

VSS Board Meeting Minutes (draft)

Date: June 30, 2025. Time: 6:15 pm. Location: Murphy's

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm. Attending: Kevin Conklin, Mike Smith, Dick Nabel, Cicci Quatropanni, Bill Hettinger, Jerry Biancucci, Jeff Schiavetti. Missing Tim Poloski (available via phone)

2. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the June 2, 2025 meeting were approved with one minor correction

3. Commissioner's Opening Comments

The commissioner would like to stop the noise in the league that is creating problems.

4. Player/Manager comments

None

5. Treasurer's Report

The checking balance is \$3,915.67

6. Secretary's Update

The secretary reported an email resignation letter had been received from Jim Kenney

7. Season Update (Internal Competition)

Pool Player assignments – discussion/possible action

The commissioner stated there were three pool players who had been evaluated who are recommended for assignment to teams (two available only to late teams, one available to early teams). There are four teams (Orioles, Falcons, Blue Jays, and Ravens) that had expressed a need for players. A fourth pool player had been evaluated and deemed not appropriate for placement in the league.

Eric Forstell is a late player assigned to the Ravens

Chris Mateya is a late player assigned to the Orioles

Tom Gorham is an early player assigned to the Blue Jays (the Blue Jays are down three outfielders, four players in total)

These pool player assignments are the remainder of the 2025 season. These players will be in the draft for the 2026 season.

Player opt-outs

A player sent an email to the commissioner and internal competition stating he was done with his current team and wished to opt out now. Discussion was held. After discussion, the board decided there was not current precedent for a player opt out with reassignment during the season and the board also had elected not to rebalance teams by moving players at their May meeting. The board did not want to make an exception in this case. The board voted 6-0 that the player would not be reassigned this year, but could play in the morning league if he wished to keep playing and could sign up and be included in the 2026 draft.

Commissioner accommodation of injured players – discussion/possible action

Different requests have been made of the commissioner to accommodate participation by injured players that are different than the runner from home and

DH accommodations we now offer. Bill made the following motion with Jeff's second: "In addition to allowing a temporary runner from home or DH for injured players, the commissioner may provide any other temporary reasonable accommodation to allow an injured player to safely participate in a league game." Discussion was held. Possible accommodations include catcher only role without batting and pinch runner only. Vote: 4 yes, 2 no. Motion passed

Updates to no sub list

John Riches and Keven Busque were added to the no sub list.

Updated rosters, senior bat list, no sub list for website

Updated lists for the website were requested.

8. Other Committee Updates

a. Umpires

The umpire schedule through the remainder of the season has been posted.

b. Sponsors

Brochures were given to the remaining teams and will be distributed to the morning league and fall league and at the 1-pitch

c. External Competition

Connecticut Masters – The VSS 65's team won their division. Congratulations

Cape teams – VSS will be fielding a 65's and 70's team at the cap

1 – Pitch – (see prior minutes for plans)

d. Social

We are not planning a picnic this year. We will be doing a holiday party

9. Old Business

10. New Business

A complaint was received by the league about the language used by a team manager during a discussion about the rules regarding injured player accommodation. The board voted 4-1 with one abstention to suspend the manager for one game the next time the two teams play. The board declined to discuss additional suspensions for the other parties involved.

11. Next meeting date

The next meeting is Aug 4, 2025, 6:15 pm at Murphys

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm

VSS Board Special Meeting Minutes (draft)

Date: July 1, 2025. Time: 6:15 pm. Location: Beni's/Teleconference

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30. Attending in person: Kevin Conklin, Cicci Quatropanni, Bill Hettinger. Attending via teleconference: Mike Smith, Dick Nabel, Jerry Biancucci, Tim Poloski. Missing Jeff Schiavetti. Guests: Dave F (via teleconference)

2. New Business

Item #1

Following communication from the commissioner, the player who had requested a mid-season opt-out contacted the league and requested a return to the Ravens. The player was asked to confirm and discuss his request to return to the Ravens. Discussion was held. Following discussion, the board voted 5-0 with one abstention to allow his return to the Ravens.

Item #2

Dave K had been redshirted and was now clear to play. The board voted 5-0 with one abstention to allow his return to the Orioles.

Item #3

Several board members received communications early this morning regarding the votes and actions of the board at its meeting last night, before the minutes were posted or official communications could be sent. The commissioner reminded board members of the confidential nature of board discussions and actions and requested that the leaking and releasing of information stop before the official information goes out.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm

Between June 2 and June 30 Meeting Business via Email

The board via email approved the assignment of Gary Berdn to the Falcons for the remainder to the season and the return of Peter Johnson who had been redshirted to the Hawks.