

VNLL Board Meeting 9/18/24  
Creekside Round Table at 5:30pm

**Attendees:** In-Person: Tom Peale, Mike Rosano, Ariana Bell, Laura Peña, Nikki Bredlinger, Becca Spiers, Chris Bredlinger, Karen Wallace, Sam Nielsen, Jake Mack, Dre Garcia, Afton Diez, Nick Figniack, Jillian Bracamonte, Maranda Hanson, Kristina Lipary, Jason Augustson  
Google Meet: Erick Diez, Lacie Lopez, Tyffany Wanberg, John Savage, Sam Lopez, Lynnae Lipary, Krystal Camacho

**Called to Order 5:35pm**

\*Ari made a motion to approve July and August Meeting Minutes, Becca 2nd all in favor, none opposed.

**\*Velocity Sports Presentation for Uniform Bid-** Since we used Velocity Sports last year Bubba will keep all the same styles and package, Youth and Adult sizes will be included. \*see Bid Form attached\*

3-4 week turn around for full uniform package, 10-14 day turn around to fix jerseys for mis-spelling, board will not have to pay out of pocket for fix it's. Bubba will also provide 3 additional jerseys and pants to all teams to help out if a uniform needs to be fixed. VNLL will provide patches to Bubba so he can sew on jerseys at no additional cost. All hats will have VNLL logo, doesn't have MLB or Minor League rights to do on hats. Pinstripe is an option but highly suggests not to do pinstripe jersey and pinstripe pants because it doesn't always line up. Coaches Jersey and Hat are additional \$45 (\$20 jersey, \$25 hat which league provides) If the board decide to provide jersey and hats for Coaches, Bubba is willing to give us a bulk discount. Velocity Sport Spiritwear- would like to do the front copy of Team Jersey with roster on the back, this will be cheaper for Teams to be able to provide a Team Fundraiser. All Materials are polyester material but can provide sweatshirts as well. Lacie- would like to provide an order form at Evaluation. Afton- worried about things getting lost until they get to their team. Agreed to provide information about Team Spiritwear and to see Team Parent for more information once Teams are announced. No further questions and Thanked Bubba for his time and support.

\*Discussion on if we wanted to go sublimation or sew on for jerseys. All in favor for going sublimated jerseys, none opposed.

\*Discussion on providing or charging for Coaches jersey and hat. League has recently provided hats for 3 Coaches per team along with 2 hours at Baseball Barn for each team. Question is do we want to include jerseys as well since it would only be an additional \$6.25 per shirt? Afton suggested a fundraiser specifically Coaches jersey and hats to help off set our costs. Ari- Will get back to it when we talk Fundraising later on in meeting.

**Treasurer Report-** Current Balance \$75,700.31

2024 Registration Fees

\*October \$165

\*November- December \$185

\*January \$200  
\*At Evaluations \$225  
\*Challenger \$115  
Sibling Discount \$15 off  
2024 Season Approximate Costs  
\*Uniforms \$120 per player  
\*Insurance \$8 per player  
\*Field Rental Fees \$24 per player (includes field Rental, Admin Fees and concessions fees)  
\*Website Fees \$5 per player  
Total Cost \$157 per player \*This does not include equipment field maintenance and supplies, umpire pay, taxes and any other league expense\*  
August 2023 Balance \$77,815.32

***\*Ad's Special T's Presentation for Uniform Bid-***\*See Attached for pricing\* We updated prices. Elisha showed us a tshirt jersey, 2 button jersey and a full button jersey. Prices vary with what jersey we choose, and pants we choose to go with. Ad's have LL patches we can purchase from them (same price as LL charges) and they will sew on. Asked about Logo on jersey. Ad's will do the flag over the LL patch and the VNLL Logo on the opposite sleeve. Hats offered are the PTS20 and the PTS30. VNLL Logo are \$24.99 with the player number additional \$5. MLB logo (Ad's has licensing rights) are \$27.99 with player number additional \$5. Note Ad's doesn't have the recent city connect images from MLB yet. 2 Button jersey package can range from \$97-\$110 depending on pants. Champro offers knickers, long pants and now tapered long pants and the prices vary.

\*Ad's Spiritwear- Already set spiritwear but can adjust prices to whatever we would like our team fundraiser to be. Can also be custom designed or traditionally the team logo on front with roster on back. Many options. No further questions, thanked Elisha for coming in and her continued support.

**President Report**-Not much to report, District Meeting is tomorrow night will have more to report back after meeting. We had our first rules meeting and had a lot of discussions, nothing was set but talked a lot about concerns and nothing was set or decided on to present at this time.

***\*Important Dates*** - Talked tentative dates and how we want to get ahead instead of chasing dates and locations.

Evaluations: shooting to have a longer "eval" period rather than rushing kids in and out. Possibly having separate dates for different divisions to make sure all kids are seen.

\*Shooting to have Evaluations 1/11 at the Arlington Fields all day and only this day with make ups 1/15.

\*Incase of rain outs looking at 1/11 at Baseball Barn (Ari will get with Sean to discuss time frames and costs) and 1/12 at Admirals Location. Dre said Sunday's are typically free and Afton reached out to Dyron and he said he was open to it and would like to come to a board meeting. (Ari will get with Dyron to schedule)

Make Ups:

\*1/15 and possibly 1/16 and 1/17 (Holiday weekend but tentatively keeping date open incase rain)

Draft Date: for Managers and 1 Coach, Player Agent, President and/or Vice President, Secretary and Divison Rep only set for 1/24.

