

DBYS MEETING – July 10th

Board members in attendance: Dean, Brian, Lisa, Matt

1. Meeting called to order- 8:37 by Dean
2. Approval of agenda- reading of last month's minutes waved- motion Dean, Second Dan Brow
3. Officers report-
 - a. Sec- Not present
 - b. Pres.-Equipment issues to be discussed- handing in of bags
Flag- still needs to be taken down daily
9U, 11U, and 8U softball still playing
 - c. V-P- not present
 - d. Treasurer- Districts \$2000 ahead, Home Tourn- \$9000 for teams alone, Cost ump- \$2000, Shirts made a profit- lots of compliments on style and quality.
Will transition role to Greg over the next month. Motion Greg- 2nd- Dan
 - e. Softball Director-
Buddy Ball- moms club donated \$\$\$- – Lioness club donated tickets for Buddy Balls night at the Reading Phillies
Softball- 8u won Cal Ripkin State Tournament- Regionals Top 16 from East Coast will meet in Maryland. 12u inferno & 14u inferno wrapping up last tournament or two shortly.
Accepting applications for coaches at all of the inferno levels- accept thru the end of next week- all evals will be in August.

Pic- will be working on Fall Registration

Tournament team coaches- invoices will be sent on-line for parents to pay for uniforms.
Lisa- asked township permission to fix electrical panel- we must show them what we are working on before we do it.

Committee Reports-

Mounds on the upper field – need a group to work on – need volunteers before fall ball to get the job done.

Thanks to group who worked to fix Hill Road cages!

Lake Drive batting cage needs to get done- looking into it

Township- will need to be replaced in the near future

All fields need to be nail dragged anytime it rains – if you have time please get them done.

Amp. in press box has been fixed and is working.

OLD BUSINESS

Home Tournament- Thanks to all who came out and volunteered- We did well on it!!

Brian- Thanked and recognized the outgoing board for all of their hard work and time that they put into the organization. There is more going on behind that this board does to keep

this league up and running. Compliment the outgoing board on working hard on keeping cost down for families. THANKS FOR ALL THE WORK!!!! Looking forward to working with the incoming board- to make our league go forward from this point.

NEW BUSINESS-

BY-LAWS committee- working on getting together. Need to make stronger rules for the benefit of our league and the kids for all to adhere to.

RULE ENFORCEMENT panel to be set-up to police the rules.

RULE CHANGES: too be voted on at the August Meeting

Rule Change requests: From first meeting

Jeff Landis and Tom Heffner: Each age plays with their own tournament age group only! (Reverse current rule of allowing 11's to play at the 12 level.)

Jim Rauchen and Brent Knerr: for minors, change pitch count to 35-50 for play-offs only; with 2-days' rest.

- when you go to rec reason, keep Inferno team together (have no idea what that means or who said it)

Lori Pence and Amber Criblear: extend cut-off for TTs to August 31th; making it so kids with summer birthdays can still play TT baseball with kids in their same grade.

(Amended to AUG 31 not Aug. 30- discussion on bubble kid- if they get cut from one age group can you try-out for the other? Age bubble allows for parents to make choice depending upon child maturity. ??? How does process work? FLEXIBLE DATE - NOT HARD)

- allow for a softball sub-committee to help add more say and have decision making power for the softball program. (BY LAWS TO ADDRESS)

Grace Henderson: request a coach's feedback form from all parents at the end of the season.

REINSTATE 8ft. lead line-Majors level

NEW Rule changes/recommendations:

(not a rule change but board will discuss with Pic) Softball needs its own/larger/tab for softball on website- Brian- league site is well represented for all groups- DBYS- softball, baseball, buddy ball- everything that is happening now is there. Talk to pic to see if it can be reorganized

MAJORS and Minors rule change- 1 head coach, 1 assistant (proposed by B.Demild). Prior to the draft- find 2nd assistant after the draft,

Greg- **Proposed Player Rating and Drafting Rule Change**

1) I propose a dual rating system for all Minors & Majors Players as follows:

- a. A Player's First Rating is based on his playing capabilities considering his Batting, Fielding & Throwing and Base Running Skills. Ratings range from 4 to 1 with a 4 rating indicating a superior player and a 1 rating indicating a player who needs work to become average.
- b. A Player's Second Rating is based on his Pitching capabilities. Consideration would be given to his Size, Arm Strength, Pitching Motion and most importantly, pitching experience. Rating also range from 4 to 1 with a 4 rating being assigned to definite #1 or #2 on a staff pitchers in comparison to the whole league. A 3 rating would be assigned to players with pitching ability but not a #1 or #2 on a staff. A 2 rating are players with potential but limited prior pitching experience. A 1 rating are players who in all likelihood would not pitch for the team.
- c. I also propose a change to the Drafting rules for all Minors & Majors Players: All Coaches, Sponsors and any other players "automatically" assigned to a team, will be slotted in the Draft based on their Player Ratings. Currently, Head Coaches' Players and the two official Assistant Coaches' Players are placed onto a team with no consideration given towards the discrepancy in the Coaches' Player ratings across teams except for Draft Order. This leads to lopsided team strength and a less enjoyable Rec Season for players on the lower rated teams. An example of this change follows:
 - i. Phillies Coaches' Players Ratings are an 8, 7 & 7
 - ii. Mariners Coaches' Players Ratings are a 7, 5, & 4
 - iii. Based on the entire population of all Player ratings for a Division, the calculated round for a ?? rated player to be drafted might be:

Round 1 – 8 Rating
Round 2 – 7 Rating
Round 3 – 7 & 6's
Round 4 – 6 & 5's
Round 5 – 5 Rating
Round 6 – 5 & 4's
Round 7 – 4's
Round 8 – 3's and so on . . .

- b. Therefore, the Phillies would not have a 1st, 2nd or 3rd Round Pick while the Mariners would not have a 2nd, 4th & 6th Round Pick. The team strength rankings after each round would still occur to determine the drafting order.

Traci H.- sponsor not be allowed to pick team/coach

SOFTBALL-

SOFTBALL PLAYS ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF THE LEAGUE THEY PLAY IN – NOT AN INHOUSE LEAGUE- other than 8U.-

Traci offered to head a committee – to look at direction of softball----

8U has game rules accepted at the draft of that league- all others dictated by league that they play in- Matt organized/ designed Inferno to meet the needs of our girls and to keep players in our league to prevent them from going elsewhere. Rec. level took a hit on talent once Inferno teams left. Play Tri county league- 1 level of play, was the decision of coaches

Inferno- coaches according to Matt “don’t want them playing rec, want them coached by Inferno coaches” Not looking at being a Softball only program (kids can play other sports)- now looking to expand into a fall season.

What about those players that played limited time and need playing time- can they play rec.?

MATT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Inferno coaches are there to win – want an 8U, 10U closed to DBYS girls only, 12U, and 14U can be open to outside girls to keep #'s up to field competitive teams.

Build out spring and fall programs.

Are currently nominating Inferno coaches at all levels- if only 1 nominee- they are the coach- 2 or more, board interviews and votes/approves choice.

Matt looking to set up a meeting in the next week or two to organize Inferno program

Looking to open borders on 12 and 14 U levels to make sure we can field teams. Need to advertise outside. Board will discuss if this is an acceptable direction.

Sponsor plaques were handed out to present coaches- BE SURE TO GET THEM TO THE SPONSOR!!!

Matt moves to close the meeting- dean 2nd 11:12pm