

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
February 15th, 2012

The February 2012 DBYS monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, February 15th, scheduled to begin at 7:30 PM, in the Community Room of the Keystone Villas. DBYS Board members present included: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, Camille Hayes, Brian DeMild, Lisa Miller and Matt Huddleson.*

League members in attendance included: *Randall Yenser, Chris Zuber, Bob Persicketti, Matt DePaul, Karl Degenhart, Steve Kaba, Greg Whelan, Jim Rauchen, Jeff Conkle, Brian Miller, Fred Wookey, Steve Garman, Steve Vonderlinden, Corey Conway, Matt Gonder, Mark Babiec, David Leahy, John Scherzer, Trey Detwiler, Ron Pingatore, Tom Beck, Simon Cymbalski, Shaun Hornberger, Todd MacLaren, Brooke Hornberger, Lori Pence, Mike Pence, Kevin Stevens, Bob Shaffer, Lamar Duncan, Beth Rimby, Eric Detwiler, Brian Kazmorck, Kurt Graff, Jeff Landis, Karl Wildermuth, Wayne Dotterwiech, Chuck Schilling, Jay Hall, Tom Gatz, Steve Criblear, Ron Tindall, Bob Brown, Jeff Goodrich, Steve Williams, Todd Lobaugh, Dave Gaudagno (and an additional three members whose signatures were illegible).*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 7:54 PM and members approved the distributed meeting agenda.

Secretary's Report: The reading of the January 2012 meeting minutes were waived based on a motion from Karl Degenhart, and a second of that motion from Steve Williams. All meeting minutes are posted on our website: www.dbys.org.

President's Report: Dean indicated that he placed our 2012 equipment order with Schuylkill Valley Sports. He added that he would address other needs or provide updates on specific topics as we worked through the agenda

Vice President's Report: Ben reviewed our DBYS hosted Baseball Tournament Schedule for 2012:

- **June 19th-24th:** 9U, 11U and 12U Districts (Hill Road – all three fields to be used – all tournaments to be run simultaneously).
- **June 27th – July 1st:** 2nd Annual DBYS Invitational (to include 8U, 9U and 10U teams)

Dean reminded everyone that all Tournament Team coaches, parents and players must be available to assist with each other's DBYS hosted tournaments.

Treasurer's Report: Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (*as of January 31st, 2012*):

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| Checking Account: | \$ 36,018.79 |
| Money Market Account: | \$ 6,949.36 |
| Petty Cash: | \$ 500.00 |
| Total Bank Acct Bal: | \$ 43,468.15 |

Brian mentioned that we received an additional \$21,000+ in registration fees since the above mentioned end of month report.

Brian also noted that we currently have \$5,470 in outstanding dues/unpaid registration fees from the 2011 season. Balance due reminders have been sent to all members with outstanding balances. Also, anyone with an outstanding balance cannot register their players for the 2012 season until the balance of their 2011 registration is paid in full.

Brian thanked Steve Williams who helped us resubmit a grant proposal to Exelon for the 3rd Field Drainage project. Steve mentioned it is currently under review by the company and we should have a response soon.

Jim Rauchen asked for estimated costs and a time table associated with the 3rd Field Drainage project. Brian estimated the project would take a few years to complete and cost approximately \$5,000.

Camille advised that she recently contacted Wawa and we will be submitting a grant request for assistance to their corporate office as well.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Steve Williams. Greg Whelan seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Softball Director's Report: SOFTBALL

Matt advised that softball is in need of at least two new pitching machines for the upcoming 2012 season. He is currently reviewing the cost of new Juggs machines. Matt also mentioned that Inferno teams have been holding indoor practices at Pheasantland since the beginning of the new year. Teams will move outdoors as the weather breaks.

The following tentative dates have been set for the Inferno's first round of 2012 tournaments:

- **April 28th – 29th: 12U and 14U Tournament**
- **May 5th – 6th: 8U and 10U Tournament**

Both tournaments will take place at our MS fields.

