

<u>FINAL Minutes</u>

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)

o 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

o 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.

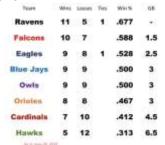
Treasurer Update – Dick

o \$6007 in the Operating Account

o **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:



o 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

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- 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



- 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