

Presidents Corner

My vintage base ball travels this year have taken me to my annual trip to Prescott, Arizona to join Mike Ace Adrian's Prescott Blue Caps for a game of base ball against the Fort Verde Excelsiors at historic Lindley Field, built by the WPA in the early 1930's.

At the end of June I took part in the annual Menomonee Vintage Base Ball Festival. At the beginning of August the Essex Base Ball Club traveled to Chicago to play the Chicago Salmon. Next up is a trip to the Field of Dreams Movie Site near Dyersville, Iowa.

All over the United States there are vintage base ball clubs recreating and enjoying the early game of base ball.

In order to bring our VBBA member clubs together from all around the country in conversation with one another the VBBA has created a closed group VBBA Town Hall Facebook page for only VBBA members.

This VBBA Town Hall group is designed to allow different vintage base ball (VBB) teams and players to learn about upcoming events throughout the nation. The intent is to enable folks from the different parts of this country to have discussions about how their seasons have been going and to facilitate interclub relationships.

The VBBA Town Hall page is not intended to be a place argue or discuss the various nuances of a set of rules related to their form of play. The Vintage Base Ball Association Facebook page is the site for

those discussions.

Many of our member clubs wind down their seasons in this month and next, except for our clubs in California, Arizona, and Florida.

Plan ahead for the 2020 VBBA Greenfield Village Conference, April 15 to 17, 2020.

The VBBA has reserved a block of hotel rooms at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Metro Airport. Get reduced rates of \$119 King or \$129 Double both nonsmoking by mentioning the VBBA.

We will meet at the nearby Hilton Garden Inn for our Saturday morning breakout sessions. So far we the presenters include: Matt Brandywine Stone leading a session on grant writing and getting financial support for a club, and Edward Achorn, author of *The Summer of Beer and Whiskey*. Achorn claims that the 1883 season "made baseball America's game."

We will hold our 2020 VBBA All Comers games, bound and no bound rules, on the site of the World Tournament at Greenfield Village.

Saturday night's dinner will be at Greenfield Village's Eagle Tavern. Our keynote speaker will be Marcus Dickson, who will share the story of the 1867 World Base Ball Tournament.

Gary Schiappacasse

PRESIDENT,
VBBA

If you have never been to a VBBA Conference check out our 2019 VBBA Branson Conference:

ALL COMERS GAME

<http://golivesportscast.com/2019/04/live-from-branson-mo-vintage-baseball-april-6th-10-am-ct-for-the-glory-of-the-game/>

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

<http://golivesportscast.com/2019/04/vbba-sessions/Pitching>

- Sideline Interpretation
- Costuming
- Starting A Vintage Base Ball Team
- New Club Recruiting
- Food Prep
- Umpiring
- Keynote Speaker:
- Negro Leagues History. Presenter: Phil Dixon

REMEMBER AS YOUR CLUB PLANS FOR THE FUTURE THAT THE VBBA IN ADDITION TO LIABILITY INSURANCE, OFFERS ITS MEMBER BALL CLUBS A 15% DISCOUNT ON SEVEN VENDOR'S PRODUCTS. THE MERCHANT CODE FOR VBBA MEMBERS IS VBBA1996. THEY INCLUDE:

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THE BASE BALL
PLAYER'S CHRONICLE
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2020 VBBA CONFERENCE IS COMING TO THE HENRY FORD!

Join the VBBA Executive Board and its Trustees at the Henry Ford Museum, in Dearborn, Michigan. This conference will have a variety of speakers, including author Ed Acorn and VBBA's very own Marcus Dickson and Eric Miklich. There will be an opportunity to play two different style matches at one of the best vintage base ball venues in the Midwest, Walnut Grove #1 and 2. The host hotel will be The Embassy Suites and Hilton Garden Inn, not far from the Henry Ford and dinner will be at the



wonderful Eagle Tavern. This conference will be tiered for every type of participant. Do you just want to come to play base ball? There will be a registration fee for that. Do you want to experience the entire conference? There will be a different registration fee for that. Do you just want to attend the dinner and keynote speaker? There will be a different registration fee for that, as well. You do not want to miss this conference. Look for more information in coming newsletters and the VBBA website.

2019 VBBA CONFERENCE NOTES

On April 5 – 7, 2019, fifty-five members of the Vintage Base Ball Association from many different clubs around the United States met in Branson, MO. On Friday night, attendees registered, ate dinner and then met at the local museum for a social. Many of the attendees then met later for a beverage trade and to continue the socialization.

