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BASE BALL PLAYER'S

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V B B P R E S I D E N T ' S C O R N E R

Let it snow. Let it snow. Let it snow.

It is that time of year in the Midwest where we bundle up in layers of clothing when we go outside. Our snow blowers are full of gas and ready for the winter snowstorms.

Plans have already been made for our next season of vintage base ball. Some clubs have held end of the year banquets like the Douglas Dutchers. Other clubs like the Chicago Salmon wait until the middle of February to go to Jack and Ginger's bar for pizza and beer.

While out in Arizona, the Prescott Champions Vintage Base Ball Club have



started up their 2019-2020 season on November 3 playing at Fort Verde against the Phoenix Senators. In Florida the Vintage Base Ball of Central Florida club began their preseason tryouts December

15 in preparation for their first game on January 19 versus the new VBBA club the Fort Meyers Vagabonds.

Since our last VBBA newsletter column the VBBA has been busy working on several topics.

We have added a new Instagram site to our internet outlets: [vintage_base_ball_association](https://www.instagram.com/vintage_base_ball_association). In preparation for our April 17-19 VBBA Conference we are rebuilding

the backside of our VBBA website in order to set up our conference registration pages.

We are in the process of registering our VBBA logo and title as a trademark. We are working with Marjorie Adams to get her great great grandfather, Doc Adams, into Baseball's Hall of Fame December of 2020.

"A Founding Father of Baseball. Vote Daniel "Doc" Lucius Adams into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2020."

And we have begun the process of creating audio recordings of our listings of the Rules of Base Ball found on the Resources link on our VBBA website, vbba.org.

GARY SCHIAPPACASSE
PRESIDENT, VBBA

Plan ahead for the 2020 VBBA Conference Dearborn, MI

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. To get the hotel discount ask for the VBBA Conference Code VBB. The hotel's phone number is (734) 728-9200.

We will meet at the nearby Hilton Garden Inn for our Saturday morning breakout sessions. So far we the presenters include: Dustyn Dubuque leading a session on Historical Society Vintage Base Ball Club relations, 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.



TOUR SUGGESTION: Tour The Henry Ford during your free time.

**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:

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2020 VBBA CONFERENCE

DEARBORN, MI • APRIL 17TH-19TH

The hotel for the conference is the Embassy Suites. They offer a free made to order breakfast, Manager's Reception (free drinks & some food 5:30-7:30pm), indoor pool, exercise room, burger/salad/sandwiches, and a full dining room open until 11pm, room service, internet, refrigerator, microwave; lots of available parking.



EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH

- Registration at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Metro Airport
- Social (possibly Detroit's Tommy's Bar & Grill)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH

- Breakout Sessions at Hilton Garden Inn Metro Detroit
 - Greg Rhodes - (1869-1870) Red Stockings
 - Bruce Allerdice - Civil War Base Ball
 - Leslie Heaphy - Women in Base Ball
 - Ed Acorn - Summer of Beer and Whiskey
 - Erik Miklich - Charlie Sprague (19th Century Pitcher)
 - Dustyn Dubuque - Historical Society Vintage Base Ball Club Relations
- Doc Adams Memorial All Comers Matches:
BOUND AND NO BOUND AT GREENFIELD VILLAGE
Live Streaming of Match Play Base Ball Matches on Go Live Sports - golivesportscast.com
- Silent Auction
- Banquet - Eagle Tavern in Greenfield Village at the Henry Ford
Keynote Speaker: Marcus Dickson- 1867 World Tournament of Base Ball

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH

- Executive Committee and Business Meetings

Special Conference Room rates:

- King \$119/ night
- Double \$129/ night

Embassy Suites by Hilton Detroit Metro Airport

8600 Wickham Rd
Romulus, MI 48174
(734) 728-9200

Booking link for attendees:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DETHES-VBB-20200417/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

Booking via phone:

Ask for the VBBA Conference rate.
Code-VBB.

REGISTRATION

MEMBERS \$80:

Welcome Bag, Breakout Sessions, All Comers Match, Banquet, Keynote Speaker

NON-MEMBERS \$90:

One Year VBBA Membership, Welcome Bag, Breakout Sessions, All Comers Match, Banquet, Keynote Speaker

BANQUET ONLY

& Keynote Speaker: **\$60**

**ALL COMERS
MATCH ONLY: \$75**



Vintage base ball attracts a variety of people. Some love history and the game itself. Others, the opportunity to play regardless of age, skill; gender. A few clubs formed to add another team to the area. No matter the reasons, everyone enjoys the camaraderie and fellowship within our game. The VBBA has grown and we asked the new clubs what was the highlight of their season.

