

VRL Board of Directors Meeting
September 5, 2017
Vernon Police Station

Present: Bruce Barto, Kim Boulette, Chris Burkhardt, Charlie Chatterton, Jon Clark, Steve DeBruyn, Jennifer Hall, Jaime McAuliffe, Paul Meucci, Keith Morehouse, Andy Morgan, Scott Owen, Carl Schaefer, Patrick Yarusewicz, Ross Enamait, Jason Hahn, Shanna Custer

Absent: Kim Aliczi, Dave Angeli, Dave Bartolucci, Jeannine Enamait, Bruce Petow

7:05 **Motion made to open the meeting.**

Motion made by Bruce B. and seconded by Scott to accept the June meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Reviewed the finance report. Still have some bills to pay, some items were less expensive than expected, we spent more for capital improvement expenses, and parents bought fan gear to offset some costs. Jon would like to be able to recap each season with income and expenses. A winter fundraiser will make a couple hundred of dollars. **Motion made by Keith and seconded by Paul to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.**

Equipment/Uniforms: No update. There is a lot of old catchers' gear that could be cleaned up. Need to get rid of bats that cannot be used any longer; it's costly to ship them to other countries. Not sure yet how many bats we'll need for next year, estimating 3-4 per team at a cost of \$5,000. We should buy them before the Spring, so stores do not run out.

Fundraising: Both Shake the Can and the Raffle went well making a total of \$22,000. We should keep these fundraisers because they are quick and generate a lot of money.

Grounds and Building Committee: Planning to work with Park and Rec, focusing on Henry Park this year, then all 3 fields; Legion East needs work on the pitcher's mound. West needs a lot of work. We cannot use the elementary schools for practices any longer.

The scoreboard for Henry Park, sign for Gill field and possibly Peterson is expected to be installed in October/November. The poles are different sizes (further apart) and the installation company has to do something differently for Gill; Peterson's structure is good. We are waiting for the company to respond. Charlie is meeting with Marty on fixing VCMS fields that need conditioning.

Concessions Committee: There is product left (mostly soda and candy) that Jen is going to try to sell to Vernon and Ellington football teams. Suggestion made to check with Sandra to see what she used to do, and ask the Rockville Booster Club too. The locks will be changed at VCMS. We are probably above budget if calculating in the payments made to the minor league umpires. Maybe next year, use a googledoc to track who is umpiring. Also next year, track what's being sold, what's moving quickly, and what we're selling. The photos of the products really help sales.

League Information Officer: Working on Fall ball registrations for baseball and softball. Following up on those not paid. An error was made where the \$60 cost from Fall Ball last year was carried over to this season, but the board had voted to charge \$45 per player. **Motion made by Kim and seconded by Jen to offer the option of a \$15 refund or leave the credit balance to be applied to next year's registrations. Motion carried.**

Tournament teams did well this year. We are looking into windbreaker jackets for each coach and players. An email vote is forthcoming. Question asked about displaying the tournament team banners when they've won.

Annual Board Meeting: Have to have by September 30th (probably on 9/26) with a 2 week notice. We need to get the word out for open positions. We will vote new board members in and need a final financial report. We need to advertise that Travelers Ins. Co. matches donations, as well as asking that the VRL be designated when people donate money through their workplaces. We get a better turn out and more participation when the coaches send a specific email inviting all the families to the annual meeting.

Carl Schaffer announced that this was his last meeting and that he is retiring from the board. Steve DeBruyn and Chris Burkhardt announced that are also not staying on the board.

8:07 Motion to adjourn and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim Boulette
League Information Officer