



# FINAL Minutes

## VSS Board of Directors Meeting June 3, 2024

**Meeting called to order at 6:26PM**

### **Board Members Present –**

League Commissioner – Kevin Conklin  
Treasurer - Richard Nabel  
Internal Competition – Tim Poloski  
Public Relations - Jack Frascarelli  
Recording Secretary -Gail Gretzmacher  
Umpire Committee-Jeff Schiavetti  
Member at large – Bill Hettinger  
Public Relations – John Murphy  
External Competition- Jim Kenney

*Guest: Kari Martin (Ravens Manager)*

*Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2024 meeting. Motion passed and Bill will post to the league website.*

### ● **Opening comments**

- Gail – noted the need to restore a more structured meeting protocol and that Bill would be sharing a set of meeting rules for consideration in an agenda item below.

### ● **Player/Manager comments**

- None

### ● **Treasurer Update – Dick**

- Operating Account -\$5618.27
  - Town season expense paid -\$4328 (includes field costs and port-a-potty)
  - Major expenses have been paid
  - \$1800 will need to be retained for the 2025 season insurance
- Actuals to update budget sheet – to be updated for next meeting
- VSS purchases – it is critical to ensure use of TAX ID for all VSS purchases; contact Dick for number as needed; CT state tax is being paid unnecessarily and costing the league

### \***Proposed Board standing rules. – Bill**

- Bill reviewed a draft version of six standing rules consistent with Roberts rules of order
- With discussion a budget rule will be added and a & b rules to be removed
- Updated version attached below

### ● **Internal Competition - Tim, Bill**

- A motion was made and passed to place 2 pool players on teams:
  - Mark Rhodes to Falcons
  - Steve Vera to Ravens
- A motion was made and passed to charge Mark Rhodes and Steve Vera \$75 registration fee
  - It was noted that 25% of the season games have been played.
- A motion was made and passed to rescind the recent substitution rule added at last Board meeting.
  - Section B – Forfeiture and Short Team Rules-
    - Forfeitures shall be avoided at all times. If a team cannot field at least 8 players from its own team roster the game shall be forfeited. Pool players, if

available, may be used to meet the 8- player requirement. A team is considered short if it has less than 11 players.

- Discussion occurred that VSS has rules for any desired rule changes (Section O- Rule Changes) and that these established rules must be followed
- Tim will send out communication to Team Managers with the pool player placement and rule rescission.
- New storage locker at Henry for pitching screen in place (thanks Bill). Comments were made that the lock was challenging and request for a new lock was made. The current locker from Kenny Hartwright was too small to house the new pitching screen and will be returned to Kenny. We thank Kenny for its use.
- Number 1 players- Kevin will send an email to Team Managers to collect their #1 player team members for a final review/approval by the Board.
- Web site update
- “Disposition of Henry Park Batter’s Box Mat” Its resale value is minimal, but it still seems to be in good shape. Bill will seek to donate it to another league

• **Sponsorship Update- Jack,Murph**

- Brochure update :



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- Brochures distributed to members through team managers and sponsors
- League schedule added at the end of brochure
- Murph noted that there over 20 sponsors which resulted in more pages and cost for the brochure
- Jack requested league members to use the brochure, visit sponsors and note to the owners that you are a VSS member.

• **Umpire update – Jeff**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the season umpire assignments was released
- Umpiring seems to be running smoothly

• **External Competition – Jim**

- Growing interest in a 65’s Cape Tournament team
- One-pitch tournament now planned for August 24<sup>th</sup> to eliminate conflicts for the expected 4 teams.
  - Jim will recruit for the VSS team and act as the manager
  - Kevin will confirm Community field
- communication; VSS team recruitment

• **Social – picnic – Kevin**

- Kevin will solicit volunteers to organize the September picnic (Sept 15<sup>th</sup>)

***Next meeting is June 24, 2024***

*A motion was made to adjourn the meeting which was seconded at 7:46 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gail Gretzmacher, Recording Secretary  
6/3/2024

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# **Addendum: VSS Board Standing Rules**

The standing rules for 2023-2024 VSS Board shall be as follows:

- a) The board will establish an annual budget. Any expenditure that exceeds 25% of the budget amount will require board approval.
- b) Player/Manager comments will be allowed at the start of a board meeting. The board will listen to player/manager comments at the start of the meeting but not comment/interact. Three-minute limit per person. If a board member wants to add whatever the comment was for board discussion, they can make a motion to add the item to new business, and if the motion carries, we can talk about the item at new business.
- c) The board should follow our current rules and not pass any rule changes that are not safety related once the season starts.
- d) The board should involve the rules committee in any rules changes as per the bylaws. If the board wants to change a rule, they should send it to the rules committee. The rules committee recommends, and the board then accepts, rejects, or sends it back to rules committee for further analysis/revision. (Note - The board is limited to accepting, rejecting, or sending back, not modifying what the rules committee sent).
- e) The board should not vote on any new business items not on the published agenda (i.e. that were added during the meeting) at the first meeting. Any votes should come at a subsequent meeting. (This gives us a chance to think about the item and publish an agenda with the item as a topic)