

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 12th, 2011

The 2011 DBYS July monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, June 12th, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM, under the pavilion at our Hill Road field. DBYS Board members present included: *Dean Dinnocenti, Camille Hayes, Lisa Miller, Matt Huddleson, John Piccarreta and Brian DeMild.*

League members/guests also in attendance included: *Justine Barrales, Wayne Dotterweich, Tim Willman, Lori Pence, Michael Pence, Brian Kazmarck, Jay Hall, Dan Brown, Randy Yenser, Lesley Spitko, Greg Whelan, Jenn DeMild, Jeff Goodrich and Barry Diamond.*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 8:16 PM.

Secretary's Report: The reading of the June 2011 meeting minutes were waived based on a motion from Greg Whelan and a second of that motion from Matt Huddleson. All meeting minutes are posted on our website: www.dbys.org.

President's Report: Dean thanked all the parents and volunteers who supported the 2011 8U/9U Invitational. He announced that preliminary figures show that we made a nice profit from the tournament.

Dean also reminded attendees that we are hosting the 2011 Cal Ripken 10U NW State Tournament this upcoming weekend, beginning with Opening Ceremonies scheduled for Friday evening, July 15th at 6:00 PM. He reminded folks that we are always in need of volunteers and asked all coaches to contact their parents requesting their assistance. Clean-up/Field Day will take place on Friday morning/afternoon – beginning as early as 9:00 AM. All are invited to join us to prepare for this weekend event.

Dean thanked Brian Miller and Michael Pence (T-ball and Rookie Commissioners) for their successful management of a great season and their outstanding efforts in getting all the equipment returned in such a timely manner. Equipment return for Majors/Minors was set for Tuesday, July 26th, from 6:00-8:00 PM at Hill Road.

Vice President's Report: Ben Marchese was not present at the meeting; therefore there was no update to report.

Treasurer's Report: Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (*as of June 31st, 2011*)

Checking Account:	\$ 30,551.00
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,981.00
Petty Cash:	\$
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 37,532.00

While he did not have exact figures, Brian confirmed that preliminary numbers from the 8U/9U Invitational show a possible \$6000.00 profit for our league. He too thanked everyone for their hard work in making the tournament quite a success.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Camille Hayes. Dan Brown seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Softball Director's Report: BUDDY BALL

Matt Huddleson thanked everyone for their generous contributions toward our "Cash for Corey" incentive. He provided an update on Corey's condition and reported that between the Rita's fundraiser and the snack bar donation boxes, we collected close to \$1500.00. The money was donated to Corey's family and used to help subsidize the cost of travel and other needs during their difficult time.

SOFTBALL

Fall Softball registration will be available on-line soon, once the Board works through the logistics of the season. It's our goal to field teams in the following age groups: 10U, 12U, 14U and 18U (all based on the number of players who register).

Matt recapped the inaugural Inferno season, citing the team played in 7 tournaments, with approximately 40 games and went 18-21. He referred to the season as a "big learning experience" and was excited to keep the momentum going.

With that, Matt announced that evaluations for next year's Inferno travel teams would take place within the next few weeks. Matt explained that having the evaluations early helps lock in players who might be tempted to try out for other area travel teams. Dates for the evaluations were tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in July and the first weekend in August. More specific information would be sent out regarding exact dates and times.

Matt explained that the Inferno is currently looking for a winter indoor workout facility and asked for input from the attendees. Pheasantland (the old rolling rink) was mentioned, along with a warehouse in Manatawny. Matt will look into both facilities.

Matt's biggest concern for softball is finding enough viable field space to accommodate the growth of the program. He plans on working with the Township to secure the use of three of the MS fields to be used solely (starting in the Spring of 2012) for DB Softball.

We are currently planning a Fall Softball tournament – originally slated for September 9th-10th. Unfortunately, because of Community Days – we cannot use the fields at Lake Drive. Matt is attempting to secure other locations for this event and suggested using the Hill Road fields. Because the use of the Hill Road fields for softball would require mound removal, it was suggested that we look at other options. Matt plans on working with BMF to see if the Township fields are available for that weekend as well.

Logistics Report:

John Piccarreta advised that we'll be using our website email notification system for the upcoming 10U State Tournament. He explained coaches' of teams participating will receive email reminders and also be advised of any postponements/delays and/or cancellations. He said that he already received positive feedback from many of the coaches on the notification system.

League Rep Report:

Lisa Miller had no updates to report.

Committee Reports:

No updates to report.

Old Business:

8U/9U Invitational Tournament Lessons Learned:

While the 8U/9U Invitational was a huge success (congratulations to our 8U team for their 1st place finish), the floor was opened for feedback and the following input was provided:

Host team requested quicker notification (DBYS Coaches felt they didn't know about the tournament until after other visiting teams told them about it).

Better communication about what volunteer roles are needed and what is expected of the host team.