Saturday, started with an early in the day, all-comers match, which was livestreamed with play by play by

our very own Bob Tholkes and Eric Miklich. After the matches, attendees went back to the hotel and then attended a variety of breakout sessions, which included how to sustain a club, the history of the pitcher, food of the time, umpiring and sideline interpretation. Trustee Jacobson also provided an outline of a program for teams to work with Historical Societies.

The evening ended with a riveting keynote by Phil Dixon on Negro League baseball. Mr. Dixon's information

and knowledge was exceptional and a good time was had by all.

On Sunday, the board met and discussed items, including the 2020 VBBA conference location. The new officers were also announced and the day ended with everyone heading back to their respective states. A special thank you goes out to Doug Ernst for spearheading this conference and working so hard to make this even enjoyable for everyone.

VBBA website 2019 Conference link: VBBA.org/resources/videos

VBBA VENDOR SPOTLIGHT



Don't forget when ordering to use your VBBA Member Code **vbba1996** to get your **15% discount!**

<https://www.stockbridgesewingworks.com>

Stockbridge Sewing Works has all of your 19th century needs for hats and other sewing projects. Contact Norma Hildebrand to discuss hats, banners, and any other items she may be able to make for you.

VBBA MEETING NOTES

SUMMARY APRIL 28, 2019

Present : President Schiappacasse, Vice President Staab, Treasurer Zeledon, Secretary Beebe, Historian Miklich, Trustee Jacobson, Trustee Stone, Trustee Sudduth

Absent: Trustee Dubuque, Trustee Wicker, Trustee Phillips

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary was provided with the duties of the Secretary so there was no report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance in the VBBA account is \$10,450.97, and this total does not include the income from the Branson Conference.

MOTION TO APPROVE- Miklich SECOND- Sudduth MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

2020 CONFERENCE UPDATE

Ms. DeGeatano placed \$1000 deposit for the conference Banquet: Eagle Tavern, Greenfield Village @ the Henry Ford.

Ms. DeGeatano is also in negotiations with Double Tree Hotel on lodging.

Mr. Wiegmann will work on the field with Jim Johnson, Director Greenfield Village Curator Historic Structures & Landscapes

Mr. Wiegmann also has a logo for Detroit, It's the same as Branson: different colors.

VBBA LOGO TRADEMARK UPDATE

The lawyer working on the trademarking is in need of historical information on the logo and the VBBA has reached out to Mr. Ed Shuman. The lawyer has determined there are no conflicts for trademarking VBBA logo. The trademarking process can proceed forward.

President Schiappacasse will be the VBBA Spokesman in dealings with the lawyer.

Objective of receiving a trademark is to have control of the logo and it's use. This will help promote the organization and allow vendors the use with them paying a yearly fee.

RULES & CUSTOMS COMMITTEE

- 1867 rules done at the conference

- The Committee will be working on the 1858 rule set as well as an Umpire's Guide.

HAMTRAMCK FIELD

- The historic grandstands are currently closed due to unsafe conditions. \$50,000 has been raised so far. VBBA has helped with awareness.

- There is a scheduled Cancer Charity fundraiser is May 11th

- Two Detroit Clubs and fourteen people have signed up to participate

- The city is being worked with in order to prepare the proper paperwork to use the field.

- Mrs. Jacobson is the point of contact for use of the stadium.

- Mrs. Jacobson proposed that there should be a yearly event with different charities being the beneficiary each year, with the support of the Early Risers and media.

- There was discussion of the possibility of a representative from Hamtramck attending next year's conference.

GO LIVE SPORTS: 2019 CONFERENCE

In regards to the 2019 Conference, all technical issues on presentations have been fixed and is available to clubs.

2020 CONFERENCE INFO

- Go Live Sports will be a part of the 2020 Conference as well.

- Early Risers/ Host responsibilities clarified. Registration, décor, and other assistance.

- Historian Miklich will be a speaker at Detroit

NEW BUSINESS TOWN HALL FACEBOOK PAGE

- Town Hall page would be a safe place for vintage clubs to interact and link to VBBA page and the mission statement of the VBBA.

- Need a person to create it.

OHIO CONFERENCE FOR 2021

- The Cincinnati Vintage Base Ball Clubs and the Ohio Village Muffins have turned down hosting for the conference; but they will contact other clubs about possibly hosting.