ARIZONA

FORT VERDE EXCELSIORS

- BILL "SHUTTERBUG" HELM

This year has been the first calendar year that the Excelsiors have played and a Fall calendar year. It's great to build relationships and play all year.

MESA MINERS - SCOTT SHAW

Winning the Championship and playing in Bisbee. Bisbee, AZ is an old mining town on the border of Mexico, full of history. After our season, Bisbee hosts an exhibition tournament in the historic Warren Ballpark. The games are played with announcers and in front of crowds. Whether we win or lose, Bisbee is what we look forward to most every season.

PHOENIX SENATORS - DAVID MARLI

Last year's highlight and will always be our end of the year tournament at Bisbee. It's a 110 year old ball park and they say it's the earliest old park in the country. Babe Ruth played there while barnstorming. 2-300 people attend and the atmosphere is great!

TUCSON SAGUAROS

- JEFF "CHESTER FIDDLESTICKS" SEMBAR

The sets of father/sons and father/daughters that played on the team. It's one of the very few sports settings where it's possible and I think that's really amazing. We also had a winning season with good sportsmanship around which just shows the integrity of the team.

CALIFORNIA

OLETA VINTAGE BASE BALL CLUB OF DAVISVILLE

- NOAH "BATMAN" PFLUGER-PETERS

Davisville and Sacramento have started up a bit of a rivalry. The last two games have fueled that in the best way. Davisville walked off Sacramento in the bottom of the 9th our last game of the Spring and Sacramento walked off of Davisville in the same situation to begin the Fall Season. They're a fun group

to play with and against, and I hope the Davisville/ Sacramento rivalry will become a real cornerstone of our association.

Also getting to play the Reds HOF1869 Red Stockings (sponsored by the MLB Reds) was pretty cool. They flew all the way from Cincinnati to play in Sacramento and Davis; recreated part of the club's historic 1869 season. I was fortunate enough to play in all 4 games with and against the Red Stockings. I haven't been as sore as I was the following Monday in a long time, but it was worth it.

SACRAMENTO BASE BALL CLUB

This year we organized a weekend event that recreated an actual match between the members of the Sacramento Base Ball Club and the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings. The Cincinnati Reds Hall of Fame 1869 Red Stockings (sponsored by the MLB Reds) made the trip out to Sacramento to commemorate and to play the game.

FLORIDA

FORT MEYERS VAGABONDS

- KEVIN DOYLE

We got our uniforms and will begin practicing in the fall. The March tournament is sponsored by the Edison Ford Museum and we will be participating.

MICHIGAN

STRAIGHT FARMHOUSE BASE BALL CLUB OF NANKIN - DAVID MAXWELL

Going to the Sylvania Cup and getting our first victory. As a side note we're planning on playing 75% of our games as the historic Detroit Base Ball Club. I'm working on new uniforms and the original biographies of the original players that we will use to make it more historically immersive to the public.

MISSOURI

ST. CHARLES EXPLORERS VBBC - JOE "RED" FLAUGHER

Our hosting matches for the St. Charles Sestercentennial Celebration. We got to play right along the Missouri riverfront near the old town of St. Charles, right along the Katy Trail that Lewis and Clark journeyed on. It was the perfect backdrop for vintage games.

PENNSYLVANIA

KEYSTONE BASE BALL CLUB OF HARRISBURG

The highlight (which came coincidentally with the highest temperatures of the season) was our participation in the 10th Annual Gettysburg 19th Century Base Ball Festival. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were made.

TEXAS

NTX CATTLEMEN

- RUSTEE LANE

Playing against Topeka in Muscotah for "Joe Tinker Day."

UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT

• **ATHLETIC BASE BALL CLUB OF WOODLAND,**

• **AETNA BASE BALL CLUB OF DIXON,**

• **BISBEE BLACK SOX**

• **TENNESSEE BROWN STOCKINGS**

DANIEL LUCIUS “DOC” ADAMS, MD A FOUNDING FATHER OF BASE BALL

1814 - 1899

Doc Adams was born in New Hampshire in 1814. In 1832, his younger sister, Nancy, (age 11) wrote him “I have not played with your bat and ball as you bid me. I forget it every morning and indeed I have not seen it since you went away.” After graduating from Yale in 1835 and from Harvard Medical School in 1838, he moved to New York and set-up his medical practice. He also volunteered with the New York Infirmary for the Poor and was often called upon to assist with the cholera epidemics. And he continued to play base ball. “I was always interested in athletics while in college and afterward, and soon after going to New York I began to play base ball just for exercise with ...other young medical men.”*

September of 1845, the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club formally organized and Doc joined about a month later and played in two games in November. In May of 1846, he was elected Vice President of the Club. The first (and only) intermural match played that year was against the New York Base Ball Club on June 19th: Doc played in this game and made 3 outs. The following year he was elected President of the Club, a position he would occupy for six of the next 16 years. He also made all the balls and supervised the manufacture of all the bats for the club as there was no commercial manufacturer for such items.

