



# FINAL Minutes

## VSS Board of Directors Meeting June 6, 2023

**Meeting called to order at 6:19 PM**

### **Board Members Present –**

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

Guests (Managers): Kari Martin, Mike C. Mike Bard (Ravens), Mike Smith (Cardinals)

- Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.
- **Opening Comments**
  - Gail remarked that the Commissioner of the league is a thankless job and wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Kevin C for his leadership and his tireless efforts to assure a safe, healthy, fun league experience for the membership. Board members concurred.
- **Treasurer Update – Dick**
  - \$6035 in the Operating Account
  - All expenses paid to date
  - There was a request for 2 additional screen sections to the back of the box at community field; outfielders and members shared that they lose the ball off the bat with limited screen in place now
    - Motion was made to purchase and install 2 additional sections of the screen behind the backstop. Motion passed.
- **Internal Competition- Bill, Tim**
  - Healthy scratch –There was board discussion about something called “Healthy Scratch’ which is where a healthy team member who could play does not which then could allow a stronger substitute player to benefit the team.
    - The Board will try to be alert to the above situation, but we count on the managers to operate in the spirit of the league and comply with the purpose of our league as stated in our By-laws.
  - Ball shortage – the practice ball container now has a very small number of balls and impacts batting practice ; we seem seems to have lost a lot of balls
    - A motion was made and passed to purchase another 4 dozen balls
  - Season update:
    - Bill confirmed the rule update to the ‘Runner from Home’ was posted to the web.
    - Player updates:
      - Dave Hutchins is registered as a pool player
      - Gary Berdn – pool player
        - A motion was made and passed to place Gary on the Blue Jays
      - Larry Delesio – will remain a pool player until team assignment can be made; Commissioner to send out note to managers on Larry’s availability to join their team
      - Ugo Perini- to be placed
  - Bats – Tim reported that there is now a full set of bats at Henry Park field. This includes a set of 26,27,28 (regular and Senior) for each field side.

	ASA/USA		SSUSA	
25 oz.			Worth Krecher**	CY
26 oz.	Worth Krecher *	CY	Suncoast Melee 2	CY
	Easton Hemler	CB	Miken Ultra Fusion**	CB
	Miken Ultra 750	HB	Worth AT18*	HB
	Miken Ultra 750	HY	Dudley Lightning	HY
27 oz.	Worth Krecher **	CY	Miken Ultra Fusion**	CY
	Miken Primo**	CB	Suncoast Melee 2	CB
	Worth Krecher*	HB	Worth Krecher**	HB
	Easton Helmer	HY	Dudley Lightning	HY
28 oz.	Miken Primo*	CY	Miken Ultra Gold**	CY
	Miken KP Freak	CB	Miken Ultra Fusion**	CB
	Miken Ultra 750	HB	Dudley Lightning	HB
	Miken Ultra 750	HY	Worth AT18*	HY
	* 2022 bat purchase			
	** 2023 bat purchase			

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- Face Book – Tim continues to rotate sponsors weekly
- **List of emergency contacts is now in the middle locked shed cabinet (open during league play)**
- Registration refunds given back to 2 registered members who will not be playing in the 2023 season.
- The following 'Runner from Home' temporary requests were made due to player injuries; the Commissioner approved:
  - Robert Marquis – Cardinals
  - Steve Cervizzi – Falcons
  - Lenny Perrault - Owls
- First-Aid clinic
  - A clinic, organized by Kevin C, was held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sheas lead by Kathy Call, a long-term instructor in the field and EMT from Vernon.
  - Attendance- Kevin Conklin, Bill Hettinger (Falcons), Gail Gretzmacher (Hawks), Tim Cromwell (Eagles), Tom Brophy (Owls), John Dresser (Blue Jays), Jimmy Coulter (Cardinals), Kari Martin, Matt Kellie, Mike Calabro, Paul Davies (Ravens)
  - Session lasted 1.5 hours and covered CPR (VSS will do chest compressions only), and the steps to take for any trauma caused during the game (check for breathing and heartbeat); no breathing/ no response – immediately call 9-1-1
  - Heat stroke – drink cool water (**not** ice water) to slowly cool body, apply tepid water to back of neck, armpits and groin
  - Note: Tim shared that he receives a screening(from Lifeline Screening) for risk of stroke and cardiovascular disease and feels this is a valuable action to take.
  - Kathy sent a note to Commissioner inquiring if any league member wants to become certified CPR. Commissioner to send out an inquiry to the league for any interest.
- Public Relations – Jack/John
  - The sponsor brochures completed to be distributed this week to the teams
  - Artwork sent to Murphy from the designer.
  - Use the sponsor cards that were created last season and available in the shed
    - Jack noted folks should connect with the owners and thank them for their sponsorship
  - Final sponsorship collected over \$4000; \$400 for brochure
  - A formal Sponsor recognition letter will be sent in later June
- Umpires:- Matt
  - Schedule of umpires working well
  - The remainder of the regular season umpire assignments will be posted
- **Social Committee – Brian**
  - Brian requested an option for storage of materials he has; Commissioner will take
- **External**
  - A Motion was made and passed to sponsor a 65 age team for the Cape tournament from the league. Commissioner will seek a manager to run the team and noted that 13 players would be needed. Tournament is held September 8,9,10.
  - The 70s Cape tournament team has their registration already paid from the weather situation that limited play in the 2022 tournament.

## ***Player comments –***

- *Mike Smith asked about the definition of a forfeit*
  - *There was discussion and the result is affirmation of the rule in place for VSS league (attached below)*

### **SECTION B – FORFEITURE AND SHORT TEAM RULES**

Forfeitures shall be avoided at all times. If a team cannot field at least 8 players from its own team roster the game shall be forfeited. Pool players, if available, may be used to meet the 8 player requirement. A team is considered short if it has less than 11 players.

If a team is short, (less than 11 players) the manager may ask any current registered Vernon Senior Softball member to fill out their game roster up to a maximum of 11 players. Substitute players may play any position in the field provided that they are not displacing a player that normally plays that position. Substitute players must bat at the bottom of the lineup and be removed if a roster player shows up during the game. **Any time during a game when a team drops below 10 players due to a player who in the judgement of the umpire has been injured during the game, the injured player can be replaced with a substitute if one is available.**

The league has published a list of players on each team that qualify as a #1 player. These #1 players can only substitute for another #1 player on the team that is short. The exception to this rule is in the case of a pitcher needed by the short team when none of their regular pitchers are available. In that case, a #1 player can be added to the short team as a "pitcher" only. **If a team has two or more #1 players present, the substitutes may not be #1 players.**

Substitute players are allowed during the playoffs if a team is short. Substitute players during the playoffs cannot be #1 players and are subject to the approval of the opposing manager or of the commissioner if the managers cannot agree.

- *Brian asked about time for a game and when the last inning can start*
  - *Bill shared the rule that applies and it is attached below. (last lines)*

### **SECTION M – GAME STARTING TIME AND FORMAT**

Community Field:

Game 1, when scheduled, will start promptly at 3:30 pm on Mondays through Thursdays.

Game 2, when scheduled will start promptly at 4:55 pm on Mondays through Thursdays.

Henry Park games will start at 3:30 and 4:45 pm.

After 65 minutes of play, the next full inning is the final and open inning where a team can score as many runs as they are able to and it is also the last inning of the game. No inning can start after 75 minutes of game time.

*Next meeting : July 12th*

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:34 PM.*

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