

**DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

The January 2012 DBYS monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, January 10th, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the cafeteria of the Amity Primary Center (APC). DBYS Board members present included: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, Camille Hayes, Brian DeMild, John Piccarreta and Matt Huddleson.*

League members also in attendance included: *Bob Brown, Mike Bishop, Tom Beck, Steve Williams, Greg Whelan, Ron Tindall, Nan Tindall, Brian Miller, Randall Yenser, Michael Pence, Lori Pence, Jay Hall, Dan Brown, Brooke Hornberger, Shaun Hornberger, Todd Maclaren, Brian Kazmorck, John Scherzer, Steve Criblear, Scott Woomer, John DeFusco, Jeff Goodrich, Tom Cote, Jeff Conkle, Karl Degenhart, Tom Gatz, Jeffrey Winters (and four additional members whose signatures on the registration sheet were illegible).*

**Call To Order:** President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. During the approval of the meeting agenda, Lori Pence requested that a review of the Tournament Team Selection Process be added as an item to the agenda. Her request was approved and a review of the Tournament Team Selection Process was added, under New Business, to the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting agenda.

**Secretary's Report:** The reading of the December 2011 meeting minutes were 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](http://www.dbys.org).

**President's Report:** Dean is currently working on 2012 equipment needs. He asked that anyone with input on items needed please let him know as soon as possible.

**Vice President's Report:** Ben announced the reported host teams for the 2012 Cal Ripken NW Baseball State Tournaments:

- 8U: Spring-Ford
- 9U: East Brandywine
- 10U: Spring-Ford
- 11U: Audubon
- 12U (50/70): Phoenixville

While DBYS will not be hosting any State Tournaments in 2012, we will host the following baseball tournaments:

- June 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: 9U, 11U and 12U Districts (Hill Road – all three fields to be used)
- June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual DBYS Invitational (to include 8U, 9U and 10U teams)

**Treasurer's Report:**

Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (*as of December 31st, 2011*):

Checking Account:	\$ 9,496.05
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,967.60
Petty Cash:	\$ 500.00
<b>Total Bank Acct Bal:</b>	<b>\$ 16,963.65</b>

Brian announced that email notices were sent to all folks with outstanding registration balances from 2011. He added that folks with unpaid balances from 2011 (Spring or Fall) would not be able to register their player/players for the 2012 season without making full payment of any outstanding balances.

Brian thanked Steve Williams for his assistance in submitting a grant application to Exelon for funding to DBYS capital improvement projects. We will also be reaching out to JP Mascaro again this year. Steve Williams suggested contacting Wawa – the hub of our Douglassville business center. Camille offered to reach out to Wawa on behalf of DBYS.

Brian also recognized and thanked Tim Buchert and Fresh Metered Concrete. Tim donated \$1,000 towards concrete for the 3<sup>rd</sup> field dugout pads. Without Tim's generosity, the cost of the project would have been well over \$3,000.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Steve Williams. Greg Whelan seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

**Softball Director's Report: SOFTBALL**

On behalf of Softball Director Matt Huddleson (who was called away from the meeting for a brief moment), Camille Hayes reported that our Softball program now consists of four travel teams: 8U, 10U, 12U and 14U. Indoor workouts for all four teams began the first week in January at Pheasantland Rollerdom, and will run through the end of February/ beginning of March (depending on the weather). Each team consists of 11-12 players who will no longer play recreation league softball.

The following tentative dates have been set for the Inferno's first round of 2012 tournaments:

- April 28<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>: 12U and 14U Tournament
- May 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>: 8U and 10U Tournament

Tournament locations are yet to be determined.

**Logistics Report:**

John reported that on-line registration will remain open until January 31<sup>st</sup>. He reported that registration is a bit low, but that as usual, we expect to see an influx as the closing date draws near.

**League Rep Report:**

Lisa Miller was not in attendance during this segment of the meeting. There were no updates to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:****Sponsorships:**

Camille is working with a team of volunteers to secure sponsors for the 2012 season. Dean thanked Tom Gatz for his assistance in reaching out to sponsors on behalf of DBYS. He asked that anyone able to secure a sponsorship please reach out on behalf of DBYS.

**Fields and Equipment:****HILL ROAD:**

Thanks to Rob Kurtz and Solid Rock Landscaping, construction of the Hill Road 3<sup>rd</sup> field dugouts is underway. Weather permitting; the dugouts should be completed within a few weeks. The grant money received from ViroPharma (thank you Kazmorck family) will be used toward the new dugouts. Rob and his team from Solid Rock Landscaping will also be spreading new infield dirt on each of the fields at Hill Road. We will ask Rob to level the 3<sup>rd</sup> field and start from scratch in prepping it for the upcoming season.

New nets are being ordered for the batting cages at Hill Road. We'll also be adding some type of playground mulch to the cage floors to help the life expectancy of our baseballs. It was also suggested to frame the cages with railroad ties to keep the nets held down and the mulch in place.

We've reach out to Norm from Amity Electric who offered to replace the five (5) non-working bulbs in the overhead pole lights. Norm committed to completing this task before the start of the Spring season.

**TOWNSHIP:**

Rob Kurtz and his team from Solid Rock Landscaping will also spread new infield dirt on our Township fields.

**LAKE DRIVE:**

We are currently reviewing the costs/needs for new batting cages at Lake Drive. Matt is working with the Board on his proposal for these needs.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Dean reiterated that registration for the 2012 season will close as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012. He advised that on-line notices regarding registration have been sent, and flyers were sent home from our DB and ICA schools. He asked that everyone continue to remind folks of registration and spread the word via word of mouth.