Doc is credited with creating the shortstop position in 1849 – “...it had formerly been left uncovered.”* The balls he made were very light and could be batted a good distance but couldn’t be thrown very far. So, Doc moved in from the outfield closer to the infield to this new position to relay balls into the infield. During his years with the KBBC, Doc played all positions except pitcher but shortstop was his favorite.

The Knickerbocker’s next intermural game after 1846 was in June of 1851 against the newly reorganized New York Base Ball Club (now the Gothams). By late 1856, there were as many as 30 clubs in the city and the Knickerbockers, the most senior club, called for a convention of the clubs to standardize the rules of play. Doc was elected President of this convention and presented his Laws of Base Ball, “prepared after much careful study”*. Some of the new laws, Doc proposed 90 feet between bases, specifications for the bat and balls and the “fly game” – all these passed except for the “fly game” – this rule was particularly supported by Doc and he argued for it every year at subsequent conventions but it did not pass until 1864. Doc remained the chair of the Rules Committee until he retired from KBBC and the game in 1862. Doc passed away in 1899.

*Doc Adams, Sporting News interview, February 1896

VBBA Supporting “Doc” Adams



The VBBA will be supporting Marjorie Adam’s efforts in getting her ancestor, Daniel “Doc” Adams, into the Baseball Hall of Fame in December 2020. A tagline has been made in conjunction with Marjorie : A Founding Father of Baseball. Vote Daniel “Doc” Lucius Adams into 2020 Hall of Fame.

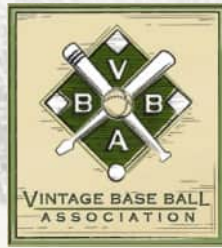
Participation will be voluntary for VBBA members. The 2020 Dearborn, MI Conference match will be called the “Doc” Adams

Memorial. Ways to incorporate the tagline or to include Doc into your club’s activities are: rename a match or tournament in his honor, place the tagline on your brochures, website, Facebook or other social media platforms.

Let this be the year that Daniel Lucius “Doc” Adams finally gets into the Hall of Fame!

(Pre integration Era Committee National Baseball Hall of Fame)

LEARN MORE AT www.docadamsbaseball.org



RISING ABOVE

Fleischmann's and Vintage Base Ball

Fleischmann's Yeast Co. brothers, Julius and Max, loved baseball. In 1895 they formed the Mountain Athletic Club. Julius donated the park and athletic grounds to Fleischmanns Village as long as public access was always free.

The MAC was revived in 2007 until 2011 when Hurricane Irene wiped out the playing grounds and part of Fleischmanns Village.

After a six year hiatus, Collin Miller reformed the club and joined the VBBA.

Collin rebooted the club because he loves to play 19th century base ball and they're in a rural county that doesn't provide the chance to play baseball for those out of high school.

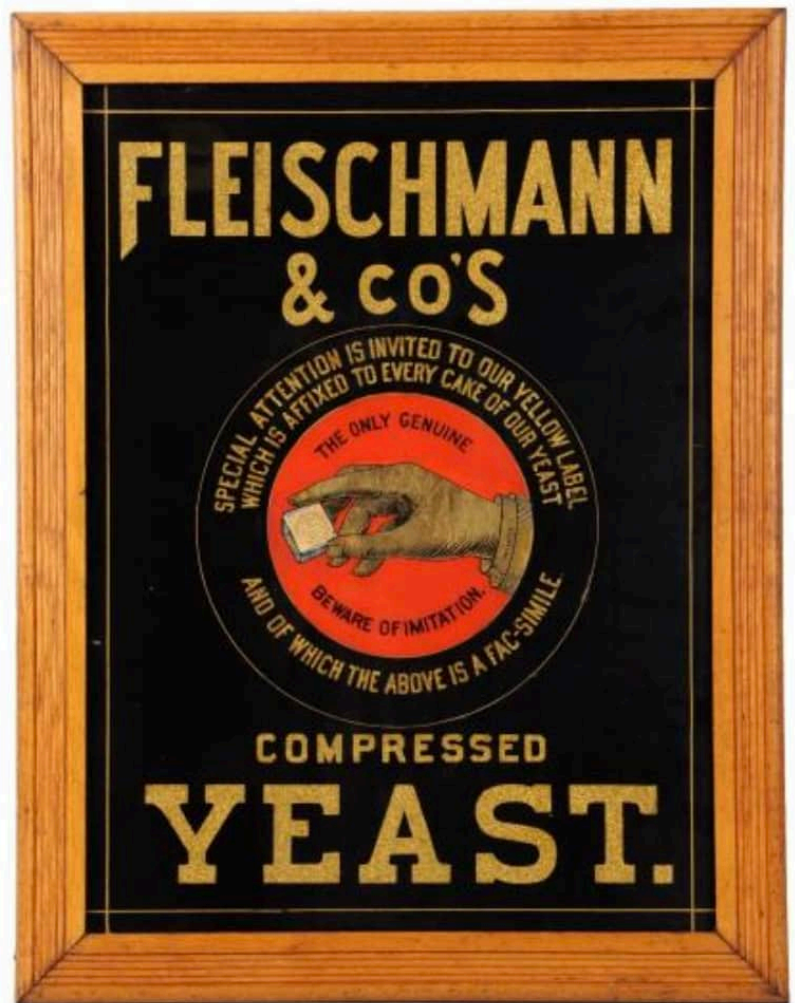
Vintage base ball for Fleischmanns Village promotes history-based tourism and draws large crowds. It also helps to continue telling the story of the dozen or so former major league players that were there including HOF player Honus Wagner and HOF Manager Miller Huggins.