EXECUTIVE VETERAN BOARD

- Approval to have Dennis Wiegmann, Helen De Geatano and Ed Shuman to the Executive

Veterans Board

- MOTION - Miklich SECOND- StoneMotion carried.



REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

EAST

- Six team tourney including teams from CT, NJ; upstate NY this weekend. Mr. Ciccarello will host May 4th event.

WEST

- California will split their season into two due to extreme temperatures.
- Central Valley VBB played against Oakland (1880) in an 1860 rules match. Also CVBBA is in touch with 19th century HOF Reds, Sacramento, and Bay Area teams with events in Oakland and San Francisco.

Arizona

- Mr. Adrian is trying to start other clubs and wants to be historically accurate. Matt will get in contact with him and help.

GREAT AMERICAN DESERT

Texas

- Houston is starting back.
- NTX Cattlemen is building.
- Farmer's Branch in flux.

Kansas

- Fort Hays had a match on March 30th against Colorado Territories
- Topeka and Emporia played April 28th.
- Emporia's official name is the

Emporia Howe House Griffins

MIDWEST

France

- Trustee Jacobson was approached by Charles Filbert on information about vintage base ball. He has an American Wild West park and wants historically correct information for characters and side line interpretation. There are plans to play matches in the future. Trustee Jacobson sent him information and Mr. Ernst's notes on interpretation and will provide further assistance.
- Historian Miklich sent three of his baseballs to France

FLORIDA

- Trustee Jacobson has been working with Mr. Pollifrone and Mr. Kopsaftis. They previously had an association and are in the process of rebuilding. The incorporation of the Civil War will also be applied. Marketing has already begun on Facebook. There is interest from a museum. They're trying to form other clubs and plan to scout within a one hour radius of Orlando.

PA (Western)

- Building teams. Jason's working with 2 clubs. Ted Pavilick and Jason's clubs are assisting each other.

DETROIT

- The Straight Farmhouse Club of Nankin, Michigan, used Mrs. Jacobson's presentation and is now working with a historical society.
- Early Risers Club season begins next weekend

CHICAGO SALMON

- Longtime umpire Ray "Never Wrong" Gish has passed away. His wake will be May 9, 2019, and The funeral services will be on May 10, 2019.

SOUTH

TENNESSEE

- The Tennessee Association of Vintage Base Ball have started their season.
- In Kentucky, the Blue Grass Barons played Waveland, TX. They will be playing -vs- 1869 Red Stockings Club for home opener. It'll be the same date as the original Stocking games -vs- the Buckeyes.

VBBA MEETING SUMMARY

MAY 19, 2019

ROLL CALL

BEEBE X
DUBUQUE X
MIKLICH Absent
JACOBSON X
PHILLIPS X
SCHIAPPACASSE X
STAAB X
STONE X
SUDDUTH X
WICKER Absent
ZELEDON Absent

CALL TO ORDER

7:03 Eastern
6:03 Central
4:03 Pacific

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Beebe)

Motion to accept minutes from April Meeting 1st- Evette; 2nd- Aaron. Ayes have it.
MOTION APPROVED

TREASURER'S REPORT (Zeledon)

Not available

OLD BUSINESS

I. 2020 DETROIT CONFERENCE

Helen DeGeatano has secured 2 hotels (Double Tree & Hilton Garden Inn) for the conference. DOUBLE TREE has guaranteed 40 rooms and will not be charge on rooms not booked. Rates for rooms have not been established yet. Registration & Silent Auction will be held here. HILTON GARDEN INN will host the Breakout Sessions and Vendors will setup in the Main hotel lobby. Rooms are \$125.

Helen has financed this on her personal card and will be reimbursed.

II. VBBA LOGO TM

When was it first used and by whom?

III. REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

EAST (Miklich)

Not available

SOUTHEAST (PHILLIPS)

Canal Fulton Mules had a game today. The Mules usually begin playing the last week of April; the river has been high due to rain. They will play the Capitals this weekend. Mules will go to Colorado to play the Muffins, a few matches in June; Greenfield in July. They will also participate in the Akron Cup in July. It's usually comprised of 8 - 12 teams, mostly hailing from Ohio.

WEST (STONE)

First Inaugural Season finished yesterday. The worst teams played against each other; Athletic BBC of Woodland was defeated. The second game was played in the rain (between the two best teams) with the lead changing six times! The winner of the match was decided by the last play. Oleta BBC of Davis prevailed over Sacramento.

