

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 6, 2010

The 2010 DBYS July monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, July 6th, beginning at 7:00 PM, under the Hill Road pavilion. The following DBYS Board members were present: *Mike Dekker, Lisa Miller, Traci Huddleson, Brian DeMild, Camille Hayes, Dean Dinnocent, Ben Marchese, John Piccarreta and Matt Huddleson.*

League members also in attendance included: *Steve Williams, Bob Bridegam, Brian Miller, Chuck Schilling, Tony Spalding, Harvey Pickell and John Bologna.*

Call To Order: President-elect Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM.

Secretary's Report: Steve Williams made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the June 2010 meeting. Bob Bridegam seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: www.tcteams.com/dbys/.

Treasurer's Report: Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (as of June 30th, 2010)

Checking Account:	\$ 16,341.55
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,975.05
Petty Cash:	\$ 112.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 23,428.60

Brian mentioned that Saturday game snack bar revenues have helped provide a larger snack bar profit this year. He also advised that all but 5-6 sponsors have not yet paid and that they will be contacted by committee members to rectify outstanding balances due to the league.

Brian reminded all tournament team coaches that tournament team fees were due by June 30th and that any team not paid must do so asap.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Camille Hayes, seconded by Harvey Pickell.

Softball/Buddy Ball Report: Dean noted that Matt Huddleson is taking over responsibilities for this position and that he has already sent emails with great ideas, including putting together "ad-hoc" volunteer committees to manage things such as: snack bar, fields, uniforms, equipment, etc. We're looking forward to the extra help Matt will be bringing to the league.

Treasurer Brian DeMild advised that once again Buddy Ball is running in the black and that all money for Buddy Ball remains in a separate budget.

Field/Equipment Updates: **Lake Drive:**

We need a new batting cage at Lake Drive. Bob Bridegam acknowledged the current cage is just inadequate. Bob offered to install any new cage purchased. Dean asked Bob to help look for a good price on a quality cage. Bob will do so, as will Dean.

Hill Road:

With 9U Districts taking place at Hill Road the weekend of July 9th-11th, and 10U States being held at the fields the following weekend – July 16th, we set up two Friday morning field prep days – July 9th and 16th – both beginning at 9:00 AM. Camille will communicate via league notice.

With three projects on the table for league approval:

- Pay township ½ the cost of the stone used for the gravel walkway around the fields - **\$425.00**
- 3rd field irrigation project – township approved the work, Buckwalter Landscaping estimated the cost to be about **\$4000.00**.
- Split rail fence needed between top and lower fields to prevent cars from parking on the newly installed gravel walkway - **\$1450.00** (they offered to do it for \$1000.00 along with a sponsorship trade).

Brian DeMild made a motion to approve payment for the gravel (\$425.00) and fencing (\$1000.00), but to shelf the larger irrigation project (\$4000) for the next meeting. All league members present voted unanimously in favor of both projects (gravel and fencing) and agreed that while the irrigation project is necessary – it will be shelved for vote until next meeting.

Township:

Clark's Appliances agreed to put up a speaker system at Township, with the assistance of a pole from *All Type Fence*. While we didn't get to the project this year, it is on top priority for next season.

Brian confirmed that the Township snack bar is all cleaned out. He will double check with snack bar coordinators to ensure this was completed.

To-Do List:

- ✓ “Sprinkler box” type outlets for Township fields (like the ones at Earl Township fields)
- ✓ York rake for the Kabota – Tony looking into
- ✓ Tarps for the mounds

Old Business:

DBYS hosting the following upcoming baseball tournaments:

- **July 9th – 9U Districts**
- **July 16th – 10U States**

9U Coach Ben Marchese said he has all of his volunteers ready to go for the District Tournament – was just concerned that the snack bar needed to be stocked. Brian DeMild assured Ben that it will be stocked for the weekend.

10U Coach Chuck Schilling said he has his parents ready to provide coverage for their State tournament as well. Brian DeMild offered to contact Butch at Boyer's Market and ask for his grill, cooler truck and deep fryer. All league members agreed that with 20 games being played for States, it's a great opportunity to sell as many items at the snack bar as possible to increase revenue.

Dean is picking up trophies for Districts tomorrow – Wednesday, July 7th from sponsor *Winner's Circle Awards*.

Camille will schedule singers for the National Anthem.

New Business:

Rec League games are completed.

Dean asked for feedback on the season – the following was provided:

- Brian DeMild – need better scheduling of games; too many gaps between games – and no field availability for practices in between long down time periods.
- Chuck Schilling – not enough games; need to schedule more for each team. Chuck said he had 12-13 games scheduled, but only got in 10 because of the weather – then lost folks to vacations.

Equipment return: for all Majors and Minors coaches – Tuesday, August 10th – 5:30 to 7:00 PM – Hill Road.

DBYS/BYS Merger Update:

Brian DeMild reported that the Steering Committee is making progress. At their meeting on Sunday, June 27th – board members from BYB agreed that DBYS is clearly a much larger organization and that perhaps rather than creating a new board in October – all board members just join forces – with the DBYS President at the helm.

Brian also reported that BYB members wanted to poll their families to get feedback on how they viewed the merger. They felt doing so would silence the loud minority and allow a voice for the silent majority. John Piccarreta and Matt Huddleson suggested that the polling be completed on-line. John and Matt will look into for Brian and give some feedback on creating the on-line poll.

Rules Change Suggestions:

Based on a bi-law change approved in January 2010, rule change suggestions would now be accepted in June/July. The following rule change suggestions were presented at the July meeting:

- ✓ Camille Hayes – suggested that players called up to a higher league can play all positions for the team, except pitcher.
- ✓ Camille Hayes – suggested a rotation rule for Minors and Majors. The rotation rule would state that – other than the pitcher – no player may play the same position for more than two *consecutive* innings.
- ✓ Brian Miller – suggested that our rules designate a specific start and end of season date so that parents can adequately plan for the season.
- ✓ Matt Huddleson – suggested changing the length of rookie games to not exceed 90 minutes.
- ✓ Camille Hayes reiterated what Dave Guadagno has continuously said – all rules must include consequences for when they are not followed.

We will continue to accept rule change suggestions at the August meeting – at which time they will be voted on as well.

Fall Baseball and Softball

We want to continue with on-line registration, but all agreed we need one website, not two. John and Matt agreed to work together to find one website for both baseball and softball to use together. Once the website is up and running – we will begin on-line registration for Fall Ball. Other important details regarding Fall Ball:

- ✓ Fall Ball is defined as an instructional league, with some travel required. Practices will be no more than 1-2 nights per week with games on weekends. The season will begin shortly after Labor Day and run through the end of October.
- ✓ Fall Baseball – for kids 8-years of age and older. Players must be eligible to play Minors (8-10 years old) or Majors (10-12 years old) in the Spring of 2011. Number of teams for each division will be based on the number of players registered.
- ✓ Fall Softball – 10U and 12U Divisions. Number of teams for each division will be based on the number of players registered. Matt asked if girls from Oley, Fleetwood and other local areas that don't have Fall Ball programs could play with us – all agreed this is a great opportunity for all.

- ✓ Walk-in registration date is set for August 10th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, under the Hill Road pavilion.

Camille will communicate via league notice.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, August 10th, – 7:00 PM – Hill Road Pavilion.