

VSS Board Meeting Minutes

Date: March 2, 2026

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: Little Mark's BBQ, Kelly Rd, Vernon

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30. Attending: Dick Nabel, Cicci Quatropani, Bill Hettinger, Mike Smith, Jeff Schivetti, Tim Poloski, Jerry Biancucci. Absent: Steve Vera, Kevin Conklin.

2. The minutes of the February 2, 2026 meeting were approved

3. Commissioner's Opening Comments:

Its March. I'm concerned about registrations. Manager need to get going on contacting their players.

4. Player/Manager comments

None

5. Treasurer's Report: We have received \$5,075 in registration fees. The bank balance is \$3,798. The O&D insurance has been paid. The insurance forms required by the town will be sent to the town.

6. Committee Reports

a. Internal Competition

Registration update: 46 total people have registered, 44 for the afternoon league

Morning League update: 14 people have registered for the morning league

Team updates/Manager outreach: Dick will reach out to a Hawks player who has expressed an interest in managing the team. Cicci will supply lists to the managers of who has registered and who has not from their team. Managers will be asked to contact their players

b. Umpires: No update. Waiting on the completion of registration and the schedule.

c. Sponsors: A list of last year's sponsors has been distributed to board members. Sponsors will be contacted prior to the next board meeting.

d. External Competition: No update.

e. Social: No update on the 1-pitch tournament. Possible dates in August will be investigated by next meeting in anticipation of setting a date at next meeting and then sending a save the date notice to league players.

7. Old Business

a. The board approved the recommendation of the rules committee to modify the home run rule to allow 3 over the fence home runs per game with additional balls hit over the fence being outs. Yes-5; No-1.

b. The draft schedule was discussed. Reasonable effort has been made to balance the number of scheduled games each team plays at Henry Park and to balance the number of games each team plays each day of the week. The draft schedule was approved 6-0 and will be posted on the website.

8. New Business

a. The board discussed potential ways to give business to Rainbow Graphics (sponsor) this year as we will not be ordering many shirts or hats. Based on budget availability, the board will consider purchasing basic shirts in different colors for the fall league later in the year.

b. We will mark the game balls with team names/initials to assist in retrieving the balls hit foul or over the fence during games. We will purchase some buckets to collect and store the used game balls. The used game balls will be kept separate and distinct from the batting practice balls and public use balls in the sheds. The used game balls will be the spare balls during the games. Managers will be instructed to lock these buckets in the shed at the end of games.

9. Next meeting date: March 30, 2026. 5:15pm. Little Marks. The league player allocation meeting/draft is tentatively set for April 16, 2026 at 5 pm.

10. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:33pm.