

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 13th, 2012

The March 2012 DBYS monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 13th, at 7:00 PM, in the Community Room of the Keystone Villa. DBYS Board members present included: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, Camille Hayes, Brian DeMild, Lisa Miller, John Piccarreta and Matt Huddleson.*

League members in attendance included: *Steve Criblear, Matt DePaul, Eric Detwiler, Steve Vonderlinden, Dennis Gass, Michael Rhoads, Randall Yenser, Jeff Landis, John Scherzer, David Leahy, Brad Stetler, Haley Briggs, Jennifer Harding, Bob Brown, Todd Lobaugh, Frank Donnelly, Dave Guadagno, Brian Kazmorck, Todd MacLaren, Dan Brown, Greg Whelan, Mike Pence, Steve Williams, Chuck Schilling, Fred Wookey, Simon Cymbalski, Karl Degenhart, Tom Cote and Jim Rauchen.*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM and members approved the distributed meeting agenda.

BOARD REPORTS:

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

President's Report: Dean indicated that he we are in good shape as far as equipment goes. Our 2012 equipment order with Schuylkill Valley Sports is in and we should be fully stocked for equipment needs.

Equipment and key distribution is scheduled for this Wednesday and Thursday (the 14th and 15th). Minors/Majors coaches are to come to Hill Road between 6:00-7:00 PM to pick up their items; Rookie/T-Ball coaches will receive equipment and keys at the Township Fields during that same time frame.

Field Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. All coaches, parents and players are welcome to join us at their respective fields and lend a hand getting the fields, snack bars and surroundings ready for the season ahead. Dean asked Fred Wookey and Bob Brown to bring along their heavy equipment. He asked that others bring along shovels, rakes and anything else that would help during this field prep day.

Camille suggested that women and players are also needed at field day clean-up. Players are a great help and have fun too. Extra hands are always needed to help clean up the snack bar for the season ahead.

Brian announced that there is a porta-potty at our Township Fields. He will order porta-potties for both the T-Ball fields and Hill Road.

The Township will not be turning on water until April 1st, so there will be no water for Field Clean-Up Day.

Vice President's Report:

Ben advised that he will be meeting with Minors Commissioner Todd Lobaugh and Majors Commissioner Jeff Goodrich so they can set up practice schedules for the new season. Official practices are scheduled to begin on Monday, March 19th.

Commissioners and Logistics are also working on the upcoming season game schedule; as of right now, Majors and Minors play-offs are scheduled to begin June 14-16th.

Uniforms are expected to arrive shortly before Opening Day. Uniform distribution will be done under the pavilion at Hill Road with a representative from Schuylkill Valley on-site to address any questions or concerns. We will distribute each division's uniforms on separate days to avoid any confusion.

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)

Ben asked all Tournament Team coaches to stay after the meeting to review tournament schedules, scrimmages, practice schedules, uniforms, and other tournament team related questions.

After discussing the need to fix the mounds on all three fields at our Hill Road complex, Karl Degenhart made a motion to allot \$550.00 toward a full revamp of the mound on the Upper Hill Road field. He also suggested that the Board consider revamping the main and 3rd field mounds at the end of this Spring season. Chuck Schilling seconded Karl's motion and the general members in attendance voted unanimously in favor of Karl's request for funding to have the Upper Field mound replaced.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (*as of February 29th, 2012*):

Checking Account:	\$ 59,597.45
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,949.36
Petty Cash:	\$ 200.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 62,746.81

Brian sent reminder emails to all members with outstanding balances. He heard back from quite a few of members who were mostly unaware they had not paid.

Brian advised that a few unforeseen situations lead up to folks registering late; causing folks to be charged a late fee. Brian announced that he would be refunding all late charges billed.

We will be filing our required 2011 Federal 990-EZ form on March 29th. The due date to file is May 15th, so we are well ahead of schedule.

Brian announced that the league received an anonymous \$1,000.00 donation, to be used toward the 3rd Field Project. While keeping the donor anonymous, Brian, on behalf of the league, thanked the donor who was in attendance at the meeting.

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

The following dates are scheduled for the Inferno's first round of 2012 tournaments:

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

Unfortunately, the 12U and 14U Tournament will need to be moved from the MS fields to the Township and High School fields to accommodate the number of teams participating. Matt advised Rookie Commissioner Mike Pence that, if needed, Rookie games could be moved to Lake Drive that weekend.

Matt reiterated that DBYS has secured MS fields 40, 41, 42 and 47 (including the use of cages at field #40 and above field #42) for most weekends from March through August. He advised that coaches always check the on-line schedule as there are some weekends that have been set aside for Berkshire Baseball Tournaments.

Logistics Report: John advised that schedules are almost completed and will be on the website shortly.

