

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 21st, 2011

The 2011 DBYS June monthly meeting was held on Tuesday, June 21st, 2011, beginning at 8:00 PM, under the pavilion at our Hill Road field. DBYS Board members present included: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, Camille Hayes, Lisa Miller and Brian DeMild.*

League members/guests also in attendance included: *Justine Barrales, Tom Heffner, Chuck Schilling, Wayne Dotterweich, Dave Gaudagno, Lori Pence, John Scherzer, Brian Miller, Jay Hall, Dan Brown, Randy Yenser, Jim Stein and Brett Gelband.*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 8:14 PM.

Secretary's Report: Camille Hayes provided an overview of the May monthly meeting, which mostly center on dialog regarding the creation of the 9UB team. Camille pointed out that the 9UB team, which was overwhelmingly approved by the general members at the May meeting, won their first tournament – clearly validating that the right decision was made. The championship trophy won by the 9UB team was on display for the meeting.

President's Report: Dean Dinnocenti reminded everyone that we have a zero tolerance policy to our code of conduct and that our Board will uphold that zero tolerance policy. He asked league members to consider this and act accordingly to our code of conduct rules.

Vice President's Report: Ben Marchese congratulated the Minor League Red Sox for winning the 2011 Minor League Championship. He also announced that the 2011 Majors Championship game between the Cubs and the Yankees was scheduled to take place Wednesday evening, June 22nd at 7:15 PM at our main Hill Road field.

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

Checking Account:	\$ 34,799.03
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,980.63
Petty Cash:	\$ 1,171.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 42,950.66

Brian reported that we have a substantial increase from this same time period from last season and credited Saturday snack bar revenue for much of that increase.

Brian also reported that we officially purchased half of the snack bar trailer from BMF. We have plans to use the snack trailer during all of our upcoming tournaments hosted at our facilities.

Brian reminded coaches and parents of tournament team players to please pay their tournament dues on-line. For accounting and tracking purposes we will no longer accept cash or checks for payment.

The Treasurer's report was accepted on a motion from Brett Gelband. Randy Yenser seconded the motion and the report was accepted.

Softball Director's Report: Lisa Miller and Camille Hayes provided a Softball update on behalf of Softball Director Matt Huddleson who was out of town on business and unable to attend the meeting.

Lisa provided an overview of a softball meeting held last week to discuss the future of the DBYS softball program. She explained that unlike baseball, most softball programs have travel teams that do not play rec ball and only play in a travel league against other teams or in tournaments. Lisa advised that our DB softball program was considering pulling a travel team from each age group to follow this platform.

Camille added that in doing so, the rec league would remain intact, and allow for girls who remain to develop as well. She explained that the rec programs would be tweaked a bit to include rules more in line with competitive tournament play.

Logistics Report: John Piccarreta was not at the meeting to provide a report.

League Rep Report: Lisa Miller had no updates to report.

Committee Reports: **Fundraising:**

All WaWa tickets are at the Hill Road snack bar. They should be picked up by the end of the recreation season.

Sponsorships:

Camille thanked all our 2011 sponsors and reminded folks of the incredibly important role our sponsors play in our organization. She reminded everyone to please patronize our sponsors when in need of the services in which they specialize.

New Business: **8U/9U Invitational Tournament Update:**

Ben reported that we will have 22 teams participating our upcoming 8U/9U Invitational scheduled for Wednesday, July 6th – Sunday, July 10th. All teams are paid in full and Ben is providing Brian with over \$6,000 worth of checks for registration fees alone.

Ben thanked Justine and Luis Barrales, who have secured donations of large tents that will be used as dugout covers at our 3rd field during the tournament. Justine confirmed that the tents will be available for set up on Tuesday, July 5th as requested. Thank you Barrales family!

The snack bar trailer and the main snack bar will be used for the tournament. Ben and Brian will work with volunteers to adequately stock both snack bars and prepare for the large crowds.

