

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 16th, 2011

The 2011 DBYS February monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, February 16th, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the cafeteria of the Amity Intermediate Center (AIC). All DBYS Board members were present and include: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, John Piccarreta, Camille Hayes, Lisa Miller, Brian DeMild and Matt Huddleson.*

League members/guests also in attendance included: *Tony DiGugliemo, Susan DiGugliemo, Beth Rimby, Lamar Duncan, Matt DePaul, Tim Friede, Bob Persicketti, Steve Criblear, Dan Brown, Brian Kazmorck, Jim Kassekert, Brian Linsenbigler, John DeFusco, Wayne Dotterweich, Tom Galm, Jay Hall, Karl Degenhart, Jeff Conkle, Brooke Hornberger, Shaun Hornberger, Mike Pence, Lori Pence, Todd MacLaren, Mike Andre, Randall Yenser, Bob Brown, Tom Beck, Brad Stetler, Jon Dabney, Bob Bridegam, Brian Miller, Jim Dina, John Scherzer, Jim Stein, Rob Diesinger, Matt ?, Tom Cote, Simon Cymbalski, Chuck Schilling, Rob Kurtz, Jeff Goodrich, Greg Whelan, Tom Gatz, Kevin Spitko, Steve Vonderlinden, Tony Spalding and Melissa Spalding. (Several others were in attendance at the meeting and either did not sign-in or the handwriting on the sign-in sheet was illegible.)*

- Call To Order:** President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.
- Secretary's Report:** Karl Degenhart made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the January 2011 meeting. Wayne Dotterweich seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: www.DBYS.org.
- President's Report:** Dean Dinnocenti advised that he would provide updates on topics by following the meeting agenda.
- Vice President's Report:** Ben Marchese provided the following important information regarding the upcoming baseball evaluations/draft/season:
- All teams will have one (1) head coach and two (2) official assistant coaches.
 - Head coaches must select their two official assistant coaches prior to the draft.
 - Head coaches who do not have both assistants selected prior to the draft will have assistant coaches assigned to them (from the list of league volunteers) by the Board.
 - Only the head coach and his official assistants may attend the drafts.

Baseball **evaluation and draft dates** are scheduled as follows:

MAJORS: Tuesday, March 1st – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Daniel Boone MS gym; **DRAFT:** Sunday, March 6th – 3:00 PM, Island Pizza

MINORS: Saturday, March 12th – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Birdsboro Elementary School gym; **DRAFT:** Sunday, March 13th – 3:00 PM, Island Pizza

ROOKIES: Saturday, March 19th – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Birdsboro Elementary School gym; **DRAFT:** Sunday, March 20th – 3:00 PM, Island Pizza

TOURNAMENT TEAM “Meet and Greet”: Thursday, March 3rd – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Daniel Boone MS gym; interested parents and players should attend – all levels, 8U-12U.

Treasurer’s Report:

Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer’s report (*as of January 31st, 2011*)

Checking Account:	\$ 49,195.36
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,978.33
Petty Cash:	\$ 312.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 56,485.69

Brian also covered the following important details regarding the 2011 registration process:

- Approximately \$54,000 was received for 2011 registrations; of which approximately \$45,000 was paid via on-line registration.
- Approximately 400+ families registered for the 2011 season; 300 of those families registered on-line.
- Registration was extended until 2/14/2011 and the late fee for all registrations received by that date was waived. For those charged a late fee, a \$25.00 credit will be added back to their debit/credit card.
- **Refund Policy** – for any player who decides he/she no longer wishes to play, we will refund the registration fee up until the start of the season (full fee minus uniform costs if the uniform order was placed).

Brian reported that he is in the process of finishing the year-end report and the 2010 tax report will be filed by the end of the month.

Brian acknowledged that, with the help of Steve Williams, a letter was sent to Exelon Corporation seeking grant money to be used for the 3rd field irrigation project. A similar letter will be sent to JP Mascaro requesting funds for other specific projects.

Tom Cote made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. The motion was approved and seconded by Brian Linsenbigler.

Softball Director’s Report:

BUDDY BALL:

Matt Huddleson advised that registration for Buddy Ball is open until March 15th. A registration form will be added to our website for parents to download and complete. Matt also provided the following updates regarding Buddy Ball:

- Games will be played Sundays at the Township Fields.
- All divisions within DBYS will be asked to “oversee” one of the Sunday games. This would include set up, working the snack bar, field care, etc. Matt will create a rotation schedule.

- The Buddy Ball season kicks-off with an Opening Day game, Saturday evening, April 16th - under the lights at the Hill Road field.
- “A Smile From Jason” Foundation will again (3rd year) be the main Buddy Ball Sponsor this season.
- Our annual Buddy Ball Ice Cream Social, for all players and Buddies, is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th. We are still in need of a facility we can use to host the fun event. Matt asked anyone with any ideas or leads to contact a Board member as soon as possible.

SOFTBALL:

Softball evaluations for 8U, 10U and 12U were held yesterday, Tuesday, February 15th and will be held again on Thursday, February 17th, from 5:00 to 9:00 PM in the MS gym. Matt explained that the Berks League has “A” and “B” divisions and emphasized that all girls must attend at least one evaluation session in order to be considered for our “A” team. He reported that approximately 75 girls attended Tuesday evening’s evaluations and that he is expecting about the same on Thursday.

Matt announced the following league Commissioners:

- 8U: Camille Hayes
- 10U: Open
- 12U: Tim Friede

Matt could not announce softball coaches at this time, as they will be selected based on the outcome of the evaluations. He did suggest that additional volunteers would be needed to fill coaching spots at the 12U level. He also asked any 10U coaches/parents to consider volunteering for the role of 10U Commissioner.

Matt asked everyone to mark their calendars for Friday, May 13th, which he announced would be the date of the **1st Annual DBYS Golf Outing/Tournament** – to be held at Arrowhead Golf Course in Douglassville.

Logistics Report:

John Piccarreta reiterated that registration did close as of February 14th. He noted that we do have about 2% of our players registered for incorrect leagues and we are going through the lists to correct that information.

John provided the following division data, read aloud by Ben Marchese:

2011 Registered DBYS Players

Total: 598 (up from 542 in 2010)

Baseball: 445 (up from 400 in 2010)

Softball: 153 (up from 142 in 2010)

Break-down by Division:

Baseball:

T-ball: 104 players: 10 teams to be formed
Rookie: 135 players: 12 teams to be formed
Minors: 114 players: 10 teams to be formed
Majors: 92 players: 8 teams to be formed

Softball:

8U: 56 players: 5 teams
10U: 45 players: 4 teams
12U: 38 players: 3 or 4 teams
14U: 12 players: 1 team
16U: 2 players: TBA

Coaching Volunteers (all leagues):

Head Coaches: 52
Assistant Coaches: 92

John advised that everyone registered should receive league notices, updates and important league information via email. He asked that anyone not receiving these communications to please see him after the meeting.

League Rep Report:

Lisa Miller reported that she will be representing DBYS at the next Berks meeting, scheduled for tomorrow evening, Thursday, February 17th, in Leesport at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

DBYS/BYS:

BYS is now an independent league and is no longer affiliated with Cal Ripken. Ben advised that based on his conversations with BYS President Jason Perrot, BYS felt confident they did not need to play us this season. Jason has not reached out or asked for inter-league play at any level.

Dean added that while we will not have inter-league play with BYS, our Majors and Minors League will have inter-league play, in some capacity, with Antietam, a nearby Cal Ripken league. Dean added that he'll have more details on the extent of play once he knows more.

Dean introduced Lori Pence, the new Cal Ripken District 6 Commissioner.

Fundraising:

Brian reported that now that registration has closed, WaWa hoagie tickets will be ordered. Once the order is placed, it will take approximately two-three weeks to receive the tickets. Brian will then distribute those at the next meeting or at evaluations if the tickets are in by then.

Sponsorships:

Ben Marchese will head the sponsorship committee. With 55 teams in the league, we'll need volunteers to assist in calling upon past sponsors for continued support. Sponsorship information and pricing is located on our website. All members are urged to seek sponsors for the upcoming season. Dean asked new league members from Birdsboro to reach out to their community for support.

Fields:

Dean discussed the following specific field needs:

- **Lake** – new batting cages are a top priority for Spring 2011
- **Hill** – dugout covers need to go back on at the 3rd field; permanent covers are needed. Dirt bins in left field need to be cleaned out before the new season begins. Camille will ask *Groth Landscaping* for help with this.
- **Township** – speaker and pole system to be installed by Spring, thanks to *All Type Fence* and *Clark's Appliances*.