The German Genealogical Society (including Brian Hartzell) have asked if the club would like to participate in the their conference. There hasn't been any communication with the Bay Area. It was suggested that Matt attend one of their games and see why they don't

want to be associated with the VBBA.

Arizona- Ace has responded via email. Arizona does have a league in Phoenix. He's interested in play outside of the league with a focus on being more historically accurate. It's been suggested that Matt call him to ascertain what Ace wants to achieve with this new program. Ace wants a match in the mountains possibly Cottonwood. Need to find out who's running the show in AZ. Matt can help Ace with historical accuracy and involve Darrin Tenney as he wrote the book on Arizona Territory Base Ball.

GREAT AMERICAN DESERT (Staab)

Topeka's Free State Festival on Memorial weekend will host the Menomonie Blue Caps, Branson Boomers, Colorado Territory: Fort Hays Post 9 provided the weather cooperates. North Texas Cattlemen played their first match. They're working on building a league in the Dallas area. Suggested to get in contact with Missouri teams.

Aaron still needs contact information on the TX team and the gentleman interested in a Kansas City club from the Branson Conference from Scooter. (Gary) Wicker needs to promote large gatherings and put in the newsletter.

MIDWEST (Jacobson)

Busy weekend for MI Clubs. One travelled to Western PA Looking to expand

boundaries. Evette and Keith played in the Stockton Cup (a based on tourney from the 1860's.) Early Risers game was cancelled due to severe weather.

Michigan Cup- About 20 years ago a replica was made of the original 1865 cup. Legend says it was lost in the 1880s. The Early Risers have played in this event for 10 years . This year, they were victorious in winning the Cup!

The Risers will attend the Mayor's Cup (June 1st) in Sandusky, OH. A lot of Ohio clubs have been in contact with them last year; use as a PR event. Evette talked to Kent from the Ghostriders for a write up. The Risers & Skyriders from MI will be there.

(Gary) Chicago- The Hobart Grinders fell to the Chicago Salmon 20-7. The food was great. Last week they played House of David and won 29-26. The wake and funeral was held for longtime umpire, Ray "Never Wrong" Gish. There was a great turnout and the Salmon ballists wore their uniforms. Ellie will wear mourning clothes this season at events in his memory.

(Sudduth) TN - Jerry's team played the Muffins yesterday and the HOF Red Stockings today. (Gary) - Do they do meet and greets with fans, parades; helps the hosting club?.

Florida- (Gary) assigned Andy or Jerry to contact clubs

NORTH (Dubuque)

Rochester played yesterday. A 10 team tourney was canceled due to weather. Menomonie will hold their biggest festival to date on June 22nd and 23rd.

IV. MARKETING THE VBBA TO HISTORICAL SOCIETIES

Phase 2 proposal packet to use for schools/ universities. Use field demographics to see where it's needed. Clubs have submitted their surveys about using the packets for historical societies; the historical societies have not. It's a partnership between the two. Clubs will join the society and they can join the VBBA if they want. Both can market each other and participate in events. Evette will do a write up for the Newsletter. Dustyn has successfully worked with his historical society in marketing both. Also has worked with the Chamber of Commerce for 7 years. Menomonie raises money via fundraising; not through the society.

V. RULES AND CUSTOMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nothing new

VI. UPDATE HAM-TRAMCK FIELD OPENING DAY FUNDRAISER

(Evette) Fundraiser for Cancer. A 12 year old in remission with a brain tumor was in attendance. Only two teams played; others were short on players. \$500 was raised. Ty Cobb's great granddaughter threw out the first pitch of the game. Former Detroit Tiger, Ike Lesson, and the Mayor were in attendance.

Tom and Keith will work together on approaching the city with a packet and the possibility of an official Hamtramck team. Find out city's expectations, crew, etc.

Evette has contacts with family members of former players. Phil Dixon is on the Board of Directors Negro League of Baseball Museum and would be a good resource. Perhaps donate an autographed book for fundraiser. Can use other fundraising options for the field besides games, ex. wine tasting.

VII. TOWN HALL FACEBOOK PAGE

Matt will see if he knows someone that could help set up a page. Erik Sjogren has been unable to do the website due to health issues. Need to get passwords and someone to update it.

VIII. 2021 VBBA CONFERENCE OHIO?

With the amount of clubs in Ohio, there should be at least one that could host the conference. VBBA does a lot of the work and won't overload the local club. The clubs could be more involved and provide input. The Silent Auction helps offset the cost of the conference. More than 1 club can be involved and divide the tasks for sites, presentations, etc.

