

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
April 10th, 2012

The April 2012 DBYS monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, April 10th, at 8:00 PM, under the Hill Road pavilion. DBYS Board members present included: *Ben Marchese, Camille Hayes, Brian DeMild, Lisa Miller, John Piccarreta and Matt Huddleson.*

League members in attendance included: *Matt DePaul, Eric Detwiler, Todd Lobaugh, Shaun Hornberger, Mike Pence, Jay Hall, John Scherzer, Tom Cote, Brian Cushwa, Steve Williams, Tom Beck, Randall Yenser, John Schlegel, Anthony Spagioletti, Chuck Schilling, Eric Rhoades and Roxanne Coughenour.*

Call To Order: In President Dean Dinnocenti's absence, Vice-President Ben Marchese called the meeting to order at 8:09 PM. The meeting agenda was approved on a motion from Brian DeMild and a second by Jay Hall.

BOARD REPORTS:

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

President's Report: Dean was not present at the meeting. Ben covered items in Dean's report on his behalf.

Vice President's Report: Ben advised that all equipment ordered is in and that any coaches with equipment needs contact either Dean (baseball) or Matt (softball).

Ben thanked all the coaches and parents who attended the Saturday Field Clean Day. He commented that it was one of the biggest turnouts; with 25-30 folks assisting at each field.

Mike Pence advised that Township still has ruts in the field and asked that the Township be asked to level out the truck ruts on the field.

New nets for the batting cages have been ordered. We will need assistance installing the nets. Ben asked that everyone watch for an email requesting installation assistance.

Ben advised that once games begin, the practice schedule will change. In order to end the season in early June, Minors and Majors teams will begin play on Monday, May 16th. Ben suggested that teams use the on-line schedule to select practice and cage time when available.

All uniform parts are in except for the jerseys. Jerseys are expected to arrive shortly before Opening Day and distribution will be done under the pavilion at Hill Road with a representative from Schuylkill Valley on-site to address any questions or concerns. Because they are customized, jerseys are not exchangeable.

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)

Treasurer’s Report:

Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer’s report (*as of March 31st, 2012*):

Checking Account:	\$ 61,328.26
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,940.27
Petty Cash:	\$ 1,360.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 69,628.53

Brian advised that we will pay out approximately \$13,000 in April for items such as insurance, softball and baseball tournaments, uniforms, etc.

The Treasurer’s report was accepted on a motion from Chuck Schilling. Randall Yenser seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Softball Director’s Report:

BUDDY BALL

Matt reported that the Opening Buddy Ball game is scheduled for Sunday, April 15th at 1:00 PM at the Township Upper Field. There are currently 25 players and over 50 buddies registered this season. In total, approximately 95 folks make up our Buddy Ball program.

Matt asked that any family or team interested in doing field prep work for each Buddy Ball game contact him. He asked everyone to consider getting involved with the program. Help is needed each Sunday at 12:00 PM at the Township field.

SOFTBALL

Rec games begin tomorrow night, Wednesday, April 11th. 12U plays the first game at 6:00 PM. All 12U home games are played at Lake Drive. 10U teams play on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The 8U schedule will be loaded into the master schedule tomorrow evening.

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**

Volunteers are needed to help at the tournaments listed above. Matt will resend the volunteer schedule and asked that folks fill in the open slots.

Logistics Report:

John reminded everyone to use the on-line system when cancelling games. Cancelling from the master schedule sends notification to our snack bar coordinators and umpires.

League Rep Report:

Lisa is waiting on approval from the Township regarding us using the snack bar trailer at Hill Road for Opening Day. Chazz Lyons, Township Manager is currently on vacation. Lisa advised that we have been told that the flag cannot fly at night without a spotlight on it. We will keep it down until we can make arrangements to have proper lighting installed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

By-Law Committee:

The newly formed By-Law Committee did not meet yet. Brian will set up a meeting and move forward to reach the goals set for this Committee.

Fields and Equipment:

HILL ROAD:

All Type Fence has been contacted regarding our need to put up the fencing at our 3rd Field and between the two Township Fields.

Norm from Amity Electric fixed the majority of the burned out overhead lights. Two ballasts still need to be fixed. Norm will work on getting those done when time permits.

Karl Degenhart requested an additional \$250.00 (originally requested \$500.00 for the project) to complete the reconstruction of the mound on the Upper Field. Brian DeMild made a motion to allot the additional \$250.00 for the project; John Piccarreta seconded the motion. League members unanimously approved the request and the motion.

Karl asked that when dragging the field, folks stay at least a foot away from the mound.

Rob Kurtz and Karl Degenhart will be installing a drain on the 3rd Field to help alleviate some of the constant water problems.

TOWNSHIP:

Mike Pence ordered the new wheel for the pitching machine. He reported that other than the ruts (reported earlier) and the need for the fencing (All Type Fence has been notified); all is good at the Township Fields.

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

LAKE DRIVE:

Matt reported that while strictly prohibited, evidence left behind indicates that folks are walking their dogs on the Lake Drive Field. Sadly, they are not picking up after their pets. Matt asked to be notified if anyone sees dogs on the Lake Drive Field.

T-BALL FIELD:

Matt DePaul reported that all is good at the T-Ball fields, thanks to all the volunteers who assisted during Field Clean Up Day.

OLD BUSINESS:

League Updates:

T-Ball: all good, just questions about Opening Day
Rookie: all good
Minors: all good

Majors: some coaches are not happy with the elimination of the lead line and asked to have the rule revisited. The Board reminded everyone that this rule was unanimously accepted during the Rules Change meeting in August of 2011 for the 2012 Spring Season. Ben suggested that coaches discuss the rules before the start of the game and decide if they want to play with it or not. He stressed that the stealing does develop a necessary pitching skill and has benefits. Not all agreed, but accepted that the rule cannot be changed or reviewed until the next Rules Change meeting in August 2012.

2012 Opening Day:

Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21st, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. All teams will play a short, one-hour game. John Piccarreta is currently working on the game schedule for Opening Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

2012 Tournament Team Updates:

8U: Approximately 20 players at first evaluation; next evaluation is scheduled for Sunday, April 15th at 4:00 PM on the Upper Township Field.

9U: 15 players vying for a spot on the team; evaluations scheduled for this weekend and next weekend. Emails have been sent to all players eligible for the 9U team.

10U: Currently have about 21-22 players; hoping to have enough players for an A and B team.

11U: Two tryouts have been completed, both with independent evaluators; also have scrimmages and games set up as part of the evaluation process.

12U: Hoping to get enough players for two teams; Ben and Chuck working together to make two teams possible. Scrimmages, games and workouts are being held and will help determine the teams.

Greg Whelan, Matt Huddleson and Chuck Schilling all asked for consideration in coaching the B teams, should there be enough players at the 11U (Greg), 10U (Matt) and 12U (Chuck) levels. While B Coaches could not be determined until the A teams were selected, no other candidates asked for consideration for these coaching positions.

Site Coordinators:

Roxanne Coughenour reported that she was thinking all games began on Opening Day and was not aware games at Lake, Buddy Ball and Minors and Majors were starting before Opening Day. She reported that she is scrambling to stock the snack bars for these earlier games.

Roxanne reiterated that it is the Home team's responsibility at each field to work the snack bar – no questions. Procedures on how to open, work and close are posted at each snack bar.

Board Nominations:

Nominations for Board positions will be accepted at the May and June meetings. Voting for the new Board members will be completed at the June meeting. The new Board term is June, 2012 to August, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned:

On a motion from Karl Degenhart and a second by Randall Yenser; Ben adjourned the meeting at 9:12 PM.

Next Meeting:

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