

DBYS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 16th, 2011

The 2011 DBYS March monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 16th, 2011, beginning at 7:00 PM, in the Community Room of the Villas at Morlatton. All DBYS Board members were present and include: *Dean Dinnocenti, Ben Marchese, John Piccarreta, Camille Hayes, Lisa Miller, Brian DeMild and Matt Huddleson.*

League members/guests also in attendance included: *Matt Grosser, Kim Grosser, Todd MacLaren, Lori Pence, Mike Pence, Terry Johns, Dave Guadagno, Tom Galm, Steve Miller, Wayne Dotterweich, Bob Bridegam, Randall Yenser, Dan Brown, John DeFusco, Greg Whelan, Brian Linsenbigler, John Scherzer, David Bartman, Tom Cote, Brian Kazmorck, Emilia Miller, Chris Weller, Tom Gatz, Steve Garman, Shawn Hornberger, Ron Henderson, Dave Will, Steve Williams, Jim Stein, Mike Andre, Steve Criblear, Luis Barrales, Justine Barrales, Matt DePaul, Brian Miller, Tony Tucci and Tom Beck (Several others were in attendance at the meeting and either did not sign-in or the handwriting on the sign-in sheet was illegible.)*

Call To Order: President Dean Dinnocenti called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

Secretary's Report: Wayne Dotterweich made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 2011 meeting. Brian Linsenbigler seconded the motion. All meeting minutes can be found online at: www.DBYS.org.

President's Report: Dean Dinnocenti reported that based on the needs of our growing organization, he attended a meeting with representatives from Union Township regarding usage of the Union Township fields. He explained that representatives from BYS were also in attendance, attempting to secure the same field space. Dean formally requested the fields for DBYS for a minimal of four (4) nights per week and weekends. The Union Township Board will be reviewing the request and draft a proposal for terms of field usage – if any is approved and provided.

As a resident of Union Township, Tom Gatz offered to assist with the process of securing the Union Township fields for DBYS usage.

Field Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 2nd, beginning at 9:00 AM. We need as many volunteers as possible. All coaches and parents should report to their respective fields to lend a hand.

Dean also reported that, as early as Field Clean Up Day, we'll begin working to correct the drainage issue at the Hill Road 3rd Field. With the help of the township, we secured the permits necessary to put in a french-drain that should help alleviate many of the water problems. Dean will work with the Township Manager and an Engineer associated to the Township, to have the work completed as soon as possible.

All equipment for the season is now ordered. Once the equipment is in, Dean and Matt will call upon all the Commissioners to help put together bags for distribution to the coaches.

All tractors have either been serviced or are currently being serviced. Tractors are in the shed at Hill Road, others will be dropped off at Lake and Township after they are serviced. Dean reminded coaches to please check the oil and take care of the tractors.

Vice President's Report:

Ben Marchese reported that the Majors' and Minors' baseball drafts are now completed and that all seemed to go well. He thanked the Commissioners of each division for over-seeing the evaluation and draft processes. Rookie evaluations are this upcoming weekend, Saturday, March 19th at BEC. The Rookie draft is scheduled for Sunday, March 20th at 3:00 PM.

Ben advised that our uniform order for baseball was placed with Schuylkill Valley Sports and all baseball players will receive a t-shirt (with the MLB logo on the front: and the sponsor name and player number on the back), socks, and a hat to match the t-shirt. Once uniforms are in, Ben will work with Commissioners to distribute to coaches.

Tentative practice and game schedules are complete for Majors and Minors. Each team will be scheduled weekly for the following: a weeknight practice time, a weekend practice time and scheduled batting cage time. Jeff Goodrich will send out the schedule to all coaches.

Ben provided updates regarding tournament teams, reporting a good interest in all age-divisions. While no formal evaluation dates are set just yet, Ben advised that tournament team coaches will begin Sunday workouts for interested players.

Ben also advised that if there are enough interested 9-10 year-old players, we have the approval for a "B" team. Greg Whelan is interested in pulling this team together and is looking into a league designed specifically for "B" teams.

Treasurer's Report:

Brian DeMild presented the following Treasurer's report (*as of February 28th, 2011*)

Checking Account:	\$ 59,299.34
Money Market Account:	\$ 6,978.33
Petty Cash:	\$ 312.00
Total Bank Acct Bal:	\$ 66,589.67

Brian reported that we are currently trending ahead of budget. He also added that he is drafting grant letters that will be sent to both Exelon and JP Mascaro in the next few days. The grant letters contain requests for corporate-assisted community funds for the 3rd Field irrigation project, as well as other important field improvement projects.