Andy will talk to the local clubs; get their opinions. He's suggested that Pittsburgh could be a possibility. It could be a great opportunity and build the relationships with the Western PA clubs.

NEW BUSINESS

I. PROMOTING VBBA AT MAJOR VINTAGE BASE BALL EVENTS: A PLAN

(Evette) Michigan is forming a league. Dan has started a FB page. Some are wanting a very competitive league / TV spectacle. Concerns that it's more competitively based and not based on historical accuracy and could cause divisions in the state that could spread to others.

There will be a need to educate other clubs (independent of this league) and the public about the correct terms, rules; uniforms for the year they're playing. Miklich could help those clubs by providing information. (Gary) Go Live has expressed interest in big tournaments that'll sell ads and appeal to modern culture, not historical accuracy.



VBBA MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 30, 2019

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: President Schiappacasse, Vice President Staab, Treasurer Zeledon, Secretary Beebe, Trustee Sudduth

ABSENT: Historian Miklich, Trustee Dubuque, Trustee Jacobson, Trustee Phillips, Trustee Stone, Trustee Wicker

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Beebe)

All members received May's minutes; there were not any questions. Stacy did forward the minutes and also the pictures of teams to Pops for the Newsletter. There is not an update for the Newsletter.

Motion to Approve Secretary's Report- Schiappacasse 2nd- Zeledon Motion Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Zeledon)

Treasurer Zeledon was given the contact information for Branson (Tess.) He will contact Tess about the approximately \$2,300 that was taken in by 2019 Conference in registration fees. Mr. Zeledon will send an update on this via email.

A request for information by the Illinois Secretary of State to fulfill the VBBA's non-profit self-compliance on the VBBA's part. This is due by mid-July.

Account balance is \$10,336.68 (not including monies from Branson)

Motion to Approve Treasurer's Report- Beebe 2nd- Staab Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS

I. 2020 Detroit Conference
Date for Conference is April 17- 19, 2020.

Trustee Jacobson messaged President Schiappacasse that RJ from the Historic Fort Wayne NPO wanted to discuss the 2020 Conference. In his capacity with Historic Fort Wayne, RJ wanted to place conditions upon the Conference. The VBBA board decided that due to contractual agreements already made, the conference will stay at the Henry Ford.

The VBBA might have to run it like they did at the Cooperstown event. The Board Treasurer also ran the financial end. Ms. DeGeatano is spearheading the conference details. Mr. Wiegmann and Historian Miklich are working on match and speaker details.

II. VBBA Logo Trademark
The lawyer (Brinkman) wanted to know how long we've used the logo. Dennis Wiegmann talked to Ed Schuman about this. The logo has been in used and essentially the same since 1996. President Schiappacasse informed the lawyer.

III. Regional Director's Report
East (Miklich)
Not available.

Southeast (Phillips)
Not available.

West (Stone)
*transcript of update sent in via email

The Yolo County Histo-

rical Association had their annual meeting on 6/21, so the Central Valley Base Ball put a game for 6/22 to show case what the YCHS has been investing their effort in. It turned into great single game in Woodland. We had 2 mixed 9s (3 Sacramentans + 6 Woodlanders - we called them WoodSac -vs- 2 Davisvillans + 7 Dixonians - called them Double D.)

We are also working on an educational event with the Old Sacramento History Museum.

The big news from the CVVBB is that we have confirmed that the 1869 Hall of Fame Red Stockings will be coming to California. We're organizing an event in Sacramento for 9/21, Davis on 9/22, and the Bay Area for the remainder of the week.

As far as Arizona goes, a game was played on 6/22 in Prescott to a crowd of about 150 people under the lights on a cool evening. While Mike "Ace" Adrian realizes the lights aren't authentic; he says the crowd was really into it and that it will ultimately yield a greater fan base. They are also playing an exhibition in Payson on July 5th.

GREAT AMERICAN DESSERT (Staab)

Colorado's travel team participated in the Frankenmuth Festival and had a good time. There are currently 3 clubs; there's a possibility of another one forming.

Nothing really new in Texas. The North Texas Cattlemen (NTX) will travel to Muscotah, KS to play the Topeka Westerns as a part of Joe Tinker Day.

Topeka participated in the Menomonie Base Ball Festival at Menomonie, WI (hosted by the Blue Caps) June 22nd and 23rd. Their final match was cancelled due to rain. They had a wonderful time at the festival.

