

Vernon Senior Softball

Annual Meeting Minutes (Draft)

Date: October 30, 2025.

Time: 6:15pm.

Location: Community Room, 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:24pm

2. Proof of Quorum (need 30% of 132 members = 39)

44 members were present. Quorum requirements have been met

3. Commissioner's Opening Comments

Thanks to everyone for attending. Water has been provided in the cooler. Please sign up for the raffle. Thanks to the umpires. Thanks to the coaches. Thanks to the board members. Thanks to the members. The idea is to have fun and get exercise. That's why we are all here and to get out of the house and make friends. While there may have been bumps in the road, each of the leagues this year were great successes.

4. Approval of minutes of October 24, 2024 annual meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes by Kathy S, second by Joe H. Minutes approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

The ending account balance for this year is almost the same as the ending balance for last year even after purchasing new shirts for four of the teams and paying increased expenses. Thanks to our sponsors.

6. Audit Committee Report

The audit committee included Joe Handleman, Bill Gamzon, Kevin Conklin, and Dick Nabel. The audit committee met, examined books of the organization, and found the books to be in order accurately representing the financial status of the organization.

7. Public Relations/Fundraising Report

We had a total of 17 sponsors with donations from \$200 to \$750. A brochure was created and given to the sponsors and to league members.

8. Internal Competition Report

Once again, we had enough members for eight teams in the afternoon league. The teams were balanced as best possible when we started the season. Injuries and other factors affected competitiveness during the season. The best advertising for the league continues to be the outreach from current players to friends and teammates from other leagues. Please tell your friends about the league.

9. Morning League, Fall League Reports

The fall league was once again successful. The morning league was also tremendous success and offered opportunities for players to have more playing time and try different positions. Thanks to all the players.

10. Umpire's report

Thanks to all the umpires. We need more players willing to serve as umpires.

11. External Competition Report

The VSS sponsored 1-pitch tournament was an enjoyable event for those who participated. The board will be exploring alternative formats to open the event to more league members.

The league sent a 70's team and a 65's team to the cape tournament. The 65's team won their bracket.

12. Social Committee Report

The holiday party will be December 6 at noon at Lena's. Details to follow.

13. Member Comments, Questions & Answers

- a. Indoor softball is open at the Star Hill Dome – Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 9:30.
- b. Can we do another Yard Goats game outing? Probably yes, board to discuss
- c. Give the umpires orange shirts to distinguish them from the players
- d. Have the 1-pitch tournament using internal league teams
- e. Rules Committee suggestions:
 - 1) Reconsider the age on the senior bats (Discussion: some liked current rules, some did not)
 - 2) Have both teams use league bats
 - 3) Could buy bat testing machine
- f. Fall league: no home run limit, no intentional walks, no walks
- g. By Law suggestions:
 - 1) Change the by-laws to have board positions decided by the membership

14. New Business

a. Nomination and Election of Board Members

Five terms are expiring (Bill, Tim, Dick, Jeff, & vacant)

The board nominating committee put forth a board slate of Bill Hettinger, Dick Nabel, Tim Poloski, Jeff Schavetti, and Steve Vera for election to these five positions

No additional nominations were received from the members

Brian B. moved, Gail G seconded, the slate proposed by the board.

These members were elected/re-elected to the board.

b. Rules Committee Volunteers

The following members have expressed an interest in serving on the Rules Committee: Keven Busque, Stever Cervicci, Fred Valenti, Kathy Sunderland, Ed Donofrio, Brian Michaud, Scott Shaw

c. Other new business

Consider using other email processes for league email

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm