

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2010

The 2010 DBYS April monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, April 6th, beginning at 7:30 PM, under the Hill Road pavilion. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Mike Dekker, Tony Corley, Traci Huddleson, Brian DeMild, Camille Hayes and Dean Dinnocenti.*

League members also in attendance included: *Ben Marchese, Karl Degenhart, Kevin Spitko, Dan Brown, Tom Cote, Dave Guadagno, Russell Shaner, Tom Heffner, Bob Zamichieli, Greg Whelan, Chris Hollis, Adam Winger, Harvey Pickell, Jeff Goodrich, Brett Gelband, Chuck Schilling, Brian Linsenbiger and Randy Yenser.*

Call To Order: President Mike Dekker called the meeting to order at 7:43 PM.

Secretary's Report: Tom Cote made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the March 2010 meeting. Greg Whelan seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: <http://dbys.baberuthonline.com> and www.tcteams.com/dbys/.

Treasurer's Report: Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (as of March 31, 2010)

Checking Account:	\$ 39,141.65
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,973.58
Petty Cash:	\$ 0.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 46,115.23

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Chuck Schilling and a second from Greg Whelan.

Softball/Buddy Ball Report: In the earlier 7:00 PM Softball meeting, led by Softball Director Traci Huddleson, the following was reviewed and discussed:

10U Tournament – DBYS to host - the weekend of May 14th, 15th and 16th at the Township fields. We have 5 confirmed teams and need plenty of snack bar, scorebook, scoreboard and grounds crew help. Anyone who can assist should see Softball Director Traci Huddleson.

Opening Day – Traci reviewed plans for Opening Day, asking all teams to meet by 9:40 AM on the Upper Hill Road field – ceremony to begin at 10:00 AM. She also reviewed scheduled picture times, snack bar donations, Opening Day games at Lake Drive, and thanked Karen Slattery for creating DBYS Softball spiritwear to be sold during the Opening Day ceremonies.

Uniforms – Traci brought along all uniforms and distributed them to the appropriate coaches. Thanks to JD Sports and Tina Gutekunst for a job well done on the uniform order!

Commissioner Updates – all Commissioners provided brief updates on their respective divisions. Practices are in full swing – more detailed information will be provided once games begin.

“Coach Kelly” – Tim Willman asked that anyone interested in having a former collegiate softball player (Coach Kelly) come help at practices should email him or their respective Commissioner to arrange.

April Berks Meeting – Thursday, 6:30: 10U Meeting; 7:00 PM: 12U Meeting. Traci asked anyone who wanted to attend and carpool to meet at MS parking lot at 5:40 PM. She asked that all coaches (10U+) attend and be certain their schedules are accurate. She reiterated that we cannot make changes to our schedules (without a fee) after this meeting.

8U Tees in lower shed – Scott Yorgey advised that there are 6 tees for the 8U coaches to use in the lower shed at the Township field. Camille will email 8U coaches to advise.

Nominations for 2010-2012 Softball Director: Traci opened up the floor for nominations for the position of Softball Director for the 2010-2012 term. The results of the nomination process are as follows:

- Camille Hayes nominated Traci Huddleson. Joe Nitka seconded this nomination. Traci asked for time to consider the nomination before accepting it.
- Adam Winger nominated Tom Cote. Scott Yorgey seconded the nomination. Tom declined the nomination.

No other nominations were made and the meeting closed at 7:25 with the distribution of uniforms.

During the general meeting, Softball Director Traci Huddleson reported that with 22 registered Buddy Ball players – we’ll have two teams of 11 players each. She also reported that the first game was scheduled for Sunday, April 11th at 1:00 PM at the upper Township Field. She asked for assistance throughout the season from anyone interested (grounds crew, field lining, etc.) and encouraged everyone to come watch a game during the season. She reported that the ice cream social held at the Villas to kick off the season was a huge success!

Field/Equipment Updates:

Dean asked for volunteers to assist with adding an outlet to the scoreboard for the batting cages.

He also reported that the league purchased two new A-Tech Combo (softball and baseball capable) pitching machines for a total of \$2,200.00, including shipping and handling. One of the machines will be stored for use at Lake Drive, the other will go to Township. The older machine at Township will be moved to Hill Road.

Clark’s Appliances agreed to donate a receiver and new speakers to the league. We need to find a volunteer to help lay ground piping in order to run the wires.

Jeff Davis from *Little Squirt Irrigation* will help us with the 3rd field irrigation problems. According to Lisa Miller, who attended the Township meeting, Jeff needs a permit from the Park and Recreation Board before he can put a drain in. Mike will let Jeff know.

Thanks to Township Manager Chaz Lyon, link chains were installed at the open entrances to the Upper and Lower Hill Road fields to block vehicles from driving on the fields.

T&D Landscaping agreed to roll the field to flatten the ruts that were created by a car/truck driving on the Lower Field.

More volunteers are needed to help with our plans to lay a concrete pad at the batting cages. The concrete is to be provided by sponsor *Fresh Metered Concrete*; turf to be provided by sponsor *About All Floors*.

Mike thanked Tony Corley and Karl Degenhart for all the work they put into the 3rd field – getting it ready for play for the season.

Mike added that with the help of Karl Degenhart and Ben Marchese, we are looking to add dugout covers to the 3rd field. Karl agreed to research and provide suggestions to Mike and the DBYS board.

Tony Corley reminded all coaches of the importance of dragging the field after every practice and asked everyone to play their part in keeping the fields in good shape throughout the season.

Chris Angstadt will be putting a side door and a ramp on the T-ball shed. A Port-o-Potty has also been ordered for the T-ball fields.

Chuck Schilling offered to look at the Lake Drive scoreboard and see if he can get the parts needed to repair it.

Mike will call Township Manager Chaz Lyon for assistance with the “bee” problems at the Township and T-ball fields.

Old Business:

Rick Moatz will hold the following clinics at our DBYS fields:

- June 21st-24th: Softball Clinic, Township Fields (players 3rd-7th grade)
- July 6th-8th: Baseball Clinic, Hill Road, (players 3rd-7th grade)

Ben Marchese has flyers to distribute. Camille will post the information regarding the clinics on the website and communicate via league messages.

Special thanks to Karl Degenhart who volunteered to be the DBYS Field Director. Thanks Karl!

Mike reviewed the District and State tournament dates for 2010. All tournament dates and known field locations can be found on our website at www.tcteams.com/dbys/.

Mike reminded everyone that DBYS is hosting a 10U Softball Tournament the weekend of May 14-16th at our Township fields. All 8U softball and Rookie games have been moved to the MS and Lake Drive that weekend.

New Business:

Schedules: Tony Corley reported that the schedule for the Minors and Majors teams is almost complete and should be sent via email to all coaches this evening. He reminded coaches that he tried to schedule all Minor League teams to play at least one game on the Lower Field, but that in the event of rescheduled games due to rain, Majors games can bump those games when necessary.

Brian DeMild added that the schedule for Rookie Ball is also complete. He just needed to adjust the schedule for the upcoming softball tournament and then would distribute to all coaches.

Greg Whelan reported that the T-ball schedule was complete, with games beginning on April 12th.

Uniforms: Camille reported that uniforms are scheduled to be in tomorrow, Wednesday, April 7th and that distribution of the uniforms will take place under the Hill Road pavilion on Thursday evening.

Opening Day: Mike went through the checklist of things needed to be done for Opening Day on Saturday, April 10th. Mike gave special thanks to Tom Heffner for offering to pick up the chairs and podium at 8:00 AM at Total Rental, and to Harvey Pickell for donating the new American flag flying high over the Hill Road fields. Brian DeMild thanked Doug Reinert for the use of his truck to pick up the huge Sam's Club order needed for Opening Day. He also thanked Brian Linsenbigler and Dean Dinnocenti for helping unload the truck at Hill Road. Brian also acknowledged and thanked our three snack bar coordinators for the 2010 season: Jennifer Bean – Hill Road; Dawn Bentley-Fear – Lake Drive; and Dori S – Township Fields.

After a short debate, it was decided that last year's teams who won their divisions will be announced during Opening Day ceremonies. 2009 Baseball and Softball Tournament Teams will also be announced.

Mike also advised that pictures are a "rain or shine" event. If Opening Day is postponed due to the weather – pictures will take place in the AIC gym.

There is a second picture day (Sunday, April 18th at the Township Fields) for teams missing players on Opening Day. All coaches who need a time slot on that day should contact Lisa Miller.

Motion Made To Close Registration: During discussions regarding Opening Day, Harvey Pickell asked if registration for the 2010 DBYS Recreation League was officially closed. Board member Tony Corley advised that the League always allowed kids to register late – even after the season started – as long as they paid a late fee.

After a strong debate about the topic, Harvey Pickell made a motion to officially make Opening Day, Saturday April 10th – the cutoff day for adding new players to our recreation league; with the exception of new players moving to the area. Chris Hollis seconded the motion that was then voted on by those in attendance. By a vote of 11-9, the motion did not pass.

As a compromise to this very divided subject, President Mike Dekker suggested revising Harvey's motion to state the following: "All players who register with the League after Opening Day will be reviewed and approved by the board on a case by case basis." He added that Diamond League players requesting to come back to rec ball or new players added to the league after Opening Day will not be allowed to play tournament baseball for DBYS. Chris Hollis seconded this revised motion. All in attendance unanimously voted to pass this motion.

BYS/DBYS Merger Update: The DBYS/BYS Merger Committee has been established. The following committee members will represent DBYS:

- Board Member: **Brian DeMild**
- Parent: **Leslie Sacks**
- DBYS Coach: **Brian Miller**
- Moderator: **Mark Moyer**

BYS will have similar representation on this committee, established to work on the transition and merger of the two leagues. Their first meeting will take place sometime next month.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, May 11th – 8:00 PM – Hill Road Pavilion; softball meeting to begin at 7:30 PM.