Secretary Beebe stated that last Sunday, five ballists from Topeka travelled to Wichita to aid the Emporia Howe House Griffins in their match against the Cowtown Vintage Base Ball Club. The local PBS station (KPTS) was filming the event for Travels in Kansas and will air in the fall. Stacy was also interviewed during the event and promoted the VBBA.

MIDWEST (Jacobson)

*Transcript of update via messenger

Update on Florida project: they are taking it slow, because summer is coming and the guys have vacation.

France has slowed down, helping him pick out uniforms, helped him with his to measure out a field as he has an opportunity to pull off an actual match. Touched base with Alan Star, he responded with a four page report.

- The Michigan Vintage Base Ball Festival was held at Frankenmuth June 22nd and 23rd. The semi-final matches and the finals were televised live on ESPN3 and is still available to watch on the ESPN app. Corky Gaskell was the umpire during the first semi-final match and a color commentator on the second semi-final match and discussed the VBBA.

CHICAGO (President Schiappacasse)

The Chicago Salmon played at the Menomonie Festival June 22nd and 23rd. Scooter had fun pitching, despite the other clubs striking well. On Sunday's match, the Chicago Salmon and the Milwaukee Greys mixed up their ballists for a good old fashioned base ball match just played for the love of the game! A social was held a brewery nonic on Saturday. A beer made specifically for the Festival, "MadCap", was untapped for those there. The Salmon had a wonderful time.

FLORIDA

President Schiappacasse stated that the Central Florida Club is gaining traction for fall matches on Facebook. Sudduth concurred and that they will have a longer season; this will give other clubs the opportunity to play vintage base ball longer than usual.

TENNESSEE (Sudduth)

The Heart of Vintage Base Ball Tournament will be held next weekend. Ten clubs from Ohio including, Dayton and both clubs from Cincinnati, will be playing. There is a geographical limit on teams chosen. The Black Bottom 9, of Hamilton, OH, are the host and matches will be held at Joyce Park. Last year's winners were the Old Socks.

All teams are currently in action, despite the rain. Thankfully the recent tornado has not impacted the Dayton clubs.

SOUTH MIDWEST (Wicker)

*transcript of update via email

June 1st and 2nd, the GSLBBHS held the Sheppard Barclay Festival in Lafayette Square where six teams participated in this two day event. Photographer Jean Fruth, who is part of the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., were at this weekend's Sheppard Barclay Vintage Base Ball Festival on Saturday. The two are working on a project called Grassroots Baseball.

On June 8th: the Belleville Stags, Springfield Long Nine, Rock Springs Ground Squirrels, and Vermillion Voles played in Jacksonville, IL or NGD Event.

June 22nd and 23rd, the Belleville Stags travelled to Menomonie to play in their festival.

July 20th and 21st: the McLean County Prairie Chickens are hosting a two day event in Bloomington, IL as their second year as a club and they are doing well.

On July 27th, the 6th annual St. Louis Cup at Forest Park will feature 18 teams from 5 states to play on 5 fields of play. Teams will be coming from Massachusetts, Tennessee, Ohio, Illinois, and Missouri. Event is hosted by the St. Louis Brown Stockings.

NORTH (Dubuque)

Not available.

IV. Marketing the VBBA to Historical Societies

No new update.

V. Update Hamtramck Field Opening Day Fundraiser

President Schiappacasse stated that Hamtrack has set up a Facebook page and is headed in the right direction.

VI. Town Hall Facebook Page

Matt Stone is setting up

the Facebook page. On 6/23, he sent an email to Board Members wondering about non-member clubs being on it. The premise of allowing other clubs to contact each other and what rules they play by. Those present at the meeting all agreed and voted that this page should be for VBBA members only. This will prevent "upstart" clubs from imposing their views and the disagreements that would ensue. The Facebook page would also be a perk for those that are members. For those that are not members, they can contact people in the Rules and Customs Committee for information on the rules.

VII. 2021 VBBA Conference Ohio?

No new update

VIII. Promoting the VBBA at Major Vintage Base Ball Festivals: A Plan

No new updates

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business discussed.

Motion to Dismiss: Scooter 2nd Staab Motion Carried

8:21 Eastern 7:21 Central 5:21 Pacific





NEW VBBA CLUBS



**The Straight Farmhouse
Base Ball Club**
of Nankin, Michigan



NXT Cattlemen
of Texas



**Nankin's Captain David Maxwell
and his wife Samantha**