Field Clean Up Days/Volunteering: Dean asked for everyone to please try to come lend a hand on days when we call for assistance at the fields.

New Business:

Spring 2011 Registration:

Ben thanked all of the league members who volunteered to coach for the upcoming season. The following league Commissioners and head coaches were announced and asked to stand:

MAJORS

Commissioner: Jeff Goodrich

Coaches: Mike Andre, Steve Criblear, Jon Dabney, Jeff Goodrich, Ben Marchese, Chuck Schilling, David Will, Stephen Williams

MINORS

Commissioner: Greg Whelan

Coaches: Steve Bonetz, Robert Brown, Dan Brown, John DeFusco, Brian DeMild, Trey Detwiler, Brett Gelband, Jim Rauchen, Greg Whelan, Randall Yenser

ROOKIE

Commissioner: Mike Pence

Coaches: Robert Diesinger, Tom Gatz, Jay Hall, Shaun Hornberger, Brian Kazmorck, Gary Kuhn, Brian Linsenbigler, Brian Miller, Mike Pence, John Scherzer, Robert Shaffer, Steve Vonderlinden

T-BALL

Commissioner: Brian Miller

Coaches: Mark Babiec, Heather Brown, Matt DePaul, Matt Gonder, Brian Kazmorck, Todd Maclaren, Brian Miller, Frank Pogash, Robert Smedley, Brad Stetler

Matt noted again that softball coaches could not be announced until after the evaluations were completed.

All divisions, other than T-ball, will hold a draft based on player evaluations. Dean asked that all coaches respect the draft and the team selection process.

Dean announced that Cal Ripken reversed their stance and composite bats are now again legal for baseball. A list of legal bats will be posted to our website.

2011 Tournament Teams:

Based on league member input from the January meeting, Ben announced the Board's decision to allow both 11 and 12-year olds to try-out for the 2011 12U tournament team.

After several questions were raised regarding this decision, the following was communicated:

- As long as we have enough players interested, we will still form a tournament team at each level: 8U, 9U, 10U, 11U and 12U.
- Only after evaluations are completed will we know how many 11s will be asked to play for the 12U team.
- 11s do not have to play 12U. They can decide to tryout for the 11U team only.
- 11U and 12U tournament teams play by the same rules. Since 8U, 9U and 10U tournament teams each have different rules – players in those divisions may NOT request to play up to an older age division.
- Coaches and independent evaluators will be used to select all tournament team players. If an 11-year old player and 12-year old player have similar skills, preference should be given to the older player. The head coach however, ultimately makes all final decisions.
- The Board decision to allow 11s and 12s both try-out for the 12U team was based on overwhelming positive support of this idea at the January meeting.
- We will continue to do our best to communicate all important agenda items open for discussion prior to each meeting.

Nominations were then opened for 2011 tournament team head coaches. The following is the outcome of the nomination process:

8U TOURNAMENT TEAM HEAD COACH:

Randall Yenser,

Nominated by Dan Brown, seconded by Brian Linsenbigler

9U TOURNAMENT TEAM HEAD COACH:

John DeFusco,

Nominated by Jim Kassekert, seconded by Kevin Spitko

10U TOURNAMENT TEAM HEAD COACH:

Ben Marchese,

Nominated by Karl Degenhart, seconded by Steve Criblear

11U TOURNAMENT TEAM HEAD COACH:

Rob Kurtz,

Nominated by Chuck Schilling, seconded by Bob Brown

12U TOURNAMENT TEAM HEAD COACH:

To be determined

Steve Criblear, nominated by Bob Persicketti and seconded by Shaun Hornberger – and Mike Andre, nominated by Chuck Schilling and seconded by Jeff Conkle, both accepted nods as candidates for the 12U Tournament Team head coaching position. Based on league bi-laws, the Board will interview both candidates and select the head coach based on the outcome of those interviews. The decision will be announced prior to the March 3rd Tournament Team meeting.

All head tournament team coaches were reminded that assistants may not be selected until after player evaluations and team selections.

Greg Whelan asked about the possibility of having “B” tournament teams. Ben and Brian both responded that the idea would be considered based on the amount of player interest.

With no additional questions or concerns raised by league members, Dean Dinnocenti adjourned the meeting at 8:27 PM on a motion from Brian DeMild and a second by Camille Hayes.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, March 16th, 7:00 PM – Villas at Morlatton