Tom Cote made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. John DeFusco seconded the motion and the Treasurer's report was accepted by the general membership.

Softball Director's Report: BUDDY BALL:

Matt Huddleson reminded everyone that our annual Buddy Ball Ice Cream Social, for all players and Buddies, is scheduled for Sunday, April 10th at St. Paul's UCC Church.

Matt also announced that Buddy Ball will play the inaugural game on Opening Day. The game is slated for Saturday, April 16th, 7:00 PM, under the lights at the Hill Road main field. He encouraged all to come out and cheer on the players.

SOFTBALL:

With softball continuing to grow at all age-divisions, field space has been a big issue. We are hoping to secure permanent usage of either the MS fields or those at Union Township. Currently, softball practices and games are spread across fields at the MS, the Township fields and Lake Drive. We are hoping to eventually find one set of fields that will be used solely for softball.

Matt also reported that there is a mandatory Commissioner/Coaches meeting in Leesport on Thursday for all teams rostered in the Berks League this season. Like all organizations, DBYS will be fined \$50.00 for each team not represented by a coach or parent at the meeting.

April's Berks meeting is also mandatory, as schedules will be finalized. Once schedules are finalized, there is a \$50.00 game change fee. Matt advised that all 10U and 12U Coaches and Commissioners must attend this meeting.

The 12U Inferno Travel Softball team is scheduled for their first tournament. The girls will travel to Stonersville the weekend of April 2nd and 3rd.

Matt reminded everyone to mark their calendars for Friday, May 13th, which is the date of the **1st Annual DBYS Golf Outing/Tournament** – to be held at Arrowhead Golf Course in Douglassville. An informational flyer regarding the event is now posted to our website: www.dbys.org.

Logistics Report:

John Piccarreta reminded all coaches that they are responsible for the management and information on their own team websites. He also reminded folks that any updates (new emails, additional emails, etc.) to their personal parent or player record is to be completed by the individual themselves by simply logging on to the website and editing/adding the information.

League Rep Report:

Lisa Miller reported that she will be representing DBYS at the next Berks meeting, scheduled for tomorrow evening, Thursday, March 17th, in Leesport at 7:00 PM.

Committee Reports:

Fundraising:

For those who purchased the WaWa hoagie tickets as their fundraising option, the tickets will be available for pick-up at the Hill Road snack bar on Opening Day.

Sponsorships:

Camille Hayes reported that about 90% of our teams currently have the confirmed support of a sponsor. We have 20+ pending confirmations and should have no problem reaching our sponsorship goal by our deadline next week.

Fields:

Dean discussed the following specific field needs:

- **Lake** – new batting cages are a top priority for Spring 2011
- **Hill** – dugout covers need to go back on at the 3rd field; permanent covers are needed. Dirt bins in left field need to be cleaned out before the new season begins.
- **Township** – speaker and pole system to be installed by Spring, thanks to *All Type Fence* and *Clark's Appliances*.

Field Clean Up Days/Volunteering: Dean asked for everyone to please try to come lend a hand on days when we call for assistance at the fields.

New Business:

Spring 2011 Registration:

While registration for the Spring 2011 season closed as of 2/14/2011, we had an influx of late registrations. Members of the Board agreed to not turn players away. As long as there is enough room in a specific division to add new players, we will accept late registrations. Once all teams in a specific division hit capacity, no new players will be accepted for that division. This information is posted on the website.

Opening Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 16th. All coaches and players should report to Hill Road by 9:30 AM. We have fun events and exciting things planned, we just need volunteers to make it all happen.

The Board requested that each coach provide the names and email addresses of two parent volunteers who will be scheduled to assist on Opening Day (snack bar, moonbounce, speed pitch, etc.). A schedule of volunteers will be announced and posted to our website prior to Opening Day.

Opening Day is also Picture Day! Lisa Miller will communicate a picture schedule and a donation list for all to follow. Please let Lisa know if your team's scheduled time does not work for you.

With no additional questions or concerns raised by league members, Dean Dinnocenti adjourned the meeting at 8:42 PM on a motion from Tom Cote and a second by Camille Hayes.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 12th, 8:00 PM – Villas at Morlatton