Softball will have the use of MS fields 41, 42 and 47 from March to August (with the exception of a few weekends). The only downfall is that there is nowhere for us to house our equipment. Matt is looking into securing space in the garages behind the snack bar.

Brian added that MS fields 41, 42 and 47 will be available to baseball teams, but only when not being used by softball. He suggested that all coaches book fields for practices via the website master schedule.

BUDDY BALL:

Registration for the 2012 Buddy Ball season is now open on-line for all players and buddies. Buddy Ball is 100% sponsored funded and free to all participants. On-line registration will remain open until April 1st, 2012.

Brooke Hornberger asked the age requirements to participate as a buddy. While the current age is listed as 9, Matt advised that younger children can certainly assist in other facets (handing out popsicles, etc.).

Logistics Report:

John was not in attendance at the meeting. Dean suggested we save logistical updates for when the 2012 Registration Details are reviewed, under the New Business section of the agenda.

League Rep Report:

Lisa reported that the Union Township Fields would not be needed by DBYS this season. She stated that BYB and DBCA were both trying to use the Union Township fields for their Legion programs. After further talks with the Berkshire Baseball Organization, they gave up use of the HS field so that BYB wouldn't have to use the Union Township fields.

Todd MacLaren asked about the use of the Robeson Township field. Matt and Brian spoke of the difficulties we had attempting to utilize the Robeson Township field in the past, but agreed if it was vacant, we would revisit using it if needed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sponsorships:

We have secured approximately 90% of our team sponsors for the upcoming season. We hope to have all sponsors finalized by the first draft, Sunday, February 26th.

Fields and Equipment:

HILL ROAD:

Rob Kurtz and Solid Rock Landscaping are continuing their work on the construction of dugouts for our Hill Road 3rd field. The dugouts should be completed before practices for the Spring season begin. Brian asked if the Township could temporarily turn on the water at Hill Road in order for Solid Rock to complete the project. Dean said the Township would want us to take responsibility for any damage incurred by frozen pipes or water lines. Steve Williams suggested that Rob use water from the pump, located behind the backstop of the upper field.

Ben ordered new nets for the Hill Road batting cages.

Norm from Amity Electric will be replacing the burned out bulbs in the overhead lights at the main field.

Two loads of dirt have been dumped at Hill Road. Rob Kurtz will spread the dirt as needed on each field.

TOWNSHIP:

Rob Kurtz and his team from Solid Rock Landscaping will also spread new infield dirt on our Township fields.

LAKE DRIVE:

Per Matt and Wayne Dotterwiech, Lake Drive does not need extra dirt spread at this time. They asked that the Township dump the dirt allotted to Lake Drive in the box so it can be used at a later time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Registration Update:

Registration for the 2012 Spring season (except for Buddy Ball) is now closed. Any new requests to register will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis and subject to late fees and a waiting list, if applicable.

2012 Tournament Team Coach Nominations (2nd Meeting):

Camille read the list of the 2012 Tournament Team Coach nominees from the January 2012 meeting:

- 8U: Shaun Hornberger, nominated by Camille Hayes – Shaun accepted this nomination at the February meeting.
- 9U: Randall Yenser, nominated by Dan Brown – Randall accepted this nomination at the January meeting.
- 10U: Trey Detwiler, nominated by John DeFusco – Trey accepted this nomination at the February meeting.
- 11U: Steve Williams, nominated by Brian DeMild – Steve accepted this nomination at the January meeting.
- 12U: Ben Marchese, nominated by Karl Degenhart – Ben accepted this nomination at the January meeting.

Nominations received via email since the January meeting included:

- 8U: Brian Kazmorck, nominated by Tom Gatz – Brian accepted this nomination at the February meeting.