This year Jeff Idleson, at the Baseball Hall of Fame, issued a proclamation recognizing the Fleischmann Family's contribution to baseball history and recognizing the Mountain Athletic Club.

In addition to founding the Mountain Athletic Club, the Fleischmann brothers, with Garry Herman and George Cox, bought the Cincinnati Red Stockings in 1902. Julian financed the Cincinnati Shamrocks that Miller Huggins played on.

The proclamation was read aloud by MLB historian John Thorn at a public reception held the evening before Fleischmann's Founder Day, celebrating Fleischmann's Yeast Company's 150th anniversary.

Currently, they are pursuing getting their field on the National Historic Registry.



VBBA MEETING SUMMARY

OCT. 20, 2019

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Beebe, Jacobson, Phillips, Schiappacasse, Staab, Stone, Sudduth, Wicker, Zeledon.

ABSENT- Dubuque (technical issues); Miklich, Zeledon - X

SECRETARY'S REPORT (BEEBE)

All Board Members received September's minutes. Stacy asked Scooter for the contact information for Bill Helm and Craig Brown. Motion To Approve 1st- Sudduth 2nd- Zeledon Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT (ZELEDON)

Paul sent Gary the Treasurer's Report and Member's Report. The reports were then sent to the Board via Gary. Scooter recently received 2020 individual and club dues. VBBA account balance is \$8,254.31.

Motion To Approve 1st- Sudduth 2nd- Phillips Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

I. 2020 Detroit Conference

Andy has reached out twice to the Lah-De-Dahs about becoming a VBBA member club for the 2020 Detroit Conference.

II. VBBA Logo Trademark Updates

There is money being spent outside the original \$2400. Griffith (Xiadiah law firm) contacted Gary about contracting out the search. Federal State research and Common Law research are \$200 each.

III. Regional Director's Report East (Miklich)

Nothing to report

SOUTHEAST (Phillips)

NORTH (Dubuque)

(Sent in by email) MN area Scheduling Meeting happens on November 9th.

WEST (Stone)

Matt has stepped down from his position at the Central Valley Vintage Base Ball. His successor is Curtis Pyatt, vice president of the Sacramento Base Ball Club.

The Red Stocking events were a smashing success! Feedback was received from across the U.S. including FL, TN, PA, VA, OH, AZ; CO. Sideline re-enactors for the events were from the Old Stock Living History group. They also wore period correct attire and greeted the Reds Hall of Fame 1869 Red Stockings with pennants and much

fanfare.

The Fall season will end on November 9th. The last 2 matches were decided by walk off hits in the bottom of the 9th. The scores of the games were 17-18 and much fanfare. The Bay Area clubs participated in 1886 matches; they usually play by 1864/69 rules. and 21-22.

GREAT AMERICAN DESERT (Staab)

2019 Season is over for most clubs. Aaron will be going to St. Louis on Nov. 16th for scheduling matches.

MIDWEST (Jacobson)

Officially finished for the year. The Detroit Early Risers had their team party last night. Evette is working with the Livonia Historical Society that manages Greenmead Historic Village, and a club that will be playing for them.

CHICAGO (Zeledon)

The Chicago Salmon played their annual match at Doctor's Park near Milwaukee. Paul is looking forward to some downtime and next year. He's currently recruiting a new player that played ball in community college.

TENNESSEE (Sudduth)

The season ended last week. The last match was the Battle for Bourbon between the Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers and the Black Bottom 9 Base Ball Club. The Black Bottom 9 prevailed and won the coveted bottle of whiskey! The Scheduling Meeting for 2020 will be the week of Oct. 27.

