



FINAL Minutes

VSS Board of Directors Meeting July 12, 2023

Meeting called to order at 6:36 PM

Board Members Present –

League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin

Internal Competition – Tim Poloski

Treasurer – Richard Nabel

Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher

Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger

Umpire Committee – Matt Kellie

Public Relations - Jack Frascarelli

Missing: Social Committee – Brian Battles

Public Relations – John Murphy

Guests (Managers): Kari Martin, Mike Calabro (Ravens). Ken Hartwright (Hawks), Mike Smith (Cardinals), Ronny Griffith (Orioles)

- Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2023 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.
- **Opening Comments**
 - Board shared that Board member Brian Battles incurred injuries from a recent bicycle accident. A card is being sent for best wishes on a speedy recovery. Brian will be out for the rest of the season.
- **Treasurer Update – Dick**
 - \$6007 in the Operating Account
- **Internal Competition- Bill, Tim**
 - A pool player was contacted to play with Falcons this week (7/12&13); all other teams seem to have a full roster and are not in need of this pool player
 - Standings as of June 29:

Team	Wins	Losses	Ties	Win %	GB
Ravens	11	5	1	.677	-
Falcons	10	7		.588	1.5
Eagles	9	8	1	.528	2.5
Blue Jays	9	9		.500	3
Owls	9	9		.500	3
Orioles	8	8		.467	3
Cardinals	7	10		.412	4.5
Hawks	5	12		.313	6.5
 - Hawks using substitute pitchers was discussed and the need to determine options for the playoffs
- **Public Relations – Jack/John**
 - The remaining sponsor brochures (20) will be handed out at games and to fans
 - Teams and members have been frequenting sponsor locations
 - Pizza for this Board meeting was purchased from sponsors (Anthony's, A1 Brick Oven, and Family's)
- **Umpires:- Matt**
 - Remaining season schedule published
 - Awaiting playoff schedule for securing needed umpires
- **Social Committee – Brian**
 - No report
- **External**
 - 1-pitch tournament – now scheduled for August 12 (Kenny & Kevin M)

- Roster being formed; so far 7 members have agreed to play
- Preparations are underway; progress reports will be sent to the Board
- No Runners from home for the tournament
- Field has already been secured from the town
- Cape teams: (Kevin C)
 - 2 Tournament team jersey sets (white shirts and red shirts); there is a need for new tournament shirts
 - 65s – only 5 people responded so far; Commissioner to send out a solicitation again
 - Ronny, with support from Commissioner, will attempt to manage the team
 - Board had already approved coverage of the entry fee
 - 75s- Joe Marsala will manage this team
- **Historian (Kevin M)**
 - Team Pictures to be taken by Mike Benjamin last week of July; Ravens picture completed
 - We welcome members to take tournament pictures to capture the event
- **Fall Ball**
 - Plans are underway for another fall ball season; lots of interest this year.
 - Ludlow teams may be forming to join the VSS program
 - A registration fee of \$20 per member to play
 - Schedule will call for playing 4 days a week; double headers ~ 8 game schedule
 - Start September 13 and run 6-7 weeks
 - Games to be played with double innings (7th inning is single)
- - Last year 5 teams played; First game was Sept 19th; last game was Oct 19th

VSS 2022 Fall Schedule
 * Teams will play doubleheaders
 * Starting time is 3:30 for first game

Week	Date	Game
Week 1	Monday 9/19	Team 1 vs Team 2
	Tuesday 9/20	Team 3 vs Team 4
		Team 5 is off
Week 2	Monday 9/26	Team 4 vs Team 1
	Wednesday 9/28	Team 3 vs Team 5
		Team 2 is off
Week 3	Monday 10/3	Team 1 vs Team 5
	Wednesday 10/5	Team 2 vs Team 4
		Team 3 is off
Week 4	Monday 10/10	Team 2 vs Team 3
	Wednesday 10/12	Team 5 vs Team 4
		Team 1 is off
Week 5	Monday 10/17	Team 5 vs Team 2
	Wednesday 10/19	Team 3 vs Team 1
		Team 4 is off

- 2023 Process details
 - Bill will create the registration form
 - August 1- registration open-form posted on web
 - Members print and fill out their registration form
 - Registration forms to be handed in given to Kari, Dick Nabel or Bill by the end of the week of Aug 21 (August 25)
 - Team Managers will be – Kevin C, Kari, Bill, Dick
 - Managers will collect money at 1st game
 - New members must complete a liability form
 - Need liability form for each new member (part of registration form)
- By signing below and paying my annual fee, I agree to abide by the Vernon Seniors Softball League By-Laws, the Rules of Play, and the Rules of Conduct as established by the Board of Directors of the Vernon Seniors Softball League, copies of which I have received. In addition, I hereby acknowledge that this Program's activities have inherent risks of injury. I, therefore, assume these risks and I waive, absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless the Town of Vernon Parks and Recreation Department, the Vernon Board of Education, and the Vernon Seniors Softball League, its Board of Directors, its Sponsors, its Players, its Managers, its Umpires, and its Coaches from any and all liability for any injuries or death resulting from my participation in this activity.
- Some rules:
 - No runners from home
 - Hit to outfield, automatic 1st base

Player/Manager comments –

- Kari expressed some concern with the makeup date between Ravens and the Orioles
 - Board asked Kari to work directly with Ronnie to determine a mutually acceptable date.
- Mike wanted to understand the umpire situation for the Cardinal game with a 6pm start game on 7/13/2023

- *Kari and Matt will be the umpires for the game*

Next meeting : August 7

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:22 PM.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary
7/12/2023*