Dean opened the meeting to new nominations – one at a time, in each age division. No new nominations were made and therefore, the following 2012 Tournament Team Coaches were announced and congratulated:

- **9U: Randall Yenser**
- **10U: Trey Detwiler**
- **11U: Steve Williams**
- **12U: Ben Marchese**

With two candidates nominated for the 8U Head Coaching position, the Board referred to Article IV, section 4 of the current DBYS by-laws which states the following:

Section 4: Tournament Coaches will be nominated by the general membership and then be decided on by the Governing Board. If more than one (1) coach is nominated at any level, an interviewing process will be done with each candidate. After the Head Coach is selected, it is his/her job to pick assistant coaches, only after tryouts are completed. He/She must then present his coach list to the Governing Board for approval.

Dean advised both candidates that the Board will work in a timely manner to complete the above interviews and select the head coach based on the interview/selection process.

Tournament Team Selection Process:

Lori Pence revisited her recommendation that the Board consider changing the current age criteria for playing tournament baseball. While our current rule states that players must play their “tournament age” using April 30th as a the cut-off date; Lori suggested extending the age cut-off date to August 1st, in order to allow players with summer birthdays to play up with their friends and possible prior years’ teammates.

After some debate regarding the proposal, it was decided that this would fall under a rule change and need to be presented at the May, June or July rules change meetings. Lori agreed to resubmit her proposal at that time.

Further debate ensued over whether or not it is fair or consistent to enforce age requirements for the younger tournament teams, but allow for 11-year-old players to play for the 12U team. The Board explained that with so many other opportunities available to our 12-year-old players (Diamond League, Blue Rocks, Mustangs, BYS, etc.) we learned we have no choice but to combine 11s and 12s to make a competitive DBYS 12U Tournament Team. It was suggested by Brian that this rule be viewed separate from the proposal above, but also revisited, perhaps with more robust guidelines added, at the May, June and July rules change meetings.

2012 By-Law Committee:

Brian DeMild reiterated the Board's plans to create an Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee, formed by various members of the organization, responsible for improving and strengthening our current DBYS by-laws. Brian advised that our current by-laws are not meeting certain legal requirements and are also non-compliant to the standards set for non-profit organizations. Board members Brian DeMild and Matt Huddleson will oversee and provide guidance to the committee.

Opening Day:

Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st at our Hill Road fields. We will no longer hold a ceremony, but instead are planning for every team to play at Hill Road, at some point, during the day. With moonbounces, water ice vendors, tennis ball throws and other activities scheduled – it should be a fun day for all to attend. Team sponsors have been invited to set up a table under the pavilion with efforts to advertise and reach out to our DBYS families. Pictures will be held indoors at one of the school gyms on the 21st.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Registration:

Ben read the following information regarding our 2012 Registration (as of 2/14/2012):

- **MAJORS: 103 players; need 10 teams**
- **MINORS: 123 players; need 11 teams**
- **ROOKIE: 108 players; need 10 teams**
- **T-BALL: 110 players; need 10 teams**
- **14U SOFTBALL: 4 players; not enough to field a team. Matt looking to recruit other players or place girls with another organization.**
- **12U SOFTBALL: 24 players; need 2 teams**
- **10U SOFTBALL: 27 players; need 2 teams**
- **8U SOFTBALL: 35 players; need 3 teams**

2012 Rec Head Coaches:

Ben also announced the following Head Coaches in each age division:

MAJORS: *Trey Detwiler, Jeff Goodrich, Ben Marchese, Greg Whelan, David Will, Steve Williams, Steve Criblear.*

Additional coaches were requested and the following two head coaches were added to Majors to complete our needs for the 2012 season: *Jeff Landis and Tom Beck.*

MINORS: *Dan Brown, Brian DeMild, Shaun Hornberger, Matt Huddleson, Brian Linsenbigler, Jim Rauchen, Bob Shaffer, Steve Vonderlinden, Fred Wookey, Randall Yenser and Todd Lobaugh.*

- Steve Vonderlinden indicated that Brian Linsenbigler would not be head coaching this season, but instead would be an assistant with his team.
- Bob Brown indicated that he requested to be a Minors' Head Coach when we signed up his players during walk-in registration.
- Based on the above information, Brian Linsenbigler was removed as Minor Head Coach and Bob Brown was added to complete our needs for the 2012 season.