On a sad note, the Rising Sun Club has folded due to their ballists aging out. Wicker mentioned that the Murphysboro club plays 10-17 matches a year.

FLORIDA (Sudduth)

Nothing new. Stacy will give Jerry the contact information for the Fort Myers Vagabonds after the meeting.

SOUTH MIDWEST (Wicker)

November 16th is the Scheduling Meeting for 2020. The last game of the year is Nov. 2nd between the Belleville Stags and the St. Louis Unions. On October 26th, the Ground Squirrels will host a Goodwill Match on their home field in Decatur, IL. Everyone is welcome to play. Teams will be mixed and the game will be at least 9 innings. The match will continue until the ballists have had their fill. Afterwards there will be a potluck dinner. The Ground Squirrels



will provide the main dish and the participants will provide the sides. Gary asked Tony to put this event on the VBBA Town Hall Facebook Page.

IV. Marketing the VBBA to Historical Societies

With the season done, Evette will be getting back to the New Club Historical Society Recruiting Program. She will use the packets with the Livonia Historical Society that manages Greenmead Historic Village, that has come into play. Gary has suggested contacting Al Stare from the Springfield Long Nine for Sideline Interpretation. He would also like her to extend him an invitation to join the Rules & Customs Committee to work on the VBBA Umpiring Guide.

V. Town Hall Facebook Management

Gary has been approving member requests of those that have been referred to by current members. There are currently 187 members on the page.

VI. 2021 VBBA Conference: Ohio or Prescott, AZ?

Andy is working on Ohio's bid for the 2021 VBBA Conference. The Canal Fulton Mules with 2 or 3 clubs hosting the event with the VBBA. Bill Helm has suggested to hold the Conference in Arizona during the MLB's Spring Training. Ace of the AZ Prescott Champions VBBC would like to have support from the local AZ clubs in hosting the Event.

VII. VBBA Website Update

Currently working on updating it and marketing.

VIII. Marjorie Adams Request For Major Support From VBBA Clubs In Doc Adams Election Into The 2020 HOF

The Board wants Marjorie to choose between to options for a tagline. Stacy will contact her and get her decision. The tagline can be used at club's pages and in promo-

tion of their events. Participation is optional.

IX. New Member Clubs Update

Stacy is to remind Gary at the end of the month about which clubs are to receive their new member packets. He would like to send a rule book that specifically covers the year the team plays.

X. Go Live Sports Media Consultants

Andy will talk to Kelly and Frank from Go Live Sports to push forward competitive events for live streaming. He will also set the expectations and let them know when events are taking place. Also continue on the Ohio Cup for coverage.

XI. Silent Auction Donations Update

Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. VBBA Instagram Account

Andy has to make sure he still has the password for the VBBA Instagram account. Jerry will send in content from the Caldwell Cup. Stacy has friended all of the VBBA clubs that are on Facebook and will send pictures to Andy.

2. VBBA Special Events Financial Policy

Tony Wicker will begin writing the policy next month when he has more available time.

3. Ft. Verde Excelsiors and Prescott Champions Cold Weather VBBA Team Invitation Feb. 15, 2020

Fort Verde Excelsiors and the Prescott Champions are hosting a Cold Weather Festival on Feb. 15, 2020. They are looking for a team from the Midwest or individual players that would like to form a mixed 9. This is a great opportunity to start the 2020 season and the week after the MLB's spring training begins.

5. U.S. List For Vintage Base Ball

Corky Gaskell has started compiling the list of all of the clubs that play vintage base ball in the United States. This will include clubs that aren't in the VBBA. Corky has posted the preliminary list on the Town Hall Facebook Page.

Motion to Dismiss 1st- Sudduth 2nd- Beebe, Jacobson; Wicker Aye have it. Motion carried.
Meeting Adjourned 5:44 PST
7:44 CST 8:47 EST

VBBA MEETING SUMMARY

NOV. 17, 2019

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ABSENT- Miklich; Wicker

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Beebe)

October's minutes were received by the Board. Stacy has received the list of presenters at the 2020 Detroit Conference from Pops. Marjorie Adams has sent in her article to Gary & Stacy.
Motion to Approve: 1st- Phillips 2nd- Dubuque

TREASURER'S REPORT (Zeledon)

The Treasurer's Report was sent to Gary and he will send it out to the Board members. \$300 was issued for payment on the Newsletter earlier this week and received some payments for 2020 dues. 17 new clubs joined the VBBA in 2019. The VBBA account balance is \$8,310.84.
Motion to Approve: 1st- Stone 2nd - Sudduth

OLD BUSINESS

I. 2020 DETROIT CONFERENCE: Lah De Dahs VBBA Membership, Tote Bags; Presenters
Helen DeGeatano is working on the tote bags (the totes previously cost \$5.)

