

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
December 13th, 2011

The 2011 DBYS December monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, December 13th, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM, at the Keystone Villas. DBYS Board members present included: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, Camille Hayes, and Matt Huddleson.*

League members/guests also in attendance included: *Brian Kazmorck, Jay Hall, Eric Rhoades, Steve Williams, Randall Yenser, Eric Detwiler, Brian Cushwa, John Scherzer, Brian Miller, Jeff Goodrich and Shawn Hornberger.*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Secretary's Report: The reading of the November 2011 meeting minutes were waived based on a motion from Dean Dinnocenti and a second of that motion from Randall Yenser. All meeting minutes are posted on our website: www.dbys.org.

President's Report: With the exception of a few being held by returning coaches, almost all equipment bags have been returned (45 baseball, 18 softball). Dean reported that plenty of new equipment was ordered over the past season and that all equipment bags should have up-to-date and gently used equipment for the teams to use in the season ahead.

Vice President's Report: Ben reported that the schedule for the 2012 States was announced at a recent Cal Ripken meeting. For the first in many years, DBYS will not host a State Tournament. The 2012 NW State Tournament host teams include:

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

Ben mentioned that while it was disappointing to not be hosting any State Tournaments this year, we will request to host Districts. We will also host one or two Invitationals throughout the season and will begin planning for those; including setting dates as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report: In Treasurer Brian DeMild's absence, President Dean Dinnocenti presented the following Treasurer's report (*as of November 30th, 2011*):

Checking Account:	\$ 2,951.74
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,967.60
Petty Cash:	\$ 500.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 10,419.34

Dean reminded everyone of the increase in registration fees for the 2012 season and asked that coaches be an advocate on the importance if they hear complaints from parents. Dean reiterated that the increase in fees will go directly to new equipment costs, uniforms, field up-keep and future capital expense projects.

Dean and Brian are still working on submitting requests for grants from businesses such as Exelon and Mascaro. Dean requested that all our members reach out to local businesses to help secure sponsorships for the upcoming season.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Brian Cushwa. Jay Hall seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Softball Director's Report: SOFTBALL

Matt Huddleson reported that the 2nd Annual Pancake Breakfast with Santa was a huge success. Early numbers indicate that over 550 people enjoyed the breakfast, including 25 needy folks who were provided complimentary tickets. Matt's early numbers project a profit of close to \$2,400. In addition to the money raised, Matt mentioned that over a ton of food was collected by the four Inferno softball teams and donated to the food bank at St. Paul's UCC Church. The food bank supplies food to local, needy families.

Matt also reported that the Inferno Softball teams will be using Pheasantland indoor Roller Rink as our practice facility beginning the first Saturday in January and running through each Saturday until sometime in February or March. Matt is also in talks with Longstreth to work out arrangements for indoor batting cage time since Pheasantland will not allow hitting in their facilities.

Matt added that since we've secured MS fields 41, 42 and 47 from March 2012 to August 2012 (except for a one or two weekends in July due to Berkshire Baseball tournaments), he plans on working with other organizations or the school to add shelves to the shed, located behind the Township Concession stand. He wants to make sure necessary equipment (rakes, liner, tees, etc.) are on the premises so that coaches with teams playing there to not have to bring it over from other fields.

Logistics Report:

While John Piccarreta was not in attendance at the meeting, Dean reported that thanks to John, on-line registration is open. Registration for the 2012 season can be completed by accessing our website: www.dbys.org. Registration for the 2012 season will remain open until January 31st, 2012.

League Rep Report:

Lisa Miller was not in attendance. There were no updates to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Fundraising:

Dean offered a special thank you again to ViroPharma, who approved us for a \$2,000 grant. Dean will be sure ViroPharma is recognized on Opening Day for their generosity.

Sponsorships:

We will begin reaching out to sponsors for the upcoming season. If anyone has any leads or knows of anyone who can assist us, please be sure to reach out on our behalf. Sponsorships are a terrific way to keep the costs of the program down and to add Community support to our organization.

Fields and Equipment:

HILL ROAD:

Rob Kurtz from Solid Rock Landscaping has begun construction on the dugouts for our 3rd field. Weather permitting; the dugouts should be completed within a few weeks. The grant money received from ViroPharma will be used toward the new dugouts.

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 suggested that we contact Wanner's or another local landscaping business to see if they would be willing to donate or discount the cost of the mulch.

TOWNSHIP AND LAKE DRIVE:

Both fields have ruts that need to be fixed by the Township. Dean will make the appropriate contacts to have the ruts removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Registration:

Registration for the 2012 Spring season will open on-line on December 1st, 2011. On-line registration will remain open until January 31st, 2012. We will provide folks with one walk-in registration date: Tuesday, January 10th from 6:00-8:00 PM at APC (note change of location from AIC). Our January monthly meeting will begin promptly at the close of walk-in registration.

As mentioned during the Treasurer's report, in order to keep up with increasing costs associated to uniforms, field maintenance, equipment and capital expenses; we added an increase to our registration fees for the 2012 season. Any extra money collected via registration fees will be placed aside and used toward necessary future capital expenses as needed. Camille asked all members to support this increase and act as ambassadors of the league should they hear complaints.

2012 Picture Proposal:

Eric Rhoades, from Eric Rhoades Photography, presented members with a proposal and request to take over the individual and team picture initiative for the 2012 season. DBYS currently uses Youth Sports Photo, Inc, based out of Harrisburg, PA. Mr. Rhoades is a local business with a son who plays in the organization. He was provided the opportunity to handle pictures for Blazer Midget Football, Cheerleading, Lacrosse and Wrestling. He requested the same opportunity from DBYS; and offered state of the art photography, on-line proofing, picture re-takes and 25% return on all profits back to the organization. The DBYS Board accepted Mr. Rhoades proposal and will notify him of a decision in the near future.

3rd Field Irrigation Project:

Dean mentioned that his project is on-going and plans on still being worked out to make the 3rd field very playable for the upcoming 2012 Spring season. Engineers will be working on the field to alleviate the drainage problems (short term fix) and eventually will need to add a new drainage system within the next two years (good example of a capital expense item).

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, January 10th, 7:00 PM – Amity Primary Center.