

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
October 12th, 2010

The 2010 DBYS October monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, October 12th, beginning at 8:00 PM, in the Community Room of the Villas at Morlatton. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Dean Dinnocenti, John Picarretta, Brian DeMild, Camille Hayes, Ben Marchese and Matt Huddleson.*

League members also in attendance included: *Steve Williams, Brian Linsenbigler, Barry Diamond, Laurel Reno, Tom Cote, Kevin Sheldon, Steve Criblear, Bob Persickett and Tony Tucci.*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 8:01 PM.

Secretary's Report: Tom Cote made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the September 2010 meeting. Steve Williams seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: www.DBYS.org.

Treasurer's Report: Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (as of September 30th, 2010)

Checking Account:	\$ 11,063.48
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,976.18
Petty Cash:	\$ 112.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 18,151.66

Brian noted that there were a few players from the 2010 Fall Ball season who had not yet paid registration dues and that he'd be emailing the players' parents asking them to submit payment. He also noted that if the league did not receive payment from all Fall Ball players by the end of season Fall Ball tournament, he would ask the coaches to kindly talk to the parents to collect the fees owed. Brian added that, as should be for a non-profit, we just break even on Fall Ball for the season.

All 2010 Tournament Team fees are now collected and all teams are paid in full.

Brian noted that our new website, www.dbys.org is up and running. He told everyone to register on the site and showed how the website actually sends text message reminders of games, practices and meetings. Brian complimented and thanked John Picarretta for his hard work in developing the website.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Dean Dinnocenti and second from Camille Hayes.

Softball/Buddy Ball Report: Softball Director Matt Huddleson reported that Fall Softball is in full swing. He indicated that the teams are not fairing so well, since most of the girls are playing an age division up.

Matt also announced that after two weekends of evaluations and tryouts, the (2010-2011) 12U Travel Softball team was selected. The team is in the process of selecting a name. Because of extra costs associated with playing travel ball, the team will hold multiple fundraisers during the year.

Matt discussed the details of the upcoming *Holiday Pancake and Sausage Breakfast*, being held Saturday, December 4th, from 6:30 to 11:30 AM at St. Paul's UCC in Douglassville. Tickets are available for \$5.00 and will be sold at Redner's during Thanksgiving weekend. All proceeds from the event will benefit DBYS Softball.

Matt also thanked all Fall Ball players who contributed to the Food Pantry Challenge! Thanks to the many donations from our parents, and to the 14U girls who collected food items from customers at Redner's, our league made a wonderful food and monetary donation to a local charity.

Matt raised concern that the DB Coaches' Association was monopolizing the MS fields and asked Dean how that might affect the upcoming season. Dean confirmed that DBYS Softball will continue to have Middle School field usage (42 & 47) for the upcoming Spring season. He also asked Matt to confirm what other softball needs we will have for the Spring season and into the summer. The Daniel Boone Coaches Association is booking all the fields quickly – so Dean wants to get our requests in early as well.

There were no new updates for Buddy Ball. Matt did point out that one of the Buddy Ball sponsors, "*A Smile From Jason Foundation*" recently held their one and only fundraiser (a golf outing) on October 1st. He thanked all who were able to attend and support this generous charity and Buddy Ball sponsor.

Sponsorship/Fundraising:

Dean asked that all coaches be sure to give their sponsors their plaques and thank them for supporting us this past season. He advised that any extra hats and/or shirts should also be given to the sponsor. He reminded all in attendance to reach out to our sponsors early and try to lock-in their support for the upcoming season.

Barry Diamond suggested a 5K Run as a fundraiser for the upcoming season. Tom Cote added input and he and Barry offered to put together a proposal for this event and spearhead any committees that will work toward pulling off this fundraiser. Camille suggested that Tom and Barry also talk with Traci Huddleson, who had suggested a 5K fundraiser last year.