The accurate list of 2012 Minors Coaches is as follows:

MINORS: *Bob Brown, Dan Brown, Brian DeMild, Shaun Hornberger, Matt Huddleson, Jim Rauchen, Bob Shaffer, Steve Vonderlinden, Fred Wookey, Randall Yenser and Todd Lobaugh.*

ROOKIE: *Rob Diesinger, Jay Hall, Brian Kazmorck, Jason Klementisz, Brian Miller, Mike Pence, John Scherzer.*

Head Rookie Coaches added (since the meeting) to complete our needs for the 2012 season include: *Eric Detwiler, Tom Gatz and Dennis Gass.*

T-BALL: *Tom Curley, Matt DePaul, Matt Gonder, Mike Serrano, Mark Babiec, and Brad Stetler.*

T-Ball Head Coaches added include: *Lori Pence and Mike Hasara.* We are still in need of two (2) T-ball head coaches in order to fill our needs for the 2012 season.

8U SOFTBALL: *Steve Garman, Steve Kaba, Tom Galm and Grace Henderson.*

10U SOFTBALL: *Chris Weller;* we need one (1) additional head coach to complete our needs for the 2012 season.

12U SOFTBALL: *Tom Cote and Karl Wildermuth*

2012 Commissioners:

The following coaches volunteered to serve as Division Commissioners for the 2012 Spring Season:

- **MAJORS:** Jeff Goodrich
- **MINORS:** Todd Lobaugh
- **ROOKIE:** Mike Pence
- **T-BALL:** Matt DePaul

2012 Evaluations:

Ben announced the following evaluation schedule:

Majors Division:

- Tuesday, February 21st, HS Annex Gym, 6:00-9:00 PM
- Tuesday, February 28th, HS Annex Gym, 7:00-9:00 PM

8U Softball:

- Saturday, February 25th, HS Gym, 8:00-9:00 AM

10U/12U Softball:

- Saturday, February 25th, HS Gym, 9:00-10:15 AM

Minors Division:

- Saturday, February 25th, HS Gym, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Rookie Division:

- Saturday, March 3rd, HS Gym, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM

Tentative Draft Dates:

Tentative Draft Dates are as follows (all scheduled for Island Pizza):

Majors: Monday, March 6th – 6:30 PM

Softball: Sunday, February 26th – 12:00 PM

Minors: Sunday, February 26th – 3:00 PM

Rookie: Sunday, March 4th – 12:00 PM

Background Checks:

Brian announced that all official Head and Assistant coaches will be required to complete a background check before the start of the 2012 season. We are using *Protect Youth Sports*, who offers the service via on-line. Coaches will be asked to pay the \$12.00 fee necessary to complete the background check.

Lori Pence asked under what criteria a coach would pass and not pass the background check. Brian advised that we are relying on the criteria set up by the company and suggested she view that criteria on their website. Lori questioned the privacy of coaches should their check come back with a red light. Brian ensured that no detailed information is shared by the on-line service and that coaches who receive red light indicators will have a choice to disclosure or not disclose information they feel led to failing the background check. The Board would then decide if the situation would warrant removing the coach from his or her coaching position or not.

Site Coordinators:

Camille will send an email asking for volunteers to run the snack bars and oversee the field maintenance. No date has been set for Field Clean Up Day, but will be communicated soon.

Meeting Adjourned:

On a motion from Matt Huddleson and a scnd by Karl Degenhart; Dean adjourned the meeting at 9:32 PM.

Next Meeting:

The March monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM – Keystone Villas.