

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2010

The 2010 March DBYS monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 16th, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the Amity Intermediate Center cafeteria. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Mike Dekker, Lisa Miller, Tony Corley, Traci Huddleson, Brian DeMild, Camille Hayes and Dean Dinnocenti.*

League members also in attendance included: *Ben Marchese, Greg Whelan, Mike Andre, Harvey Pickell, Joe Guiliano, Tony Spalding, Adam Winger, John DeFusco, Mike Dougherty, Chuck Schilling, Bob Brown, Russ Shaner, Davie Will, Wayne Dotterweich, Dave Guadagno, Steve Williams, Rob Kurtz, Brian Linsenbigler, Tom Heffner, Jon Dabney, Karl Degenhart, Jeff Goodrich, Jeff Conkle, Kevin Spitko, John Piccareta, Tom Cote. Jay Hall, Steve Criblear, Randall Yenser, and Bob Zamichelli*

Call To Order: Treasurer Brian DeMild called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

Secretary's Report: Tom Cote made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 2010 meeting. Tony Spalding seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: <http://dbys.baberuthonline.com>.

Secretary Camille Hayes will update the website with the voted on and approved guidelines effective for the 2010 season. The guideline document will be a separate document from the 2010 rules.

Treasurer's Report: Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (as of February 28th, 2010).

Checking Account:	\$ 51,551.93
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,973.58
Petty Cash:	\$ 100.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 58,525.51

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Bob Zamichieli and a second from Jeff Conkle.

Softball/Buddy Ball Report: Softball Director Traci Huddleson reported that - to date, 16 players are registered for Buddy Ball, along with 42 Buddies. Games are scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 11th and each Sunday after (except Memorial Day weekend) until June 6th, 2010. A special (and now annual) game will be played on Mother's Day.

Traci acknowledged the HS Softball team and coaching staff for raising and donating \$100.00 to our Buddy Ball program.

Sponsorships/Fundraisers: Camille thanked all members who either sponsored a team for the 2010 season or brought a sponsor to the league. She also acknowledged and thanked the committee who worked to secure the sponsors for the season. All teams are currently aligned with a sponsor.

Field/Equipment Updates:

Dean asked all Rookie and T-ball coaches to come to the Township Field on Saturday, March 20th at 9:00 AM for equipment pick-up. Majors and Minors coaches were asked to pickup equipment at the Hill Road fields at 9:30 that same morning.

Weather permitting, Field Day clean up is scheduled at 9:00 AM for all fields on Saturday, March 20th. Equipment, including edgers will be rented from Total Rental. Rob Kurtz from Solid Rock Landscaping was going to try to spread the dirt that morning as well. A second field day clean up is also scheduled for Saturday, March 27th at 9:00 AM.

The sound system from Hill Road's upper field will be moved to the Lake Drive field.

Bob Bridegam is working on the batting cages at our Lake Drive field this Wednesday. Special thanks to Fresh Metered Concrete who will lay concrete pads at the Hill Road batting cages and to About All Floors who will then cover the pads with turf.

Jeff Davis will help with the irrigation problems on the 3rd field at Hill Road. Possibly a two day project and will need some volunteers to assist him.

Mike asked for a "wish list" to provide to Groth Landscaping. Some suggestions included: leveling out the foul lines at the Hill Road field, fixing the holes in the outfield, and putting up a border along the Hill Road driveway. Mike will work with Groth and see what they can do to help us.

Mike advised that the t-ball fields would be maintained, including being dragged, by the School District. He also noted that All Type Fence would be putting up the fencing at the Township field after Field Clean Up Days.

Mike also acknowledged that the league was in need of two pitching machines – one for Lake and one for Hill Road. Dean will contact Rick Moatz regarding a "combo" machine that can pitch both baseballs and softballs.

Important Dates:

DBYS has secured the AIC gym every Saturday, from until March 27th – from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

DBHS Coaching staff will run a "Coaches Clinic", Saturday, March 20th in the main gym of the high school. Camille asked that all coaches who plan on attending RSVP by March 18th.

Committees/Commissioners: We still need chairpersons and members for the following committees:

- Field Director
- Snack Bar
- Tournament Director

Mike asked that anyone interested in volunteering let him, or any member of the Board know.

New Business:

Mike led the 3rd and final vote for the addition/addendum to one of our current by-laws. The by-law, labeled Article III, Section 2, currently reads:

“Officers are nominated at the May and June meetings. They are voted on with a majority vote, which takes place at the June meeting. An officer’s term is for a two-year period.”

Mike motioned to add the following to the by-law:

“The newly elected board will transition working in conjunction with the existing board, until August 1st. The newly elected board’s two year term will officially begin August 1st.”

The 3rd vote to approve this by-law addendum was unanimous, making the by-law change official. Camille will update the by-laws with this approved addendum.

BYS/DBYS Merger Update: Cal Ripken State Commissioner Tony Tucci made the decision for a mandatory merger between DBYS and BYB beginning in 2011. He asked the two leagues to put together a 7-member committee to work through the merger together. The committee would need to include the following: a moderator – someone not associated or having ties to either league; a board member from each league; a coach from each league; and finally – a parent from each league. The DBYS board will help decide who from our league will represent DBYS on this committee.

In the meantime, the State Commissioner also grandfathered any player who has played with either league for 2+ years. Meaning, any player who lives in Birdsboro, but has played with DBYS for 2+ years (or vice versa) may continue to play with the league in which they played.

DBYS will play BYB at all levels except T-ball. Schedules are being adjusted to include these games.

Opening Day is Saturday, April 10th – rain date is April, 17th. Pictures will be taken (rain or shine) on the 10th; Buddy Ball pictures will take place on Sunday, April 18th at the Township fields.

Nominations for 2010 Baseball Tournament Team coaches were taken. The following coaches were nominated:

8U: Kevin Spitko, nominated by Ben Marchese; seconded by John DeFusco; nomination accepted by Kevin.

9U: Ben Marchese, nominated by Karl Degenhart; seconded by Jon Dabney; nomination accepted by Ben.

10U: Robert Kurtz, nominated by Steve Williams; seconded by Bob Brown, nomination accepted by Rob*.

10U: Chuck Schilling, nominated by Tom Heffner; seconded by Kevin Spitko, nomination accepted by Chuck.

11U: Mike Dekker, nominated by Ben Marchese, seconded by Karl Degenhart; nomination accepted by Mike.

12U: Harvey Pickell, nominated by Adam Winger, seconded by Brian Linsenbigler; nomination accepted by Harvey.

12U: Tony Corley, nominated by Mike Andre; seconded by Chuck Schilling; nomination accepted by Tony.

Mike read the by-laws that indicated that the board would interview and then select the head coach in the event that two or more coaches were nominated for the same position. **Rob Kurtz rescinded his acceptance of his nomination, leaving the position to Chuck Schilling.*

All tournament team coaches were accepted and announced with the exception of the 12U team. With two coaches nominated, the board will interview each coach and then select the coach who will head the 12U team.

Mike elaborated on the board's plans to have independent evaluators come to try-outs and provide input on team selections. He also acknowledged that if there are enough players – it is possible to have an A and B team in each age group. Only one team (A team) however, will play in the Cal Ripken tournaments.

Next Meeting:

Our April meeting is scheduled for *Tuesday, April 6th, in the AIC cafeteria.* The Softball portion of the meeting will begin at 6:30 PM, with the general meeting to follow at 7:00 PM.