

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June, 2009

The DBYS June 2009 monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, June 9th, beginning at 8:00 PM, under the pavilion at our Hill Road facilities. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Michael Dekker, Brian DeMild, Lisa Miller, Tony Corley, Dean Dinnocenti and Camille Hayes.*

League members also in attendance included: *Allen Leets, Ben Marchese, Rick Koniow, Scott Yorgey, Glen Esenwein, Ray Terrents, Chuck Schilling, Mike Andre, Greg Whelan, Shane Ferguson, Tom Heffner, Beth Yoder, John Bologa, Gary Bicer and Mike McGrann.*

Meeting Called to Order: After a brief delay because of games being played, Mike Dekker called the meeting to order at 8:36 PM.

Softball Agenda: In Softball Director Traci Huddleson's absence, Lisa Miller provided the following softball updates:

DIVISION UPDATES:

8U – the season is wrapping up! Still have make-ups games for in-house and travel league. Those should conclude this week.

10U – season is finished.

12U – season is finished, not enough players interested to put together a tournament team. 12U girls were given option to continue playing with the 14U team. Those who plan on doing so will be asked to pay an additional fee of \$50.00.

14U – season started last week. Adam and Beth both need keys to the snack bar. We have the option of hosting a 14U tournament the last weekend in July through the first week in August. Would need to let Berks know by July 1st if we are interested.

18U – Brian will be cutting refund checks this week to all girls registered to play for this league. As a reminder, not enough girls registered and we were unable to form a team.

EQUIPMENT TURN-IN DATE:

Softball Equipment Manager Scott Yorgey set Thursday, June 18th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at Lake Drive as the date, time and location for all coaches to return their equipment bags and keys. All coaches, even those planning on coaching again in the Fall or next Spring, must return their equipment and keys! Camille will send an email to all softball coaches and ask Bob Reno to post the date, time and location on the softball website.

PLANNING FOR THE NEXT SEASON

We are in need of a Fall Ball Coordinator, willing to help coordinate the season. We also have to decide whether to join the Berks League for Fall Ball or just arrange local games.

BUDDY BALL:

Lisa named and thanked all the instrumental folks who helped make Buddy Ball a huge success! There will be a Buddy Ball planning meeting in September to prepare for the 2010 season.

Association Agenda:

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

The reading of the May 2009 minutes was waived based on a motion from Ray Terrents and a 2nd by Rick Koniow. 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 May 31st, 2009):

Checking Account:	\$ 5,406.87
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,970.57
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 12,377.44
Petty Cash:	\$ 1278.00
Total Cash Assets:	\$ 13,655.44

According to Brian’s report, we are right on par with where we were last year. Brian and Mike mentioned a few items on our “wish list” should money be available. Brian will also check into any sponsors who still have not paid. A motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Lisa Miller and seconded by Dean Dinnocenti.

LEAUGE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

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

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

Camille advised that the cookbook sales have slowed down, but that we’re hoping to sell many more at the upcoming tournaments!

Mike asked about selling t-shirts at our District tournaments as a fundraiser. We will look into this as an option.

FIELD UPDATES:

Mike reported that the Township has an “Electrical Volunteer”, Jim Baldrige, who offers his time to work on electrical improvements and upgrades in the Township. He gathered more “wish list” items from those in attendance and said he will see if Mr. Baldrige could/would assist with some of our needs.

Special thanks to Jeff Davis, owner of *Little Squirt Irrigation*, who installed a hose bib behind home plate on the upper field at Hill Road. This will prove to be a fabulous addition to our field.

Special thanks to Jake Kastenbaum, who as part of his Eagle Scout project, donated his time to build bleachers and benches for our t-ball fields! Mike wanted to do something special to thank Jake. According to Mike McGrann, active Boy Scout Troop leader, he cannot accept any gifts, but suggested recognition through the media, etc. Camille will post a thank you to Jake on our website and also contact the Southern Berks News to see about getting an article written regarding his volunteer services.

EQUIPMENT UPDATES:

Dean Dinnocenti asked all coaches to use common sense when it comes to our equipment and materials. He asked coaches to avoid re-lining fields when there are back-to-back games and to be sure that we’re only using two balls per game for rec league play.

LEAGUE NAME CHANGE:

Mike asked Beth Yoder to send him an email with details on her plans for painting dugouts and sheds at our local fields. He said he will forward her email to Chaz Lyons for Township approval and at that point we can start the project.

TOURNAMENT DATES:

Mike reviewed our upcoming tournaments being hosted by DBYS and listed what groups will be responsible for volunteering at those tournaments. They are as follows:

- 10U Districts: June 26th – 10U parents and others
- 8U Host Tournament: July 10-12th – 8U parents and others
- 9U and 11U Districts: July 6-12th – Only snack bar needs
- 9-year-old STATES: July 25th – 10U parents and others
- 10-year old STATES: July 18th – 9U parents and others

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

OTHER TOURNAMENT TEAM UPDATES:

All head coaches and assistants must be certified to coach tournament baseball. The cost is \$20.00 per coach and is refundable by the league upon certification.

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.

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

Uniforms are in and are currently being distributed to tournament team coaches. Please let Camille or Mike know of any problems encountered with uniforms.

Camille has a call into the Villas at Morlatton to see 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:

Playoffs begin Wednesday, June 10th for Majors (double elimination) and Thursday, June 11th for Minors (single elimination). The coaches from each team can determine if they would like a “best of 3” in the championship game. BYS is included in our playoffs and therefore, some games will be held at Texas Field. Dean will order one team trophy and 12 player trophies for the winning team and the runners up.

According to T-Ball Commissioner Greg Whelan, 42 of the 48 kids eligible to graduate from T-ball to Rookie ball will participate in a graduation game, being held June 20th at 11:00 AM at the Township Field. Greg said we will hold two games simultaneously on each field at Township. Medals have been ordered from our sponsor, *Winner's Circle Awards* in Boyertown.

Rookie League Commissioner Brian DeMild is still working on the details for a Rookie player graduation game.

Mike asked that a board member be present at all graduation and playoff games.

Greg Whelan suggested that T-Ball and Rookie teams next year include more than 10-11 players per team. As Commissioner and coach, he pointed out that parents are not as committed at that young age and several games were either cancelled because not enough players showed or games were played with 5-6 players per team. Great feedback Greg!

Chuck Schilling voiced his opinion that the playoffs should be a random lottery vs. using seeding when determining the playoff brackets. He said he felt as though seeding teams creates too much emphasis on winning during the regular season and doesn't focus on the developmental aspect of rec ball.

Mike and others agreed that our rules need to be more focused on developing players and suggested we work through this for next season at our winter rules meetings, including how to handle infractions to our rules.

Tom Heffner suggested we change our rules meeting from January to June, pointing out that it's during the season that the suggestions are fresh in the coaches' minds.

According to our by-laws, the rules changes must be voted on in January. Tom Heffner made a motion to change the by-laws, effective for the 2010-2011 season, so that rules changes are voted on in June vs. January. Brian DeMild seconded the motion to change Article 6, Section 2 of our by-laws to read "June" vs. "January". The motion was carried and will be voted on at our next three consecutive meetings (as required to make a by-law change).

Many in attendance agreed that just because the current by-laws say we can't vote on suggested rules changes until January, does not mean we can't discuss and gather suggestions to be presented in January. It was agreed that suggestions will be taken, beginning at our July meeting, and held for vote in January until our by-laws are changed.

NEXT MEETING:

The July 2009 meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7th, 2009 at 7:00 PM under the Hill Road pavilion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM on a motion made by Lisa Miller and a second by Tony Corley.