



# **DRAFT Minutes**

## **VSS Annual Membership Meeting October 21, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at 6:17 PM**

### **Board Members Present –**

*League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin*

*Internal Competition – Tim Poloski*

*Public Relations – Jack Frascarelli*

*Treasurer – Richard Nabel*

*Umpire Committee – Jeff Schiavetti*

*Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher*

*Missing: Member at Large – Bill Hettinger*

*External Competition – Jim Kenney*

*Public Relations – John Murphy*

- *Proof of Quorum was achieved with 38 members present. Attendance sheet recorded names. (attendance sheet attached below);*
- *Guest – Kari Martin (Ravens Manager)*
- *Opening Remarks by Commissioner – Kevin C*
  - *The weather made the 2024 season challenging and it was a struggle for the playoffs. A thought shared is to start the playoffs earlier to complete before Labor Day.*
  - *After many years as Commissioner, this will be Kevin's last year as Commissioner. He is willing to stay on the Board but not as Commissioner.*
- *Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2023 annual league meeting. Motion passed.*
- *Treasurer update- Dick (report attached below)*
  - *The Year-end Treasurer's report for fiscal year 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024 was distributed*
  - *Report showed FY 2023 and Dick shared some notes:*
    - *Ending balance - \$3,164.30*
    - *Dick noted that VSS ending balance closely matches the starting balance and shows good fiscal management*
    - *A huge thanks was expressed to Jack, Kari, John for securing sponsors to the amount of \$4500.*
      - *Sponsor money is important and allowed the league to buy things like new team shirts, new Henry Park storage locker,...*
    - *The Fall Ball monies of \$1200 were not included in the FY ending 9/30/24 as they were collected after that date*
    - *The annual picnic park reservation amount of \$300 is recorded as an expense but a refund was secured in October and will be part of FY 9/30/25. No picnic was held.*
- *Audit Committee Report – Joe Handleman (report attached below)*
  - *Representatives were Joe Handleman (committee chair), Joe Marsala, & Tim Poloski who represented the Board*
  - *Process included an examination of the books and records on October 8, 2024 for activity during 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2024*
  - *Findings noted that books and records presented fairly the activity of the VSS league for the fiscal year October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.*

- *External Competition report - Jim*
  - *The One Pitch tourney was held on August 24<sup>th</sup> and was a success with very few, if any, hiccups. All teams enjoyed themselves and there was good food and drink courtesy of Butch Talaga. Tom Fortier the Umpire did an excellent job as well. Don Phillips was very appreciative of the Lifetime achievement award from VSS and our guests and players were also present. Tim Cromwell did a great job with the sound system and the National Anthem. The winner was the Diamond Dogs with the VSS Nor' Eastors in 2nd. A lot of positive feedback was received from those who played and attended. I recommend continuing the One Pitch tourney in the future.*
  - *A 65s team was sent to the Cape Tournament and appreciation was given to Mike Smith for managing the team (Mike received a round of applause)*
- *Umpire's Report- Jeff*
  - *Umpiring went well this year and appreciation was expressed for those who helped*
  - *~90% of games had 2 umpires (Kevin noted)*
  - *During playoffs, 3 umpires were provided*
- *Internal Competition – Tim*
  - *The challenge with weather prevented some games from not being made up*
  - *There was an additional 5pm team which necessitated changes to the schedule (thanks Bill H) and impacted the normal playoff bracket start of play*
  - *Congratulations to the Ravens who were the League Champions*
  - *Tim noted that access of VSS Social Media accounts increased as Facebook, Instagram, and web site continued to have game results and sponsorship information posted*
  - *Tim noted the issue of being able to complete 7 inning games consistently.*
    - *Member input:*
      - *Jack Frascarelli – consider 6 inning games*
      - *Kevin Conklin – with Craig's input, install a clock with a timer that the umpire sets on at the game start and rings when 65 minutes of play are up so all can hear the sound and understand the next inning is the open inning*
      - *Jerry Biancucci – consider doubling up the first 4 innings and then 5-7 be single innings; Jack F expressed concern with heat and the doubling up*
      - *Start the games earlier like was done for Playoffs (3:15 instead of 3:30? And 4:45 instead of 4:55?)*
      - *Steve Cerwinski inquired if it made sense to switch the Fall Ball and Summer league play. Based on the number of games, play would have to start in July for the switched situation.*
- *Social Activities- Kevin C*
  - *Fall picnic had to be cancelled again this year as there was limited interest.*
  - *Holiday Party – December 8<sup>th</sup> with venue to be determined by VSS member response. A count of VSS members planning to attend will be collected.*
- *Public Relations- Jack*
  - *There were 21 sponsors this year*
  - *The brochures continue to be well-received; cost is flexible with a full page under \$200 and then ½ and ¼ page opportunities exist*
  - *Jack requested teams to again frequent our sponsors in 2025, especially the 5-6 eating places near the park where we play. With teams playing 28 games, it would be helpful if teams/partial teams could go to our sponsors occasionally and even leave a card (found in the shed & pictured below) to indicate VSS was a customer.*



