultra 750 Easton Hemler Easton Hemler	Worth AT18* Dudley Lightning Suncoast Melee 2 2023
27 oz.	Worth Krecher * Miken Ultra 750 2023 2024	Dudley Lightning Suncoast Melee 2 2023 2024
28 oz.	Miken Primo* Miken Ultra 750 Miken Ultra 750 2024	Worth AT18* Dudley Lightning Miken Freak 2024

* 2022 bat purchase
2023 - ordered 25oz SSUSA

- *Special thanks to Kenny for his continued efforts to inventory, clean up and better manage the VSS bats. He will explore the use of tape and grips for better bat management and use. Continued use of decals may be needed.*
 - *Etching tool – purchased and to be used to clearly indicate a VSS bat asset*
- *Softballs – Kevin received 10 dozen Trump Stote softballs for 2023 league play*
- *Safety equipment for league shared use: (thanks Kevin)*
 - *Chest protectors purchase: 1 @ 2XL, 2 @ XL, 1-2 @ L*
 - *Knee pads: 2 @ 13", 2 @ 15"*
- **Rules - Bill**
 - *Bill has applied the approved rule updates from last Board meeting and will post on our VSS web site*
 - *New consideration: Kevin mentioned that through member feedback there was strong interest in use of a pitching screen. Board discussion ensued.*
 - *Result: the following motion was made and approved:*
 - **Pitchers will have the ability to use a pitching screen; otherwise pitchers must use a chest protector.:**
 - *Context:*
 - *A pitcher can add the use of a screen at any time during game play.*
 - *Once a pitching screen is used it must be used for the remainder of the game and for any substitute pitcher. Pitchers must get behind the screen after the pitch and can not field any batted ball. However, pitcher can cover bases (eg: first or third base)*
 - *If a batted ball hits the screen it is a dead ball on the first time and then considered an OUT for any subsequent hit to the screen by the same batter*
 - *Any fielded throw that hits the screen is considered 'in play'.*
 - *When a screen is in use, the pitcher may not be the first defensive player to touch a batted ball or it is a dead ball, batter is awarded first base and all runners advance 1 base only*
 - *The league will reimburse two pitchers on each team who need to buy a chest protector up to \$40 each. Pitchers must wear during league play.*
 - **Rule clarification:** *A better definition of 'last batted out' is needed. Bill crafted one and will be added to the VSS rules. Basically, it is the last person above in the lineup.*
 - **Scheduling:** *Bill collected information about the schedule of a couple travel teams with significant VSS members on these teams to understand conflicts for VSS league play. A few adjustments were made to the schedule now that will minimize impact to all the VSS teams while heading off a known conflict. (thanks Bill)*
- **Public Relations – Jack, John**
 - *\$1175 collected from 2023 sponsors*
 - *March 31 is the cutoff for sponsors to be recorded in the VSS brochure*
 - *Sponsors coming in after the 3/31 cutoff will then only have recognition on the web and facebook pages*
 - *Potential Sponsor candidates were discussed and Board followups will occur*
 - *Sponsor inventory to be provided to Gail for then formal donation recognition letters to be sent*
- **Umpires - Matt**
 - *There are 3 new umpire volunteers*
 - *Returning umpires, upon registering, are being contacted*
 - *First Umpire meeting scheduled for March 7th*
- **Social Committee – Brian**
 - *September 17, 2023 – the planned VSS picnic date*
 - *Mike Smith to collect pricing information for South Windsor park venues*
- **External Competition – Kenny**

- *VSS tournament date is August 26,2023*
- *70's tournament at the Cape in September – entry fee covered for 2023 from last year's situation. Will need to secure a manager to recruit and put the team together.*
- ***New Business: to be pended until next meeting***
 - *CPR class for VSS*
 - *green screen behind Community's Home plate (last meeting a motion was passed and approved to purchase a 7' x 20' green replacement screen for no more than \$150)*

*Next meetings: April 4 6pm at Shea's
 April 19th after new player assessments on 4/18 & 19*

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:20 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary
3/6/2023*