

## ANNUAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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Commissioner Kevin Conklin called the meeting to order at 18:10 pm.

Attendees, See attached, (Sign-in)

### 1) COMMISSIONER'S OPENING REMARKS

- a) Commissioner's opening comments, there is a Quorum.
- b) Moment of prayer for members that have passed this year.
- c) Edson will be retiring from running the V.S.S. website. Bill Hettinger and Dave Hutchins will be taking over the web site.
- d) Helen Orr did a great job for the picnic supporting Jimmy Greeley. The showing this year was low with a lot of food left over.
- e) Thanks to the Board members leaving the board, Jimmy Greeley, Carroll Grant, Tim Cromwell, and Bob Lathrop.

### 2) SECRETARY'S REPORT

- a) The board reviewed the October 16, 2017 Annual Meeting minutes and approved them from last year.

### 3) PLAYER/MANAGER COMMENTS

- a). Secretary's minutes were not being posted. Commissioner stated he would get them posted.
- b). Member raised question on why the members were not allowed to vote for over running base. Commissioner stated other leagues do the same and there is a concern with people getting hurt over running the bags on either side of the bag.

### 4) TREASURER'S REPORT

- a) Brought in more money and spent more money. The league is in fine shape.  
(See item #5 below).

### 5) Audit Committee Report

2017~2018 Audit report reviewed. Approved by members/board., (see attached Year end Treasurer's report).

### 6) ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER & HEAD OF UMPIRES

- a) Thanks to the Umpires
- b) 90% of games had 2 umpires this year.
- c) Will have meeting with umpires prior to start of next season to explain infield fly rule and strike zone.

### 7) INTERNAL COMPETITION

- a) 126 paid players this year, 3 players dropped prior to season start.
- b) Need to ask new incoming players, have they been playing somewhere else on regular bases, to assure they can play and to minimize injuries.
- c) New players Known by league players can mail in registration forms at same time as regular league members.

8) EXTERNAL COMPETITION

- a) New travel teams were successful.
- b) Great job by Rich and Dave.
- c) 60's team played over 23 games and scrimmages.

9) SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- a) Great picnic thanks to Helen Orr/Jimmy Greeley.
- b) Christmas party 12/9/2018 from 12 to 4. More information to be provided at later date. e tickets will cost \$20.00 per person. VSS will pick up the remaining cost.
- c) Saturday April 28, 2019 Yard Goats game \$32 per person a \$2.00 increase from last year.

10) PUBLIC RELATIONS

- a) New Public Relations board member needs to keep our sponsors happy. Keep visiting/writing letters to them. Provide certificates of gratitude for them.
- b) Process for sponsors, (from last year)
  - 1. Send letter out.
  - 2. No Response 2<sup>nd</sup> letter sent.
  - 3. No response personal visit.
  - 4. Certificates and appreciation plaques are given to sponsors each year for their support.

11) OLD BUSINESS

- a) None

12) NEW BUSINESS NEW BUSINESS

- a) Craig Tanner and the commissioner visited the Vernon Recreation to discuss plans to raise the cost for the league.
- b) Several items were discussed. 1. Mowing the high grass on the west side of community field twice a year to facilitate find foul balls. 2. Work to fill in left field dip. 3. Roll field prior to start of season. 4. Rake field with smooth rake.
- c) Vernon recreation manager stated field were in bad shape after two games played by V.S.S.
- d) More members in the league were not from Vernon.
- e) V.S.S. will be raising registration \$10 to \$50 to cover the increase of Vernon recreation department.
- f) No changes to Henry Park.
- g) Last week of season will be for make-ups rain outs. Then playoffs will start.
- h) **Registration due March 17<sup>th</sup>**. Players not registered may be put in the pool and placed on another team.
- i) Requested to send out notice of registration first of year to give people 10 weeks to sign up.
- j) Newsletter will be started by Dave Hutchins and Craig Tanner every Sunday during league.
- k) No over running Bags. Sliding is OK. No tagging.
- l) New members voted in and approved, Mary Pastor John, Kevin Massey.

13) Meeting was adjourned at 19:20

Respectfully submitted,

Carroll Grant