League Rep Report: Lisa did not have any updates to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Sponsorships: Thanks to the help of so many who reached out on behalf of DBYS, we exceeded our sponsorship goals for the 2012 season.

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 are expected to be completed by this Friday, March 16th.

Ben ordered new nets for the Hill Road batting cages.

Norm from Amity Electric fixed the majority of the burned out overhead lights. He will be replacing the remaining lights before the start of the season.

Karl Degenhart will be placing a surface drain along-side the 3rd field to help with the drainage issues associated to that field. It will be out of play and not in the way of any fielders.

Because the space is not conducive to handle the longer mound distance, Majors cannot play games on the 3rd Field.

TOWNSHIP:

Mike Pence will handle replacing the wheels needed on the pitching machines used primarily for Rookie Ball.

Dean and Lisa will ask the Township to fix the ruts in the fields.

Dean will order another load of dirt – ½ the load to be dumped at Township; ¼ to be dumped at the T-Ball fields; and ¼ to be dumped at Lake Drive.

LAKE DRIVE:

Matt asked that the ruts in the outfield at Lake Drive also be fixed by the Township.

Matt also asked that the bucket of dirt that was supposed to be delivered to Lake Drive be placed in the bin for future use. Lisa Miller will make that request, on behalf of DBYS, to the Township as well.

Matt is reviewing the cost of ordering a new pitching machine for Lake Drive. The reel on the current machine is broken and it may be more cost-efficient to replace the machine vs. trying to fix the reel. Camille added that a softball pitching machine is so critical to the younger softball players and one should be available for the upcoming season.

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 Opening Day:

Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st! All teams will be scheduled to play in an Opening Day game (teams will be announced before each game). Lots of exciting things planned for the new Opening Day structure. Pictures will be taken in the AIC gym this day as well. Schedule to be announced.

NEW BUSINESS:

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. First meeting of this newly formed Committee will be Sunday, March 18th – 6:00 PM at the Villas.

Background Checks:

All official Head and Assistant Coaches, as well as Board members are required to complete a background check before the start of the 2012 season. All checks are now completed, with only two designated members of the Board having access to review any "red light" results if given permission by the perspective Coach/Board Member who receives the "red light" flag.

Volunteers ("unofficial" coaches) who assist at practices do not need to complete the background check. At the same time, no "unofficial" coach should ever be left alone with the children. An official coach must be present at all times.

2012 Tournament Teams:

Head Tournament Team Coaches have begun holding informal team workouts with those who indicated an interest in trying out for tournament team play. Official evaluations will be held in early April so that the teams can begin practicing for the upcoming tournament season. Independent evaluators will be used to help select tournament team players in all age groups.

Matt Huddleson spoke on behalf of the Board regarding A and B team selections (if there are enough players who tryout to form a B team). He made it clear that any player who is selected by the coach for the "A" team must play for the "A" team or not play at all. Players selected for the "A" team may not turn down that position and then accept a position on the "B" team. Matt indicated that the Board was 100% supportive of this decision and that the goal of all leagues is to put forth the best possible team in each tournament team age group.

Chuck Schilling asked for a schedule of the informal workouts for the 12U team. Others in attendance noted that they did not receive notification of informal workouts. Ben advised that emails were sent by the head coaches to all players with a request to indicate interest in playing. Ben asked that all Tournament Team coaches send another email to invite all prospective players to attend all workouts. Dan Brown added that coaches can only reach out so often and that at some point; coaches have to just email those who've responded with an interest.

Mike Pence asked if we would be changing our Tournament Team uniforms to be in line with our new organization name (Daniel Boone Youth Sports vs. Douglassville Youth Baseball). Ben suggested that we will try to do something at the 8U level and then carry forward each year. He explained that so many parents at the older levels already have so much money invested in the "D" uniforms, it would be a financial burden to ask them to purchase a newly designed uniform.

Sundays have been set aside for Tournament Team practices, scrimmages and games.

Site Coordinators:

Camille gave special recognition and asked for a round of applause for the following who volunteered to take on extremely important roles for the 2012 Spring season:

- **ROXANNE COUGHENOUR:** 2012 Snack Bar Director
- **LESLIE SPITKO:** 2012 Snack Bar Coordinator – Hill Road
- **WENDY SCHERZER:** 2012 Snack Bar Coordinator – Township Fields
- **DAWN FEAR/MISSIE POGASH:** 2012 Snack Bar Coordinators – Lake Drive
- **KARL DEGENHART:** 2012 Field Director, 2012 Field Coordinator – Hill Road
- **JAY HALL:** 2012 Field Coordinator – Township Fields

Meeting Adjourned:

On a motion from Dan Brown and a second by Randall Yenser; Dean adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM.

Next Meeting:

The April monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 10th at 8:00 PM – Hill Road Pavilion.