Tommy's Bar- Gary asked Evette if she could contact the owner if the shuttle could be used in transporting attendees to and from his bar. Jeff is working on the 2020 Detroit Conference Page for the Website. Paul said that we need to make this conference to be financially successful. We're hoping to have 100 people attend; the cost out would be \$80 per person (cost of banquet meal is separate.)
*** This price could be adjusted if necessary. Those only attending the banquet pay \$65.

Motion to Approve Individual Conference Price \$80 1st- Zeledon 2nd Stone Motion approved.
II. VBBA Logo Trademark
Update: Griffith/Xidias Law Firm: Matthew Griffith Mr. Griffith called Gary two weeks ago to verify that the VBBA wanted the 2 trademark formats we are currently doing. A third would trademark video of VBBA images and give us control of it. Gary will find out more information in the next few weeks. This may cost an additional \$1200.

III. Marketing the VBBA to

Historical Societies

Gary learned about a club possibly forming in Champaign, IL. Bloomington already has a sponsor and will join the VBBA. Ashland/Ashton near Creston is also forming one. Gary let them know of the marketing packet and will give Evette their contact info to correspond.

IV. Town Hall Facebook Page Management: Update

All members of the page must be a part of the VBBA.

V. 2021 Conference: Ohio or Prescott, AZ?

Andy has been waiting to talk to Mike Bossi. The Greenfield account was hacked he hasn't heard back from them. Bill Helm contacted Gary and said that Ace would need help from other clubs in hosting at AZ.

VI. VBBA Website Update

Jeff will start working on it this week. Gary & Stacy went over all of the back pages on 11/7. Evette asked Keith to get the Hamtramck Field info from Tom. Hamtramck will have a Facebook page by the first of 2020. Gary needs to have Veterans Board put on Bylaws; to have Stacy remind him.

VII. Marjorie Adams request for major VBBA support in Doc Adams 2020 HOF election

Marjorie has selected: "A Founding Father of Baseball- Vote Daniel Lucius "Doc" Adams for the 2020 HOF. The 2020 Detroit Conference's match will be named in honor of Doc. Also promote on Go Live Sports, VBBA website; Facebook pages.

VIII. New Member Clubs Perks: Updates

Paul wants the NMP clubs and regular new clubs separated. Stacy

sent the list and reminder for the new member clubs that need to receive their packages. Paul will send the list to Gary & Gary will send it to the Board.

IX. Go Live Sports

Andy has reached out to them 2 weeks ago and has not received a reply. (Matt Stone) Curtis from the CVVBB has responded to GLS emails.

X. Silent Auction Donations: Update

Every attending club needs to donate.

XI. VBBA Instagram Account: Update

Andy has created a new Instagram account for the VBBA. It is: @vintage_base_ball_assoc
It is open to the public. Gary would like the Instagram, Facebook pages; Twitter (Corky Gaskell) to be all connected. Andy would like to upload content every few days.

XII. VBBA Special Events Financial Support Policy

Nothing new.

XIII. Regional Director's Report East (Miklich)

Not available.

SOUTHEAST (Phillips)

The season is over; clubs are working on scheduling. Gary was contacted by a reporter (Ed) wanting to do a story on Ohio vintage base ball. Ed sent Gary some questions that he'll forward to Kimmiich, Shuman, Phillips.

NORTH (Dubuque)

Finished playing in mid-October. The MI are scheduling meeting used to be held at Red Wing, but will be at St. Paul this year. Matt Carter (founder of the Menomonie Blue Caps) is trying to form 3 clubs. Gary offered the VBBA's assistance as needed. Corky Gaskell will know the clubs since he runs that meeting. Ryan "Ace" Pierce (Milwaukee Greys) is looking forward to playing the Blue Caps next year. Dustyn is trying to get all the MN clubs to play mixed teams at an event or a 3 team match.

WEST (Stone)

Play wrapped up on 11/9. Sacramento had the best second half record and only lost 3 games the whole season. Dixon is having trouble

recruiting. They're trying to come up with new ideas and will meet next week.

(Matt) A teammate has flown up from San Diego to play games in Dixon. He talked to him about creating a club in Southern CA and joining the VBBA. He likes playing 1864 rules.

GREAT AMERICAN DESERT (Staab)

Topeka will have a meeting this week on players for next year. Will not travel as much except for Branson & St. Louis. 2020 will be the 150th Anniversary of the Westerns. Staab will promote this. Co-captain works with the local PBS station and might get a segment on Sunflower Journeys next year.