Volunteers' sign-in sheets will soon circulate for the following necessary roles:

- Main Snack Bar
- Snack Trailer
- Field Crew
- Scoreboards
- Speed Pitch

Dan Brown asked Ben if we had plans to sell t-shirts and the tournament. Ben said we did not order t-shirts because it is not always a positive source of revenue. Most in attendance agreed it's a nice touch to hosting a tournament. By popular request, Ben agreed to contact local vendors to see if we had time to order tournament shirts to sell.

Dan also asked the Board to order additional porta-potties for the tournament (based on needs). Ben will ask Brian to handle.

10U State Tournament:

District 6 Commissioner Lori Pence reported that the schedule for the upcoming State Tournament, being hosted by DBYS and scheduled to begin with opening ceremonies on Friday, July 15th, is all set. We are just waiting to see which teams take which spots.

Camille will schedule National Anthem singers for Opening ceremonies of the State Tournament - as well as for the start of the Invitational.

Dave Gaudagno asked Dean to make sure that foul ball lines were painted on the outfield for the upcoming tournaments, particularly the State Tournament.

11U and 12U Districts:

Ben reported that the 11U and 12U District 6 Tournaments were being hosted simultaneously this upcoming weekend at our Hill Road fields. Ben confirmed that the schedule was complete and that only the main field at Hill Road would be used for the tournaments. Ben also said that the snack bar trailer would be used in addition to the main snack bar. He thanked the parent volunteers of both teams for organizing coverage for the tournament.

Tournament Team Updates:

12U Baseball (Update provided by Ben Marchese) – played four games in the 2011 Spring-Ford Summer Slam – went 1-3, but making major improvements and gaining great experience. They are headed to District 6 play this weekend - hosted by DBYS at our Hill Road fields.

12U Inferno Softball: (Update provided by Camille Hayes) – Girls are practicing all week as they prepare to hit the road to Princeton, NJ this weekend for play in the Hopewell Valley "17th Annual Bad Girls Classic"! With 24-teams (from the tri-state area) competing in their 12U division, the girls have their work cut out for them! The team is looking great and their coaches have them working hard.

11U Baseball (Update provided by Chuck Schilling) - Had a great Saturday in the Oley Baseball Tournament this weekend, tying their first game against Mifflin and beating Brandywine their second game. Their 1-0-1 record earned them the 3rd seed in the tournament. Boyertown ended their Sunday play. The 11s have Districts this upcoming week at Hill Road, with their first game scheduled for Friday evening at 6:00 PM!

10U Baseball: (Update provided by Ben Marchese) - Our 10s went 4-0 this weekend and earned a trip to Monday's Championship game in this year's Spring-Ford Summer Slam! They lost the championship game to Spring-Ford 6-3. The 10U team also has Districts this weekend and is headed to East Brandywine to defend their two-year District 6 Championship winning streak. Their first game is Saturday morning at 9:00 AM.

10U B Baseball: (Update provided by Brian DeMild) - Our 10U B team has been practicing and preparing all weekend as they begin league play tomorrow night on the Upper Hill Road field against Central Perk Valley. This is the first of ten league games for our 10U B team. Their next tournament is scheduled for the July 4th weekend in Spring-Ford.

10U Softball: (Update provided by Head Coach Wayne Dotterweich) - Our 10U gals have been practicing hard – working on new things such as bunting and stealing - for the past several weeks as they prepare for their 1st tournament in Drexel Hill this upcoming week.

9U Baseball (Update provided by Dean Dinnocenti) - went 3-0 in pool play defeating tournament favorite Warwick to advance to the semi-finals of the East Norriton tournament; lost to host team East Norriton who had their 9-year old pitcher throwing curve balls. Up next is the Upper Merion Tournament starting this Thursday where our 9s will face tough competition from Audubon, Whitpain, and Spring-Ford.

