

**DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**October, 2009**

The DBYS October 2009 monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 8:00 PM, under the pavilion at our Hill Road facilities. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Michael Dekker, Traci Huddleson, Dean Dinnocenti, Tony Corley, Brian DeMild, Lisa Miller and Camille Hayes.*

League members and friends also in attendance included: *Jeff Davis, Ben Marchese Adam Winger, Harvey Pickell, Scott Yorgey, Tom Cote, Roger Stief, Brian Linsenbigler and John Piccarella.*

**Call To Order:** President Mike Dekker called the meeting to order at 8:02 PM.

**Softball/Buddy Ball Report:** Softball Ball Director Traci Huddleson announced that there will be a Buddy Ball planning meeting on Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the AIC cafeteria. The meeting will begin an hour prior to the November general monthly meeting. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Traci also said that registration for Buddy Ball will not be on-line since it's a free program and registering on-line does incur a small charge. Instead, Buddy Ball participants can register via walk-in registration or at the Buddy Ball planning meetings.

Bob Reno and Matt Huddleson are working on finalizing on-line registration for softball. Registration will open on November 1<sup>st</sup> and run through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

We are making plans to create and support a 16U Travel only softball team. It is our goal to keep girls who reside in the Daniel Boone School District playing softball here and not looking to play for other teams. Traci announced the need for a committee to help establish and oversee the team. She asked that anyone interested in volunteering for this committee contact her at any time.

**Secretary's Report:** Tom Cote made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the September meeting. Tony Corley seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: <http://dbys.baberuthonline.com>.

**Treasurer's Report:** Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (as of October 12th, 2009).

Checking Account:	\$ 3025.00
Money Market Account:	\$ 6971.70
Petty Cash:	\$ 200.00
<b>Total Bank Acct Bal:</b>	<b>\$10,196.70</b>

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Tom Cote and a second by Scott Yorgey.

Brian also advised that with Harvey's help, we located a tractor in excellent condition that he is hoping to purchase for the league for \$400.00. Harvey and Brian both agreed this cost is much less than the actual value of the tractor. All attendees and board members voted to approve the purchase of the much-needed tractor.

**Sponsorships/Fundraisers:** Camille Hayes talked about "Charity Mania" as a possible fundraiser for the league for 2010. She will get more details on the specifics of the program and present them at the next meeting.

Dawn Cote and Laura Dotterwich suggested using unused uniforms to create things like pillows or throws, which would then be raffled off at the 2010 Opening Day ceremonies. Traci will follow-up with Dawn and Laura and ask them to spearhead this project.

**Field Updates:** Field Clean Up and Fall Ball Equipment turn-in Day is set for Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. All baseball coaches and parents should meet at Hill Road; softball coaches and parents should meet at Lake Drive. Coaches with equipment must turn everything in on this date, including keys.

**Equipment Updates:** Once all equipment is returned, we will take a full inventory and see what is needed for the 2010 season.

**Old Business:** Lisa received approval from the Township for us to paint our new logo on dugouts, etc. at Township and Lake Drive. Lisa will talk to Beth Yoder who is spearheading this project.

**Spring Registration:** Registration for the 2010 Spring season will be on-line beginning November 1<sup>st</sup> and will run through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Walk-in registration will be accepted prior to the November and December monthly meetings. Only cash or checks can be accepted at walk-in registration. Mike thanked Tony, Bob Reno and Matt Huddleson for tackling the project of getting registration on-line.

Registration fees for the 2010 season will not increase from last year. They will remain as follows:

Majors/Minors/Softball:	\$85.00
Rookie:	\$75.00
T-Ball/8U Softball:	\$65.00

There will be a small increase of \$5.00 for family fundraiser buyout. The buyout will be \$30.00.

The flyer notifying everyone of on-line registration will be sent home with kids from school by November 1<sup>st</sup>. We'll also be using signs to advise of registration and we will have a video advertisement on the Service Electric community bulletin channel.

**Important Dates:**

Evaluations for the 2010 season will be held in February and March. We just need to confirm school and gym availability before we can advertise the exact dates.

Mike mentioned that the DB school board is now suggesting that we, and any other organization that uses the school's gym, must pay a fee to do so. Brian added that this fee is to cover the cost of providing the janitor to open and close the gym after use. Mike suggested looking into other options such as the gym at ICA and even the 422 Sports Complex in Pottstown for evaluations and early tournament team practices.

Opening Day will be Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – 2010!

**DBYS/BYS Merger:**

No new updates to report on a DBYS/BYS merger. Brian suggested removing this as an agenda item. Dean seconded the motion to remove it from future meeting agendas until new information or updates arise.

**New Business:**

It's official! The third vote to change article 4, section 6, of the bi-laws to read: "All Head Coaches and Official Assistants must be at least 18-years of age. No one under 18-years of age will be allowed to coach on the field.", was also unanimously accepted. Camille will check with Ted Trombley and past board members to determine how to go about updating the bi-laws.

Camille is keeping a running list of all suggested rules changes for the 2010 season. Additional suggestions will be accepted at the November and December meetings. All suggested rules changes will then be voted on at the January 2010 meeting. Those approved by league members in attendance will be implemented for the 2010 Spring season.

Mike complimented the 2009 Coaches Clinic led by Coach Rick Moatz of Boyertown. Mike advised he is looking into additional coaches clinics and wanted to reach out to the DBHS coaching staff for assistance. Camille offered to contact MS coach John Reina.

Mike also asked for volunteers to help put together a coaches' handbook to include guidelines, objectives and drills to help them through the season. He also asked for volunteers to create a "checklist" to be hung inside the sheds for coaches to refer to as they start each and conclude each game. It would include details on lining and dragging the fields, opening and closing the snack bar, etc.

**Next Meeting:**

Our November meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 10th, at 7:00 PM, in the AIC cafeteria. Walk-in registration will be available at 6:00 PM that same evening.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Brian DeMild made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Miller seconded his motion. Mike adjourned the meeting at 8:51 PM.