MIDWEST (Jacobson)

Most clubs are done or almost with scheduling, including out of state games.

CHICAGO (Zeledon)

Scooter attended the meeting hosted by the DuPage County Plowboys. Most clubs have already filled out their schedules for next year. They were fine tuning and filling in smaller slots. Richard Kurick gave Scooter the email list for the out of state clubs. There's an opportunity for teams to play on a major Franciscan property. Creston Regulators are trying to do something big in July.

SOUTH (Sudduth)

(TN) Play ended at the end of October; they are scheduling and getting ready for a new season. The college town that showed interest in a game ended up being just chatter. Ft. Myers Vagabonds (FL) field is next to the Edison Winter Estates Museum.

SOUTH MIDWEST (Wicker)

Scheduling meeting is next Saturday.

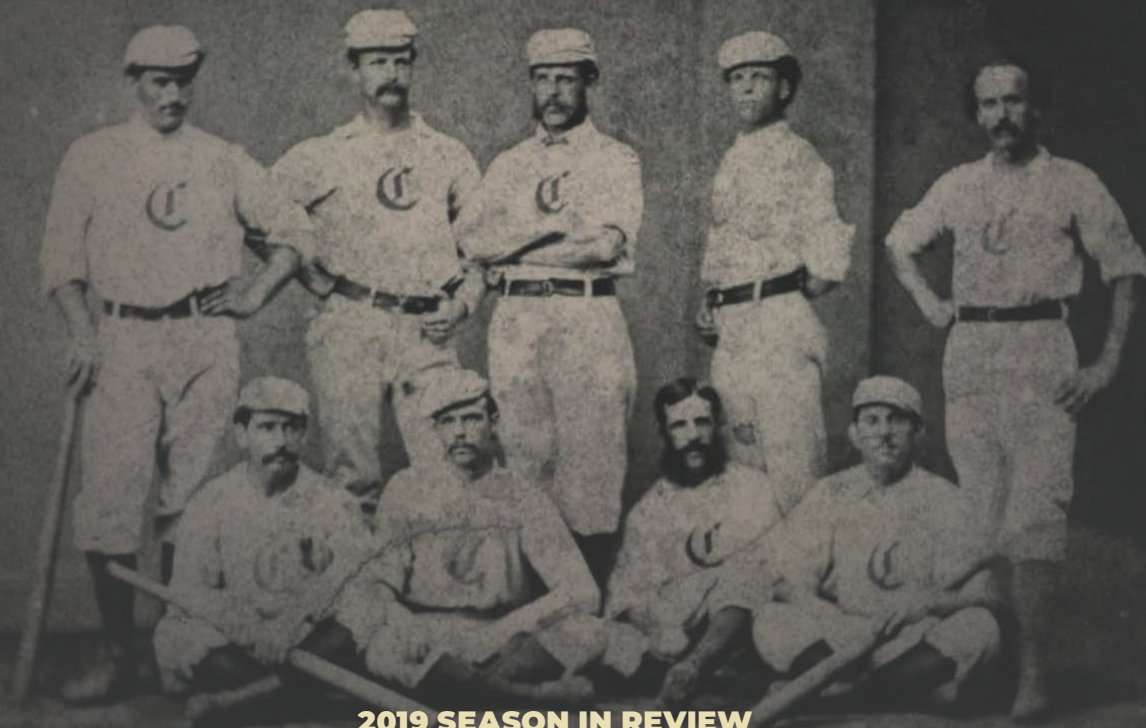
NO NEW BUSINESS

Meeting Adjourn: 1st- Zeledon 2nd - Evette Motion Carried.





THE 1869 CINCINNATI RED STOCKINGS



2019 SEASON IN REVIEW

In addition to being the 150th anniversary of the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings' undefeated season, 2019 also happened to be the 20th season for our club, the Cincinnati Vintage Base Ball Club (CVBBC). Though both anniversaries are worthy of celebration, we decided to focus on the 150th anniversary of our namesake.

The 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings are probably the most widely known base ball club of the 1860s because of their remarkable feat of taking on all comers, including premier clubs in the east, and still managing an undefeated season.

We thought the rest of the vintage base ball community may be interested to know more about our club and how we celebrated this historic anniversary.

Our club, founded in 2000, plays vintage base ball under the name 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings. Since we were the only vintage club in the Cincinnati area at the time, we had to travel to play. The nearest Ohio teams were the Clodbusters in Dayton (60 miles), and the

Muffins in Columbus (110 miles). The following year a second team, the Cincinnati Buckeyes, was added to our club. Both teams operate under the leadership of a member elected executive committee, which includes president, vice president, treasurer, and captain for each team. We are guided by our mission statement, code of conduct, and bylaws.