9U B Baseball: (Update provided by Head Coach Brett Gelband) - Finished in 1st Place to win the 2011 Harleysville Baseball Tournament this past weekend (the trophy was on display at the meeting). The 9U B boys are getting ready for their next big challenge - our very own 8U and 10U DBYS Classic - scheduled for the week of July 6th - 10th!

8U Baseball: (Update provided by Head Coach Randy Yenser) - Our 8U Baseball Team was in West Norriton this past week and went undefeated in pool play. They had a tough loss in Monday's game against Lower Gywnedd. They begin their Districts the week of June 22nd and then are playing in our 8U/9U DBYS Invitational the week of July 6th - 10th!

8U Softball: (Update provided by Head Coach Camille Hayes) - Our youngest DBYS tournament gals played in the Annual Gary Beal Softball Tournament hosted by Audubon this past weekend! They went 2-2 and proudly beat teams from Langhorne and Spring-Ford. They scrimmaged and beat Spring-Ford tonight and will then spend their upcoming week competing in the Drexel Hill tournament.

2012 Rule Change Suggestions:

League members in attendance suggested the following rule changes for the 2012 season:

Chuck Schilling: General Rule: *“No one under the age of 16-years of age is permitted to drive/ride the organization’s tractors/field equipment. No one under the age of 18-years of age is permitted to drive/ride the Kabota”.*

Brian DeMild: Brian originally suggested a change to implement a must slide rule, but later retracted his suggestion to keep our current “no contact” rule in compliance with the Cal Ripken “no contact” rule.

Dan Brown: Minors, Rookie and T-ball: *“When enough players are available for both teams to do so, each team will be allowed to field four outfielders each inning.”*

Ben Marchese: General Rule: *“All teams will have a maximum of 12-players per team and once all teams in a division reaches that player maximum, that division will close to all additional/late registrations.”*

Tom Heffner: Majors and Minors: Edit the current play-off seeding rule to read: *“Play-off seeding will be determined by a random drawing, **with no regard to a team’s record**, with a representative from every team present. Lottery to take place at the May monthly meeting or closest possible day after the meeting.”*

Chuck Schilling and Brian Miller: General Rule: Revamp the ordering and categorization of some of the rules to make better sense. For example, remove “no smoking” and “no dogs allowed” from Player Information sections of rules. Also, make general rules consistent for all divisions.

Brian DeMild: Minors Rule: Change the current rule which states: *“If the catcher or pitcher attempts to make a play on a runner off of his base, the runner may advance on an overthrow or misplayed ball. The runner may advance only as far as 3rd base. However, on the pick-off throw, the runner must attempt to return to the base he occupied and may not advance until after the overthrow or misplayed ball occurs.”* – to read *“If the catcher or pitcher attempts to make a play on a runner off of his base, the runner may advance on an overthrow or misplayed ball. The runner may advance only as far as 3rd base. **However, if there is an active attempt to throw a runner out at 2nd base while third base is occupied, and the ball is overthrown to the outfield, the runner at 3rd base may advance to home. The runner at 2nd base may only advance as far as third.** On all pick-off throws, the runner must attempt to return to the base he occupied and may not advance until after the overthrow or misplayed ball occurs.”*

Jay Hall: Add the current Majors and Minor rule to Rookie: *“Any team that does not have 8 players on the field fifteen minutes after the scheduled start of the game shall forfeit the game.”*

Brian DeMild: Minors: Amend the current pitch count rules to allow for pitchers to finish a batter with no penalty for throwing a few pitches over the set pitch limit. Brian to provide the wording based on the criteria for this rule as written by Greg Whelan.

The July meeting will also be open for rule change suggestions. All June and July rule change suggestions will be voted on (accepted or declined) by our league members in attendance at our July meeting.

With no other rule change suggestions made, Dean made a motion to close the meeting at 10:36 PM. Camille seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 12th, 8:00 PM – Hill Road Pavilion