



FINAL Minutes

VSS Board of Directors Meeting May 8, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:24 PM

Board Members Present –

League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin
Internal Competition – Tim Poloski
Treasurer – Richard Nabel
Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher
Public Relations - Jack Frascarelli
Public Relations - John Murphy
Missing: Social Committee – Brian Battles
Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger

Guests (Managers): Kari Martin (Ravens), Ken Hartwright (Hawks), Mike Smith (Cardinals), Kevin Massey (Blue Jays)

- Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 19 & 26, 2023 meetings. Motions passed and Bill will post to the league website.
- **Opening Comments**
 - None
- **Treasurer Update – Dick**
 - \$8303 in the Operating Account
 - Expenses to be paid; shirts-\$988 , Other Design (sponsor brochure)-\$414
- **Internal Competition- Bill, Tim**
 - Runners from Home:
 - Extensive discussion was around the rule change for 'Runner from Home' this season and that the Managers & umpires were challenged with managing to the rule. This confusion was not the intention of the rule change. Two options were discussed: adopt the fall ball rule or revert to the rule used in the 2022 season. It was felt that the fall ball rule required judgment that the 2022 season rule did not.
 - A motion was made and approved to return to the same rule as the 2022 season
 - Bill to apply the change to our VSS rules and repost of the web site
 - Situation during a league game – a new Blue Jays player walked off the field during the game from an interaction with a team member. After discussion and better understanding of the details, the Board felt this new player is not a fit for our league and that the registration fee should be returned.
 - Runners from Home list was approved:
 - Hawks – Bruce Winot
 - Ravens – Jim Kenney, Paul Davies
 - Eagles – Rich Hallberg, Mike Follo, Cindy Gardner , Mark LaRose
 - Blue Jays – none
 - Orioles- none
 - Falcons – none
 - Owls- none
 - Cardinals – Don Phillips
 - Senior bat eligible players: discussion was light as it was felt the managers are aware of these folks.
 - Number 1 players list - The Board discussed and approved the following list of number 1 players in the league. For any substitutes needed, managers must adhere to VSS rules and be aware of the limitations in possibly using any of these players.

- *Hawks – Kenny Hartwright , Jim Bagley, Wes Barnard, Pete Johnson, Jonny Riches*
 - *Cardinals – Craig Tanner, Mike Smith, Tyron Grice,*
 - *Ravens – John Murphy, Rick Sheehan, Mike Calabro, Don Giannini*
 - *Eagles – Tim Poloski, Tim Cromwell, Scotty Powerman*
 - *Falcons – Mike Pete , Gordie Lustilla, Keven Busque*
 - *Orioles – Dave Kuchinski, Ken Bavier , Jerry Biancucci*
 - *Owls – Bill Ganem, John Massey, Bryan DeVoe, Steve Moore*
 - *Blue Jays – Kevin Massey, Chris Wallace, Harry Daniel, Jerry Corcoran*
- *Commissioner is asking managers to collect names of folks who are willing to sub for another team*
 - *First-aid clinic – The Commissioner is organizing a first-aid clinic to include a CPR refresher, how to handle trauma and other health issues we face playing softball. Team representatives will be solicited to attend and the reasonable cost is being covered by the league. Anticipate 2 members from each team to participate.*
 - *Bill requested (via email) a digital copy of the exercise instructions from the integrated rehab presentation last week for posting to a page on the website- "Softball Exercises"*
 - *Public Relations – Jack/John*
 - *The sponsor brochures to be ready this week.*
 - *Sponsor recognition letter drafted*
 - *The Commissioner recognized the outstanding level of sponsorship achieved this year and thanked Jack, Kari and John.*
 - *Bill requested (via email) the artwork and description/contact info for the 2023 sponsors for the website as well as a downloadable copy of the brochure Jack did if I get the file.*
 - *Umpires:- Matt*
 - *An adjustment was made to the umpire schedule to address the small discrepancy with the umpire schedule and the league schedule the week of 5/22.*
 - *Code of Conduct issue – it was brought to the Board’s attention that our fan attendees, especially those with small children, have voiced concerns with the vulgar language used by some of the VSS players at our games. In an effort to curtail this, the Board agreed that the umpires will have the responsibility to discreetly warn a league member using offensive language and their manager. If the offensive language continues, the offender will be asked to leave the game. The membership should be reminded that there is a Code of Conduct the league has and everyone should comply with it.*
 - *New Business:*
 - *Tim wanted to know if additional bat purchases for Henry Park should be made this year or next year. It was felt with our strong sponsorship level and solid financial position, we should make the purchase this season.*
 - *Motion was made to purchase 4 new bats (27 & 28 Sr and regular) and grips for Henry Park for <\$1000. Motion passed.*

Next meeting : June 5th

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:35 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary
5/8/2023*