Field/Equipment Updates:

Saturday, November 6th is scheduled as Field Clean Up Day for all fields. We are asking all baseball families to report to Hill Road by 9:00 AM and all softball families to meet at Lake Drive by 9:00 AM. We'll use this time to take inventory and winterize all the fields, including cleaning snack bars and taking down sponsorship banners. Fall Ball equipment must be returned at this time as well. Dean asked all coaches to attend. Camille will send a league notice to all members regarding the date. Brian suggested that 2010 Commissioners send the email to their coaches urging them to not only attend, but to pass word down to their parents as well.

Lake Drive:

Dean asked Matt and Bob Briedigan to price out the cost for new batting cages at Lake Drive. This is a priority and our plan is to have new cages at Lake by the Spring 2011 season.

Matt advised that we need roughly ten (10) railroad ties at Lake Drive for a landscaping project. Brian Linsenbigler, who works for *Norfolk Southern Railroad*, offered to ask his company to donate the railroad ties. If Brian is not able to obtain them, Dean suggested that Matt contact Amity Fencing – who provided railroad ties while completing the fencing project at Hill Road.

Hill Road:

Dean received funding approval from the Township for dirt for all the fields. Lake Drive and Township will each receive a load; Hill Road fields to receive two loads – one to be shared between the upper and lower fields and one full load for the third field. Rob Kurtz from Solid Rock Landscaping will spread the dirt in early November, prior to the ground and dirt freezing.

We need an electrician to check the fuses on the light poles. Camille will contact Norm at Amity Electric who had previously offered his services when needed.

Township:

Dean confirmed that the Township agreed to clean out the brush behind the equipment shed. This should be done within the next few weeks.

Old Business:

We received permission from the Township to paint the dugouts at the various fields with our new logo. Per Lisa Miller, Beth Yoder has started painting boards that she will then secure to the dugouts by 2011 Opening Day.

New Business:

DBYS/BYS Merger Update:

Brian DeMild updated everyone on the progress of the Merger Committee. DBYS asked their members to complete an on-line survey regarding the merger; BYS mailed their surveys. Logistics Coordinator John Picarretta has been compiling our survey results and to date, based on results from DBYS members; there is overwhelming support of the proposed merger (83% favor the merger). The majority of “unfavorable” merger responses from DBYS were the result of not having enough information. Since BYS mailed their surveys, they do not yet have a current tally of responses.

Brian reiterated that the merger committee has been actively meeting to take the best practices from both leagues, develop new and better bi-laws to cover both organizations, and have been discussing how to combine finances.

Brian addressed many questions, most of which asked what happens if the merger does not go through. Tony Tucci, Cal Ripken State Commissioner, confirmed that if BYS decides against the merger, repercussions would include opening their boundaries and allowing players who reside in Birdsboro, Robeson and Union Townships to play for DBYS.

The deadline for the surveys is October 15th. Once the results are compiled, the merger committee will set a new time line for the groups to meet. Details of the surveys will be shared at the November 9th meeting.

2011 Spring Registration

It was decided that registration for the 2011 DBYS Spring season would open on-line on Monday, November 8th and run through January 15th, 2011. It was also agreed that we'd hold two walk-in registration dates – more than likely on November 9th and December 14th, prior to our monthly meetings. Once we confirm the use of the AIC cafeteria, Camille will communicate those dates via league notice.

Dean advised that umpire fees have increased and that we need to lock in costs with Russ and his umpire staff for the 2011 season. Dean will move forward on locking in prices.

2011 Tournament Teams

Feedback was provided that many of our better players were planning on leaving our league for more competitive tournament play. Members asked if we could combine the 11-12 year olds and select the best players from that age group to form a team (vs. splitting up the talent by forcing players to play for their age group). The topic was debated with the request for the board to review this at their next Board meeting.

Miscellaneous

Steve Williams suggested increasing registration fees by a few dollars and using that money to provide all players with a trophy at the end of the season. While all liked the idea of a participation award, it was decided that most folks would not be happy with an increase in the registration rate for the purpose of receiving a trophy. It was also mentioned that Rookie and T-ball graduation games provide players with medals and that trophies are provided to members of the teams who win the Minors and Majors divisions.

President Dean Dinnocenti adjourned the meeting at 9:24 PM.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, November 9th, Time and Location TBA.