

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
May, 2009

The DBYS May 2009 monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, May 12th, beginning at 8:00 PM, under the pavilion at our Hill Road facilities. The full DBYS Board was present and included: *Michael Dekker, Traci Huddleson, Brian DeMild, Lisa Miller, Tony Corley, Dean Dinnocenti* and *Camille Hayes*.

League members also in attendance included: *Brian Linsenbigler, Greg Whelan, Steve Williams, Brett Gelband, Tim Willman, Ed Passifione, Bob Reno, Ben Marchese, Jeff Goodrich, Bob Bridegam, Chris Angstadt, Scott Yorgey, Wayne Dotterweich, Adam Winger, Harvey Pickell, Rick Koniow, John Bologna, Joanne Koch, Kevin Stroble, Mike Andre, Beth Yoder, Steve Bonetz, Tom Heffner* and *Chuck Schilling*.

Softball Agenda:

Softball Director Traci Huddleson opened the meeting at 8:04 PM. The following softball division updates were provided:

DIVISION UPDATES:

8U – Traci Huddleson - developmental and travel league going well.

10U – Bob Reno – reported that there is no tournament team for this age but that the teams are playing in tournaments. He reported that the Thunder and the Bandits just played in a recent tournament and that the Force will be playing this upcoming Saturday and Sunday.

12U – Bob Bridegam and Scott Yorgey – reported that the 12U team is doing terrific and that they are well above the competition in the league.

14U – Beth Yoder – reported that the league begins next Thursday – each team will have 12-13 girls per team. Traci reminded everyone that 12Us can register to play with 14U as well. Those already registered would pay an additional \$50.00.

18U – not enough girls to create a team, those still interested in playing have joined the Pine Forge league. Tony will send Brian a list of the names of girls who registered and paid so that their money is refunded.

Traci reminded everyone again of the proper way to “call up” players to the next level. All coaches in attendance agreed and believed they were following the proper protocol (use call up list, continuously move to the next player).

DBYS SOFTBALL WEBSITE:

Traci recognized the excellent volunteer work of Bob Reno (again) and asked Bob to talk through the new website he created strictly for DBYS softball! Bob provided the website address: www.DBYSSOFTBALL.com and gave a brief overview of types of information housed on the website! More great stuff from Bob and his family! Thank you so much!

PORTABLE LIGHTS FOR LAKE DRIVE?

Lisa Miller contacted Total Rental to see how much it would cost to rent portable lights so that the girls softball teams and Buddy Ball players could play games at night under the lights. Lisa advised that the Lake Drive field would need 4 towers and that each tower would cost \$125.00 per day or \$375.00 per week to rent.

Bob Bridegam asked if softball and Buddy Ball could use the fields at Hill Road instead of renting the portable lights. Mike Dekker advised that the Hill Road lower field is completely booked and that it is not set up for softball or Buddy Ball (the mound would need to be removed, bases adjusted, etc.).

Brian DeMild, league treasurer, offered to review the budget and see if there was money in the budget for the portable lights. He advised the board would then have to vote on whether or not to spend the money, even if it was available. Everyone agreed to and asked for a board vote.

BUDDY BALL:

Traci excitedly reported that two new players joined the league, bringing the total players to 19. She asked baseball coaches for any extra hats and also mentioned that the teams would play on Mother’s Day. A special flower presentation ceremony was planned to take place before the game.

Association Agenda:

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

The reading of the April 2009 minutes was waived based on a motion from Adam Winger and a 2nd by Wayne Dotterweich. All meeting minutes are available on the website at <http://dbys.baberuthonline.com>.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer’s report (as of April 30th, 2009):

Checking Account:	\$ 23,399.63
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,970.57
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 30,370.20
Petty Cash:	\$ 1278.00
Total Cash Assets:	\$ 31,648.20

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Scott Yorgey and seconded by Rick Koniow.

LEAUGE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

Lisa Miller, league representative, had no new updates to report.

FIELD UPDATES:

Mike reported that the township approved our request to add hose bibs near the snack bars at Lake Drive and the Township fields. We just need to find a plumber who is willing to volunteer to do the work.

Jeff Davis from *Little Squirt Irrigation* will be working on the fields at Hill Road, providing pump work so that we can have water near the fields, and also looking into adding trenches and pipes for better drainage.

As part of his Eagle Scout project, Jake Kastenbaum is building six, three-tiered level bleachers and four benches for our t-ball fields. The school agreed to split the costs for supplies with our league for this project. Currently, Jake has completed one set of bleachers! They look great and will be a nice addition to the t-ball fields.

Traci advised that the Porta-Potty at the t-ball fields needed servicing. Greg Whelan, T-ball Commissioner will handle. Greg also acknowledged Fred Wookie for all the terrific work he did expanding the t-ball fields. Thank you for volunteering your time Fred!

Mike reminded everyone of the importance of dragging and cleaning up the fields every day!

EQUIPMENT UPDATES:

We are still in need of pitching machines for both softball and baseball. Mike advised that we are returning an indoor net that was purchased and this may provide additional funds for at least one of the machines. Brian will check the budget.

LEAGUE NAME CHANGE:

Upon Township approval, Beth Yoder offered to paint our new logo at several of our local fields. Beth asked if we could find anyone to donate paint. We will check with ACE Hardware and see if they can help us out.

TOURNAMENT DATES:

Mike reviewed the current information on upcoming tournaments being hosted by DBYS. They are as follows:

- 10U Districts: June 26th
- 8U Host Tournament: July 10-12th
- 9U and 11U Districts: July 6-12th
- 9-year-old STATES: July 25th, 2009
- 10-year old STATES: July 18th, 2009
- 14U Softball: July 31st – August 2nd

Mike asked for everyone to begin thinking about volunteering at these and any other tournaments hosted by DBYS.

OTHER TOURNAMENT TEAM UPDATES:

Each tournament team will be allotted approximately \$800.00 for tournament play. Coaches will be responsible for finding tournaments for their teams to play in, as well as for setting up scrimmages, etc. Additional funding needed for tournaments must be raised by the team.

The league will pay for umpires at scrimmages, provided the team opens and works the snack bar for the scrimmage.

All players are responsible for a \$30.00 player fee.

All TT baseball coaches must be certified. The cost is \$20.00 and will be refunded by the league.

We secured the following sponsors who paid the league to have their name on the back of the tournament team practice jerseys:

- 8U – Gallo Brothers Development, Inc.
- 9U – Solid Rock Landscaping
- 10U – Schuylkill Valley Sports
- 11U – Daniel Boone Youth Sports
- 12U – VirtuAir Studios

Families of tournament team players must be willing to be heavily involved with the league. Also, teams will be responsible for a team fee this year – which can be donated by parents or raised through a team fundraiser.

Camille will asked the folks at the Villas if there is any interest in having some of their residents come and help us during the tournaments (keep score, work snack bar, etc.). Brian will work with the Boy Scouts and attempt to gather volunteers as well.

OTHER UPDATES:

The playoff system for Minors and Majors is being worked on. Birdsboro will participate in our playoffs.

Softball playoffs will be held in Fleetwood.

T-ball Commissioner Greg Whelan and Rookie League Commissioners Brian DeMild and Brian Linsenbigler are planning graduation games for their respective leagues. Mike asked that medals be ordered from our sponsor – *Winner's Circle Awards*.

NEXT MEETING:

The June 2009 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 9th, 2009 at 8:00 PM under the Hill Road pavilion.