Provide a road map that explains each volunteer role and a schedule necessary for success.

Provide ice in each dugout, for each team (not just for drinking – but for injuries as well).

Use HS programs to work snack bars and other volunteer roles for a % of overall profit. Too hard on parents to work so many required volunteer hours.

Require all tournament team parents to work a certain amount of hours at any tournament hosted by DBYS.

Have a hospitality tent and folks available to handle all Q&A.

All feedback was respectfully accepted by the Board and will be taken into consideration for all upcoming hosted tournaments.

10U State Tournament:

All planning and organization of support for the 10U State Tournament seems to be going well. It was discussed that parents of all tournament team players should be required to volunteer for all tournaments hosted by DBYS – something that will be addressed by the Board for future years.

Camille Hayes asked all coaches to please email their parents and ask for support. Volunteers can email Camille directly for time slots and a list of needed volunteer roles.

Tournament Team Updates:

While almost all of our Tournament Teams will see tournament action this weekend, three of our teams will be participating in State Tournaments beginning Friday evening:

12U – 2011 Cal Ripken 12U NW State Tournament – Spring-Ford, PA

10U – 2011 Cal Ripken 10U NW State Tournament – Douglassville, PA

8U – 2011 Cal Ripken 8U NW State Tournament – Spring-Ford, PA

2012 Rule Change Suggestions / Voting:

The following is the outcome of the past two months suggested rules changes/additions – to be implemented for the 2012 season:

Chuck Schilling: General Rule: *“No one under the age of 16-years of age is permitted to drive/ride the organization’s tractors/field equipment. No one under the age of 18-years of age is permitted to drive/ride the Kabota”.* **(DID NOT PASS)**

Brian DeMild amended the wording to the following:

No one under the age of 18-years of age is permitted to drive/ride the Kabota or other specialty equipment as designated by the Board. **(UNANIMOUSLY PASSED)**

Dan Brown: Minors, Rookie and T-ball: *“When enough players are available for both teams to do so, each team will be allowed to field four outfielders each inning.”* **(PASSED BY A FAVORED VOTE OF 17-3)**

Ben Marchese: General Rule: *“All teams will have a maximum of 12-players per team and once all teams in a division reaches that player maximum, that division will close to all additional/late registrations.”* **(DID NOT PASS)**

Tom Heffner: Majors and Minors: Edit the current play-off seeding rule to read: *“Play-off seeding will be determined by a random drawing, **with no regard to a team’s record**, with a representative from every team present. Lottery to take place at the May monthly meeting or closest possible day after the meeting.”* **(DID NOT PASS) – current rule will remain as is.**

Chuck Schilling and Brian Miller: General Rule: Revamp the ordering and categorization of some of the rules to make better sense. For example, remove “no smoking” and “no dogs allowed” from Player Information sections of rules. Also, make general rules consistent for all divisions. **(DETERMINED TO NOT BE A RULE CHANGE IN NEED OF VOTING).**

Brian DeMild: Minors Rule: Change the current rule which states: “*If the catcher or pitcher attempts to make a play on a runner off of his base, the runner may advance on an overthrow or misplayed ball. The runner may advance only as far as 3rd base. However, on the pick-off throw, the runner must attempt to return to the base he occupied and may not advance until after the overthrow or misplayed ball occurs.*” – to read “*If the catcher or pitcher attempts to make a play on a runner off of his base, the runner may advance on an overthrow or misplayed ball. The runner may advance only as far as 3rd base. **However, if there is an active attempt to throw a runner out at 2nd base while third base is occupied, and the ball is overthrown to the outfield, the runner at 3rd base may advance to home. The runner at 2nd base may only advance as far as third.** On all pick-off throws, the runner must attempt to return to the base he occupied and may not advance until after the overthrow or misplayed ball occurs.*” **(DID NOT PASS) – current rule to remain as is.**

Jay Hall: Add the current Majors and Minor rule to Rookie: “*Any team that does not have 8 players on the field fifteen minutes after the scheduled start of the game shall forfeit the game.*” **(DID NOT PASS)**

Brian DeMild: Minors: Amend the current pitch count rules to allow for pitchers to finish a batter with no penalty for throwing a few pitches over the set pitch limit. **(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED).**

Matt Huddleson: Limit each head coach to one assistant coach prior to the draft. **(DID NOT PASS) – current rule to remain as is.**

Camille Hayes (on behalf of an anonymous email sent to the DBYS website): To remove the lead line from play in Majors and allow for true leads once the pitch crosses the plate. **(APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 19-4).**

Matt Huddleson: Up to a maximum of two children of each Board member will be allowed to play in our in-house recreation league at no cost. **(UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED)** – Board members abstained from voting.

With no other rule change suggestions made and voting completed on all suggested changes from the past two meetings, Dean made a motion to close the meeting at 10:25 PM. Greg Whelan seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 9th, 8:00 PM – Hill Road Pavilion