- *Member Comments:*
  - *Dave Kuchinsky requested the VSS Board DRAFT minutes to be posted to the web site within a short time of the Board meeting*
  - *Fred Valenti inquired about the cost for brochure ads*
  - *Jack Frascarelli, having joined the Board in 2023, recognized the amount of work the Board does on behalf of the League. It is not as easy as it looks and takes a lot of work. He cited the invaluable work that Kevin Concklin has done over many years as Commissioner. A round of applause was given to Kevin.*
  - *Kevin Concklin expressed appreciation to the outgoing Board members:*
    - *John Murphy – securing sponsors, design and printing of the brochures*
    - *Jack Frascarelli – securing the largest amount of sponsors*
    - *Gail Gretzmacher – effective work in producing minutes for Board meetings*

## ***New Business/Discussion***

- Election of Board Members
  - Board members whose term is ending: Kevin,Gail,Jack,John
  - Kevin expressed interest to continue on the Board
  - Members who expressed interest to join the Board: Mike Smith, Cicci Quattropani, Jerry Biancucci
  - The following were nominated, voted and approved to be on the 2025 Board:
    - Kevin Concklin (re-elected)
    - Jerry Biancucci
    - Cicci Quattropani
    - Mike Smith
- Formation of a Rules Committee:
  - A Rule Change Committee , to be chaired by an Internal Competition Board member, will be formed to discuss potential rule changes for the 2024 season.
    - Volunteers for this committee: Tim Poloski, Steve Cervizzi, Jim Weir, Fred Valenti, Cicci Quattropani, Jerry Biancucci, Bill Gaman, Fred Valenti
- Proposal for a VSS 'Day' summer league -Cicci
  - Responses to email solicitation of interest for a Day Summer League were light (37 responses)
    - 19- would play in both Morning and Afternoon leagues
    - 16 – would only play in the Afternoon league
    - 2 – would play in the Morning league only
  - Cicci noted a few things:
    - A lot of Sr leagues play double headers in the morning 1 day/week
    - Joe Marsala inquired about cost and availability of field
      - Kevin C noted there is no conflict for morning field slots & cost would be for the field only (~\$3/person)
      - Cicci noted that there would be a separate registration fee for the morning league
      - Games to be Self umpired; hoping to get 4 teams that play each team 4 times for a total of 12 games; then a possible rebalancing of teams for more play
    - Cicci asked the managers to get a better count of interest in the morning league
- The winner of the 3 raffle gift cards from VSS sponsors:
  - \$25 Murphys (formerly Sheas) – John Massey
  - \$25 – Beni's – Mike Smith
  - \$25 -Rocking Horse Bar & Grill (donated by Rocking Horse)– Harry Tamiso

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded and approved by the membership at 7:01 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

*Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary*

*10/21/2024*

Addendum:

Attendance sheet:

