

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
November 9th, 2010

The 2010 DBYS November monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, November 9th, beginning at 8:00 PM, in the Amity Intermediate Center (AIC) cafeteria. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Dean Dinnocenti, John Piccarreta, Brian DeMild, Camille Hayes, Lisa Miller, Ben Marchese and Matt Huddleson.*

League members/guests also in attendance included: *Steve Williams, Brian Linsenbigler, Tom Cote, Kevin Sheldon, Steve Criblear, Bob Persicketti, John DeFusco, Wayne Dotterweich, Todd Maclaren, Scott Zeigler, Lori Pence, Shaun Hornberger, Kevin Stevens, Jason Campbell, Jeff Goodrich, Mike Andre and Simon Cymbalski.*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM.

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

President's Report: Dean Dinnocenti reminded everyone that registration for the Spring 2011 season is now open. He asked everyone to please register their players by the January 15th, 2011 deadline.

Dean opted to address additional league updates later in the meeting per the agenda. Camille Hayes made a motion to accept the President's report; Lisa Miller seconded the motion.

Vice President's Report: Ben Marchese provided everyone with an update from the November Park & Recreation meeting held at the Township building last week. Ben advised that Tony Tucci/the Daniel Boone Coaches Association's request to reserve the MS fields for weekends from April 2011 until the end of the summer was approved by the Park & Rec Board. Ben said the Rec Board was open to keeping field time available for DBYS, but did not have any dates requested.

Dean and Matt confirmed that DBYS Softball will have access to fields 42 & 47 during the week for the 2011 season. Matt also added that he talked to Tony Tucci who agreed he'd work with us and accommodate DBYS weekend field usage as needed.

Dean confirmed that he will be signing our agreement renewal with the Rec Board, providing us with control of the fields at Hill Road, Lake Drive and the Township. Brian confirmed the agreement is good for ten (10) years.

Dean made a motion to accept the Vice-President's report; Camille seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (as of October 31st, 2010)

Checking Account:	\$ 11,347.56
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,976.18
Petty Cash:	\$ 312.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 18,635.74

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 a "friendly reminder" asking them to submit payment. He noted that outstanding fees would need to be paid in order for players to register for the Spring 2011 season.

Brian noted that he applied for and received our new PA tax exemption certificate. He advised that he would gladly provide copies of the form to anyone who works with a vendor who needs a copy of the form on file.

Tom Cote made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report; Brian Linsenbigler seconded the motion.

Softball Director's Report:

Softball Director Matt Huddleson reported that the 2010 Fall Softball season was a success and has officially ended.

Matt thanked Brian Linsenbigler and his company, *Norfolk Southern*, for donating railroad ties to the league. The railroad ties were used at Lake Drive to help keep excess soil, rock and debris from constantly washing onto the field.

Matt pointed out the flyers around the cafeteria promoting the **Holiday Pancake and Sausage Breakfast** being held on Saturday, December 4th from 6:30 to 11:30 AM at St. Paul's UCC in Douglassville. He asked folks to consider purchasing tickets for this fundraiser, organized to benefit DBYS Softball.

Matt also advised meeting attendees that on December 14th, girls representing our league would be donating over 1000 pounds of food, collected during our Fall Food Drive, to twelve local families who were either homeless or facing a financial hardship.

Finally, Matt reported no new updates for Buddy Ball, but made a request to the Board allowing Traci Huddleson to (again) head up the Buddy Ball program for the new season. The Board accepted Matt's request.

Tom Cote made a motion to accept the Softball Director's report; Wayne Dotterweich seconded the motion.

Logistics Report:

John Piccarreta reiterated that registration is now open and that our website does contain a front-page link that enables members to register on-line. He reported that we are using a new merchant for the on-line credit card processing and that we should be up and running for payment within a day or so. He suggested that anyone with a new email address (since last year's registration) should re-register on the new site.

Brian DeMild added that the new website: www.DBYS.org is fantastic and reminded folks who have not registered on the website to do so. He recognized John's hard work in administering a website that has the technology to send text message reminders about league meetings, games and practices.

Dean made a motion to accept the Logistics Coordinator's report; Camille seconded the motion.

League Rep Report:

League Representative Lisa Miller did not have any updates at this time.

Committee Reports:

DBYS/BYS Merger Update:

Brian DeMild took a few moments to provide all in attendance with a summary of recent events/decisions associated to the merger. Highlights of his summary included the following:

- Using survey feedback (received from their members) as their deciding factor, the BYS Board voted 3-1 **against** a 2011 merger with DBYS.
- This being the case, Cal Ripken State Commissioner Tony Tucci provided BYS with one (1) year to bring their league in compliance with Cal Ripken requirements (more teams needed in each division, etc.). He noted that BYS player boundaries would remain the same during this one-year period.
- Mr. Tucci also agreed to open the boundaries for DBYS to include and accept players from the entire *Daniel Boone School District* (including Amity, Birdsboro, Robeson and Union Townships). This means that baseball players from Birdsboro, Robeson and Union Townships now have a choice to play for BYS or DBYS in the upcoming Spring season.
- Merger talks have discontinued and the Merger Committee has disbanded (with BYS Merger Committee members asking to be removed as representatives on the Committee).

Brian added that on Sunday evening, November 8th – he, Dean and Matt attended the BYS monthly meeting to address any issues or concerns that their members may have had regarding the merger. It was at this meeting that folks from BYS in attendance said they felt misinformed about the merger and voted to re-open merger negotiations.

Lori Pence, current BYB Secretary, made a formal request to the DBYB Board to reopen the merger negotiations. DBYB President Dean Dinnocenti asked that our Board have time to consider her formal request.

A lengthy and informative discussion took place, with several BYB members in attendance indicating that they and other BYB members felt they were not informed of the work of the Merger Committee and that they were misled on the details of the merger itself. BYB Secretary Lori Pence advised that new BYB members would be selected to replace the current BYB members of the Merger Committee if merger discussions were re-opened.

After the discussion, which included several recommended "temporary" solutions for 2011, Brian DeMild made a motion to re-open merger discussions with BYB. The motion to re-open merger talks was voted on and approved (by all but two DBYB members in attendance). President Dean Dinnocenti accepted the motion to re-open merger discussions with BYB.

Matt Huddleson made a motion for DBYB to retain our same representatives on the Merger Committee. Brian DeMild seconded the motion and it was unanimously accepted by a league vote.

With the time allotted for the meeting closing in, Tom Cote made a motion to table all merger discussions at this time. Camille Hayes seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by all meeting attendees.

Other Business:

Dean apologized for not having time to cover the remainder of the agenda, but asked everyone to please review it and contact any board member with questions or concerns.

He did take a moment to highlight a few items:

Dean thanked all who came out on Saturday's field clean-up day. There were roughly 10 folks at Hill Road, and about 20-25 at Lake Drive. The fields are now winterized and the dirt on the fields will be spread within a week or so.

Dean reminded everyone that as the new season approaches, we're still looking for volunteers to help oversee site snack bars and fields. We're also looking for one Field Commissioner and Snack Bar Coordinator to oversee all sites. He asked folks to think about volunteering their time for these very important roles.

On a motion from Tom Cote and a second by Lisa Miller, President Dean Dinnocenti adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 15th, Amity Intermediate Center cafeteria, 8:00 PM. Walk-in registration will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM that same evening.