Scorekeeper Meeting: (Tyffany was in Google Meeting but wrote in Group Me)

Working on proposed dates to present at next meeting, wants to host a couple different meetings for different skill levels. Wants to also schedule a couple pre season scrimmages (work with scheduler and managers) for scorekeepers to get real time practice. Maybe also use same games for umpire training.

***Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:***

October 16th 6pm @ Round Table by Rayleys

November 20th 5pm @ Round Table by Rayleys

December -no meeting as of now-

January 8th 6pm @ Round Table by Rayleys

February 19th 6pm @ Round Table by Rayleys

March- waiting to see when opening day (shooting for 3/8/25 opening ceremonies but will come back to it next meeting)

April 13th 4pm @ Round Table by Rayleys (Note the day change)

***\*Uniform Voting:*** Velocity Sports all in favor: In-Person: Mike Rosano, Laura Peña, Nikki Bredlinger, Becca Spiers, Chris Bredlinger, Karen Wallace, Sam Nielsen, Jake Mack, Dre Garcia, Afton Diez, Nick Figniack, Maranda Hanson

Google Meet: Erick Diez, Lacie Lopez, Tyffany Wanberg, Sam Lopez, Krystal Camacho

Ad's Special T's all in favor: none noted

Velocity Sports Wins 2025 VNLL Uniform Bid by more than two-third vote.

***\*Registration 2025 Fees:***

Laura suggested Pricing for 2025 season as follows

\*October \$175

\*November- December \$195

\*January \$200

\*At Evaluations \$225

\*Challenger \$150

Sibling Discount \$15 off

Lynnae made a motion to approve above pricing for 2025 Registration Fee, Discussion was made about Challenger Divison and if we should raise it or keep it the same. Tom will reach out to Quanda the challenger liaison and get feedback. Lacie suggested going up a little more \$20-\$25 from 2024. Most disagreed because of costs going up and worried families might not be able to join. Incentive is to register early to get a bigger discount. Ari made a motion to go forward with registration fees as follows (excluding Challenger for now)

- \*October \$175
- \*November- December \$195
- \*January \$200
- \*At Evaluations \$225
- Sibling Discount \$15 off

Mike seconds, all in favor none opposed.

**PIO-** Sammie made a motion to go forward with adding Tik Tok and Snap Chat for the league since LL International does. Also mentioned she is a photographer and would donate her time and images to league. Afton wanted to make sure we have photo releases for all players. It is included in registration they can agree or opt out. Sam will keep a list of those players who opt out. Karen seconds the motion, all in favor, none opposed.

**Fundraising-** Fall Registration Event \*See attached\*

A-4 and A-1 event on Sunday 10/6 from 11am-3pm Suggested to have a kids home run derby as well as an adult home run derby, funds raised could go towards coaches jersey and hat costs. Cost of fields listed on website was \$296 per field with a possibility of a \$288 clean up fee. Kristina suggested to talk to Jeanette Wylie since she's got a budget to spend. Talked about how to get the word out of event and kick off registration by passing out flyers to businesses, National Night Out on Oct 1st, social media blasts and last season player email blast. Laura asked how much, \$800 was the ball park for cost of fields and other expenses.

Karen made a motion to go forward with Oct 6th Fall registration kick off event with a budget of \$800, Sammie second all in favor, none opposed.

**Equipment Coordinator** Bryon has stepped down and Jason Augustson would like step in and take over the 2025 Equipment coordinator. Ari made a motion to make Jason Augustson Equipment Coordinator, Becca seconds all in favor, none opposed.

**Vice President Report:**

Chick Fil A Program

\*Chick Fil A will match our Top tier Sponsorship in donated sandwiches, hosting an event (like team party decorated in team colors) or giving complimentary gift cards for however we would like to use them. We need to put in when we have events and their Cow Mascot can come out. They have a warmer that they send their sandwiches in and we need to return so whomever the BMOD is we will be responsible for returning at the end of the event. In return all they want is a banner in the outfield and a plaque. Mike asked if we were on board, All in favor, none opposed.

\*Provided the city with all the things that needed to get fixed and did the walk thru, Afton mentioned A1 sprinklers not working so Tom and Mike will let the City workers know to take a look at it. Mike got costs of the lights \$600,000 for A1 and the shade on A3 was \$65,000. Budget covered lights and shade for both VNLL and VALL.

\*Mike posted in the group me reminding everyone attendance in person is important. The comment was not well received. The Constitution does state that 3 missed meetings can result in losing your voting rights if that is what the board decides. This was just something that

was needed to be brought up now rather than later. No one is losing their voting rights but there are some board members who don't know who other board members are and haven't met them because they haven't been to a meeting. The google meeting was the first time it was tried so no one knew how it was going to go and with important votes there was concern for things lost. Ari as secretary has to watch the screen for when votes happen or call out each person on the google meeting to get their verbal vote. (Also the screen only shows up to 6 on a page so going back and forth made it a lil hard with guest speakers and I'm not sure if I saw everyone trying to join the Google Meeting) Round Table did not have the password to the wi-fi so that isn't an option going forward.

**\*Voting on New Board Members at Large-** Todd Kaiser was not present so some didn't feel comfortable voting him in, so we will put him on the agenda again for next meeting. question was asked who has voting rights. 2 types of voting rights, Board Members who hold a position and have obligations and then Annual Voters who can only vote at annual board meeting.

**Junior Rep:** Nick being the Juniors Rep wanted to know how much effort we want to go into reaching out to HS kids to create a division. Jr Division is small so we can attract a better Jr Team and could possibly go far. HS kids can't play LL until their HS season is done, so if we have a team they would play later in the season and not when the other divisions start. Something to think about. Will come back to it.

Meeting adjourned 8:03pm

Next Board Meeting October 16th 6pm at Round Table by Rayley's