



# **FINAL Minutes**

## **VSS Board of Directors Meeting September 18, 2023**

**Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM**

### **Board Members Present –**

*League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin*

*Internal Competition – Tim Poloski*

*Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher*

*Internal Competition – Bill Hettinger*

*Public Relations - Jack Frascarelli*

*Social Committee – Brian Battles*

*Treasurer– Richard Nabel*

*Umpire Committee – Matt Kellie*

*Public Relations – John Murphy*

*Guests (Managers): Kari Martin, Mike Calabro (Ravens)*

- *Motions were made and seconded to approve the minutes of the August 7 2023 meeting and the Special meeting on August 25 2023. Motions passed and Bill will post to the league website.*
- **Opening Comments**
  - *none*
- **Treasurer Update – Dick**
  - *\$3819 in the Operating Account*
  - *Anticipate Fall Ball registration fees of \$1200*
- **Internal Competition- Bill, Tim**
  - *Playoff results- Eagles were congratulated for winning the playoffs*
    - *The Regular Season winner – Falcons and the Playoff winner- Eagles have been posted to the web*
    - *Star Hill indoor softball- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> through the middle of April; Tues & Thur 9-11 am time slot*
  - *Field litter discussion-*
    - *VSS had to pay \$250 as our share of the labor to pick up the litter*
    - *A suggestion was made to put a trash receptacle closer to the shed*
    - *Commissioner will ask managers to stress to their teammates not to litter or put litter in shed for 2024 season*
- **Public Relations – Jack, John**
  - *Sponsor Brochures were distributed at the 1-pitch tournament; 10 brochures remain*
  - *Sponsorship was well-done this season with the number of sponsors and the professional brochures; recognition and appreciation were extended to Jack, John & Kari*
  - *Certificates to be prepared for sponsors similarly to last year*
- **Umpires:- Matt**
  - *Playoff umpiring went well; there were 3 umpires for the final 2 games*
- **Social Committee –**
  - *Sept 24 – was the planned picnic date, but due to unforeseen circumstances it was necessary to cancel the picnic. The Board apologizes for the late notice.*

- **External**

- Cape Tournaments:

- 75s – There was a 75s team that played at the Cape using registration fee from last year’s situation. The team only had 1 win and faced challenges with other team’s stronger skills. The Board has a suggestion to not put a 75s team unless we have a body of players to make it competitive; we express appreciation to Joe M for his efforts to organize a team.
    - No 65s team this year due to lack of response by membership; Efforts will occur next year to put together a team

- Historian (Kevin M)

- Team Pictures were taken and the 2023 season book is 95% complete.
  - Documents from the Membership meeting in October will then be included in the book
  - A Board photo was taken and will be included in the book



- The Board expressed appreciation to Kevin Massey for his tireless efforts to keep a record of VSS history for the membership.

***Player/Manager comments – none***

***New Business:***

- Fall Ball League update- 5 teams; 13 players/team; playing double headers
  - There was a draft for players that worked well
  - Dick expressed interest in submitting a rule change to the current rule of allowing 70 year olds to use Senior bats. Bill noted that there is a rule change opportunity presented every year to the membership.
- Membership meeting preparation
  - Date determined is Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – last game of Fall Ball; Venue is the Community Center; pizza and sodas/water will be provided
- Holiday party - Efforts will made to have a holiday party at Lena’s in South Windsor on a Sunday December date (usually the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of December which is the 10th)

A motion was made and approved to move to an Executive session: 7:30

A motion was made and approved to leave the Executive session: 7:59

Motions made and approved:

- Mike Smith will be suspended for the first 2 games of the 2024 season due to physical altercation with a member off the field
- Mike Calabro will be suspended for the first game of the 2024 season due to verbal abuse, leaving the stands and moving to the bench area while as a spectator

***Next meeting : October 19***

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 8:01 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary*  
*9/18/2023*