Michael Pence mentioned he felt Rookie players should receive more for the cost of their registration. He suggested providing fitted hats to Rookie players (in addition to Minors and Majors). Nan Tindall also added that the increase in registration fees may be the reason for the lower registration numbers. She suggested folks may be looking to play where the costs to play are more affordable.

Treasurer Brian DeMild explained that with rising costs in dirt, uniforms, equipments, umpire fees, etc., and to adequately prepare for future capital expense improvements – it was necessary to increase fees. He reminded everyone that this was the first increase in several years. He also stressed that we eliminated the mandatory buyout fee and just rolled that into the per player registration fee; making the increase appear to be more than it really is. He stated that even with the increase, our fees are still on par or lower than most other nearby Cal Ripken affiliated organizations.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **By-Law Committee:**

Brian DeMild announced the Board's plans to create an Ad-Hoc By-Law Committee, formed by various members of the organization, responsible for improving and strengthening our current DBYS by-laws. Brian advised that our current by-laws are not meeting certain legal requirements and are also non-compliant to the standards set for non-profit organizations. Board members Brian DeMild and Matt Huddleson will oversee and provide guidance to the committee. Suggested committee members will be contacted by the Board shortly with hopes to begin work on the new by-laws as soon as possible.

#### **2012 Picture Proposal:**

Eric Rhoades, from Eric Rhoades Photography was approved by the Board to oversee photography for the 2012 Spring season.

#### **2012 TT Coaches:**

Nominations were accepted for our 2012 Baseball Tournament Team Head Coaches. The following coaches were nominated:

- 8U: Shaun Hornberger, nominated by Camille Hayes – Shaun asked for time to consider the nomination before accepting.
- 9U: Randall Yenser, nominated by Dan Brown – Randall accepted the nomination.
- 10U: Trey Detwiler, nominated by John DeFusco – Trey was not in attendance to accept the nomination at this time.
- 11U: Steve Williams, nominated by Brian DeMild – Steve accepted the nomination
- 12U: Ben Marchese, nominated by Karl Degenhart – Ben accepted the nomination.

Nominations will also be accepted via email to [danielbooneyouthsports@gmail.com](mailto:danielbooneyouthsports@gmail.com) and at our February meeting. If only one coach is nominated for his/her age group, that coach will be confirmed as Head Coach, by the Board, at the February meeting. Should there be more than one coach nominated in any age group,

according to Article IV, Section 4 of our current by-laws, the Head Coach will be selected by the Board and announced at a later date (within a week of the ending nomination process).

Greg Whelan asked if the Board had plans to support “B-level” tournament teams again this season. Dean and Ben communicated that as long as enough players attend tournament team tryouts for a specific age group to warrant a “B” team, then a “B” team will be created in that age group. It was made clear that all players were required to attend tournament team tryouts for the “A” squad in order to be considered for the “B” squad. There will only be a “B” team in an age group where enough players attend “A” team try-outs to fill two or more squads. Players who do not try-out for the “A” team are not eligible for a “B” team. *For example: If only 15 players attend 10U Tournament Team tryouts; there will be no “B” team. If 25 players attend 10U Tournament Team tryouts; a 10UB team will be approved as long as a Coach volunteers for the role and enough players who attended A team tryouts, agree to play for the “B” team.*

Randall Yenser asked if “B” team Head Coaches could be nominated this evening as well. Dean advised that we would not nominate “B” team coaches until we know we have enough players at each team’s tryouts to constitute a “B” team in that age group.

Ben advised that Rec League Head coaches would be announced at our February meeting. Head coaches will play an active role in the upcoming evaluation and team selection process.

Shaun Hornberger asked if we could offer separate evaluations for players with “flex” ages to determine if they should move up to the next division or not. He felt many kids were moving up without mastering the skills necessary to move up to the next level. The Board suggested that coaches and Commissioners watch for “bubble-aged” players during the evaluations and if they see someone in a division they should not be playing in, to let us know so parents can be contacted and the player will be asked to move back down to the appropriate league.

**\*TT Selection Process  
Review:**

Lori Pence asked the Board to consider changing the current age criteria for playing tournament baseball. While our current rule states that players must play their “tournament age” using April 30th as the cut-off date; Lori suggested extending the age cut-off date to August 31st, in order to allow players with summer birthdays to play up with their friends and possible prior years’ teammates.

Camille explained the rationale in using the 4/30 date is that it helps strengthen our teams by having those older and more experienced players (those with summer birthdays) stay within their age groups and that doing so is the reason DBYS is so competitive during tournament play.

When asked why the rule does not pertain to 11s and 12s, members were reminded that with the Diamond League and other area organizations taking many of our 12U players – we had no choice but to combine 11s and 12s to create the most competitive 12U team.

After a healthy debate on the topic by several league members, Dean asked Lori to send her proposal for the Board to review. Lori agreed to do so.

**Background Checks:**

While not yet required by Cal Ripken, DBYS will require all Coaches (Head and Assistance) to complete a background check before the start of the 2012 season. More details will be provided on this once we determine what company we will use to oversee the background checks.

**Volunteers Needed:**

In addition to Commissioners for each division, we also need dependable volunteers in the following roles:

- Snack Bar Director
- Snack Bar Site Coordinators
- Field Director
- Field Site Coordinators

Volunteers for these and other roles will be accepted at the February meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

On a motion by Karl Degenhart and a second by Greg Whelan, President Dean Dinnocenti adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM – Keystone Villas.

*\*Item added based on a request by Lori Pence during the approval of the agenda process.*