Our home games are played at Heritage Village Museum, in Sharon Woods Park. We think it is one of the best venues in all of vintage base ball. Our goal is to take one or two weekend road trips per year. Our members pay dues, buy their own uniforms, and pay all of their own travel expenses.

While we would like to be the best team in the land, as our namesake was, we quickly realized that most of us would not have been good enough to make the cut. As a result, we are playing base ball strictly for fun and exercise - as it was intended. Winning is something we strive for every time we take the field, but it is

not our measure of success. Our goal is to have fun and celebrate the history of the great game of base ball. Our intent is to provide an entertaining and educational experience for our spectators and we see ourselves as a social club that shares a love of playing vintage base ball.

During our "off season," there is a January banquet, a semi-formal setting that allows for a night out with good friends. Not only does it provide a chance to socialize, it also includes an excellent dinner for members and their significant others; a review of the past season from each team captain; awards, and door prizes.

Our annual "Snow Ball" game is held on Super Bowl Sunday, and rain, sleet, or snow has never dampened the spirit of members who enjoy the opportunity to swing the lumber!

In March this year a local TV station came out to our (one and only) practice, filmed and interviewed club members, and presented very nice news coverage

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about the growth of vintage base ball in Cincinnati and the surrounding area.

The end of March was a very busy time with the Club's participation in the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade. The club had a table in the Bock Fest Hall and discussed vintage base ball and the history of base ball in Cincinnati with hundreds of attendees. Four days later, the club marched in the 100th Findlay Market Cincinnati Reds Opening Day Parade along with numerous other vintage clubs from the Tri-State area that we invited to join us. Opening day in Cincinnati is something that you have to experience to appreciate, and we are thrilled to share that experience with other local vintage clubs.

The CVBBC has been represented at every VBBA conference since 2003. We have had members on the board and/or committees most years since then. One current member of the CVBBC was present and signed the original charter of the VBBA when it was formed in Columbus, Oh.

A number of special events were developed to coincide with the 150th Anniversary of the famous season of the historic Cincinnati Red Stockings.

On May 4th (the actual date in 1869), the 150th anniversary of the Red Stockings Opening Day was recreated with the vintage Red Stockings playing the Great Western team (portrayed by the Cincinnati Buckeyes). Played on our home field grounds at the Heritage Village

Museum, it was attended by 23 descendants who represented families of George Wright (Red Stockings Captain), Charlie Gould (first baseman) and Aaron B. Champion (club President). After a proclamation was read by the Mayor of Sharonville, "first pitches" were made by individuals representing Wright, Gould and Champion. Between innings, music was provided by Jake Speed and the Freddie's, and included was a song Jake had written, Huzzah for the Red Stockings. In addition, three local authors were on hand with their just released book, Baseball Revolutionaries-How the 1869 Cincinnati Red Stockings Rocked the Country and made Baseball Famous.

Another special event was a "three cities in three days" road trip against three different clubs that followed the original Red Stockings opening days of their historic Eastern Road Trip. While the first match scheduled on May 31st, historically, had been rained out, we decided to play the game that had never occurred. It originally would have been played on the grounds of Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, so with the generous support from the Champion City Reapers, who portrayed the Antioch Nine, "the game that never was" took place on the original intended date and site, to the delight of hundreds of spectators. The following day, June 1st, the vintage Red Stockings played two games against the Mansfield Independents (same club the 1869 Red Stockings faced on that date); and, finally, on June 2nd, in Cleveland, we played two games with the

Forest City Club (again, same club, same date, as in 1869). This trip was well covered by print and TV media, providing good exposure for vintage base ball and the general history of base ball.

There were numerous other highlights during the season for the Red Stockings and Buckeyes. Commemorative buttons celebrating the 150th anniversary were passed out to all of our opponents this year. We had a great season including road trips, close matches, and wonderful reunions with many other clubs. The 1869 Red Stockings played a total of 23 events, 35 games, 2 cancellations, and 1 rain out.

In addition to on field activities, club members participated in school programs and gave presentations to public groups explaining vintage base ball and the history of base ball in Cincinnati.

On November 6th, the club again served as greeters and assisted in the live auction for the benefit of the Joe Nuxhall Miracle League Charity. This event supports the special needs youth complex, a specially designed, safe sports center operated by Joe's son, Kim Nuxhall.

Later in November, the annual membership meeting will take place, and plans for the upcoming season will be determined. All aspects of the activities of the two teams are open for discussion and financial matters will be reviewed.

It has been an outstanding season for the teams and the club. Next year will be the 20th season for the Buckeyes so there are to be more special events connected to their season.

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