

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
November 8th, 2011

The 2011 DBYS November monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, November 8th, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM, in the Community Room at the Keystone Villas. DBYS Board members present included: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, Camille Hayes, John Picaretta, Matt Huddleson and Brian DeMild.*

League members/guests also in attendance included: *Randall Yenser, Eric Detwiler, Brian Cushwa and Rob Kurtz.*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM.

Secretary's Report: The reading of the October 2011 meeting minutes were waived based on a motion from Brian Cushwa and a second of that motion from Eric Detwiler. All meeting minutes are posted on our website: www.dbys.org.

President's Report: Equipment returns are mostly complete, with a few bags still outstanding from Fall Ball coaches. Dean will contact those coaches and make arrangements for their equipment bags to be returned.

Vice President's Report: Ben reported that the Fall Ball season was very successful with the league having more teams (4 Minor League teams and 5 Major League teams) and more players participate than ever before. His estimate was that roughly 50% of our Spring baseball players now play Fall Ball as well.

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

Checking Account:	\$	(61.42)
Money Market Account:	\$	6,967.60
Petty Cash:	\$	500.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$	7,406.18

Brian reported that we are a running a negative balance in our checking account because of payments toward a few expenses related to capital expenses. We have a few checks that we will deposit to bring the balance out of the negative and will then rely on Spring Registration fees to get us through the season ahead. Brian suggested an increase in registration fees to cover additional capital expenses that will eventually need to be addressed within the next upcoming seasons. All agreed registration fees should include money to be used toward future improvements.

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

Softball Director's Report: **SOFTBALL**

Softball Director Matt Huddleson reminded everyone of the upcoming Pancake Breakfast fundraiser, scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd from 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Paul's United Church of Christ. Matt advised everyone that the Inferno teams led a food drive that enabled us to

contribute hundreds of pounds of food to St. Paul's pantry. The items collected will be passed along to needy local 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 was excited to announce that Softball has 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). Having all three fields secured should help alleviate many of the scheduling issues we experienced in the 2011 season.

Logistics Report:

Logistics Coordinator John Picaretta is getting our website ready for on-line registration. Our goal is to have registration open as of December 1st, 2011 and run through 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:

The Township approved our request to build dugouts for the 3rd field at Hill Road. Rob Kurtz from Solid Rock Landscaping will begin work on the dugouts within the month. 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.

Norm from Amity Electric will be replacing the five burned out bulbs in the lights at Hill Road. We are hoping to have this completed before winter.

Chris Murray from All-Type Fencing will be taking down the temporary fences currently at the 3rd field. We'll store the fencing in the shed at Township until next Spring.

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 AIC. Our January monthly meeting will begin promptly at the close of walk-in registration.

In order to keep up with increasing costs associated to uniforms, field maintenance, equipment and capital expenses; there will be an increase to our registration fees for the 2012 season. As Treasurer Brian DeMild suggested in his report, any extra money collected via registration fees will be placed aside and used toward necessary capital expenses as needed.

3rd Field Irrigation Project:

Brian updated everyone on our plans to ensure that the 3rd field at Hill Road is pitched properly and very playable for the upcoming 2012 Spring season. Brian reported that Engineers will be working on the field to alleviate the drainage problems and that, more than likely, the field will need a new drainage system within the next two years (good example of a capital expense item).

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, December 13th, 7:00 PM – Keystone Villas.