VSS Annual Meeting - October 21, 2024		Attendance	
#	Signature	#	Signature
1	Karl Guttmacher 853	27	Tim Chan 836
2	Kenny Dunderland 852	28	Paul B. Chan 837
3	Joe Gappello 847	29	Matt J. 838
4	Scott Walker 841	30	R. Gatti 840
5	Frank C. Muller 834	31	R. C. 850
6	Greg Millett 861	32	John Murphy by proxy
7	Craig Tanner 843	33	Bill Ganson by proxy
8	Henry Tamara 848	34	Tim Gonsell by proxy
9	Jerry Bonacci 844	35	Cici Quattrone 860
10	Sam Toloch 855	36	Bill Korkosky 862
11	Ken Jorg 846	37	David L. 865
12	Mike DeGaudino 844	38	Bill 866 by proxy
13	Shiff 844	39	John Murphy 868
14	Tom Hain 851	40	John M. 869
15	Mark Lowell 859	41	
16	Bruce W. 839	42	
17	Bill W. 858	43	
18	Kenny 867	44	
19	W. Roberts 845	45	
20	Robert W. 857	46	
21	Paul S. 857	47	
22	Paul S. 863	48	
23	Joseph A. 850	49	
24	Joe F. 864	50	
25	Dan. 854	51	
26	835	52	

Audit Committee Report:

Vernon Seniors Softball

Audit Committee Report

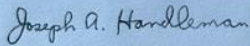
September 30th, 2024

On October 7, 2024, the Audit Committee of the Vernon Seniors Softball League (VSS) performed an examination of the books and records of the treasurer Dick Nabel for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024. The Audit Committee included Joe Marsala, board member Tim Poloski and Joe Handleman the Audit Committee Chairperson.

The Audit Committee examined the receipts and disbursements for the above mentioned period and tied the amounts to external information such as the number of dues paying members, the number of sponsors and various invoices, as well as to the checking account statements.

In our opinion, the books and records referred to above present fairly the activity of the Vernon Seniors Softball League for the period October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph A. Handleman  
Audit Committee Chairperson  
October 7, 2024

*Treasurer Report:*



VERNON SENIOR SOFTBALL		
YEAR END TREASURER'S REPORT		
FISCAL YEAR 10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024		
	FY 2024	FY 2023
Beginning Checking Account Balance	\$3,796.18	\$3,123.17
<b>INCOME</b>		
Sponsorships	\$4,594.53	\$4,135.00
Registration Dues	\$9,732.05	\$10,455.53
Banquet Ticket Sales	\$876.53	\$1,241.56
Returns, Refunds, Donations	\$255.00	\$200.00
Vernon Senior Shirt Sales	\$20.00	\$240.00
Tournament Registrations (Veterans)	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fall Ball	\$1,240.00	\$397.47
Variance to the Bank		\$103.84
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$17,218.11</b>	<b>\$17,273.40</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,014.29</b>	<b>\$20,396.57</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
<b>Internal Competition</b>		
Vernon Parks and Rec Fee	\$4,688.00	\$4,840.00
Hats and Shirts	\$3,839.00	\$1,374.00
Bats & Grips		\$2,173.52
Balls	\$1,702.18	\$1,205.76
Printing of Programs	\$896.83	\$531.95
Internet/Software		\$100.85
Chest Protectors		\$325.20
Bank Fees	\$6.00	\$54.00
Refunds	\$175.00	\$320.00
Masks	\$53.16	\$79.98
Mailing	\$13.60	\$13.20
Secretary of State	\$300.00	\$250.00
Miscellaneous (Ball caddy/Scorebooks/First Aid Class)	\$344.08	\$220.47
Screens	\$705.02	\$356.41
USAA Registration		
<b>Internal Total</b>	<b>\$12,722.87</b>	<b>\$11,845.34</b>
<b>External Competition</b>		
	\$1,222.84	\$910.00
<b>External Total</b>	<b>\$1,222.84</b>	<b>\$910.00</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>\$1,846.28</b>	<b>\$1,755.52</b>
<b>Social</b>		
Annual Picnic	\$300.00	\$300.00
Holiday Banquet	\$1,758.00	\$1,747.01
<b>Social Total</b>	<b>\$2,058.00</b>	<b>\$2,047.01</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>		
Banner		
Certificates For Sponsors		
Awards		\$42.52
<b>Public Relations Total</b>		<b>\$42.52</b>
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$17,849.99</b>	<b>\$16,600.39</b>
Ending Checking Account Balance	\$3,164.30	\$3,796.18