

**DBYS Meeting Minutes**  
**April 14, 2013**  
**7:00 pm @ St. Paul's Lutheran Church**

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1. **Meeting call to order** - called to order- 7:07 -

2. **Approval of the Agenda- Motion Camile- Simon second**

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3. **Officers' Reports**

a. Secretary's Report (Randy Yenser) Motion By Camile to waved second by Eric D.

1. All updates on our website – [www.dbys.org](http://www.dbys.org)

2. Reading of the March's meeting minutes.-

b. President's Report (Brian DeMild)-

c. Vice President's Report (Dan Brown) - uniforms are on track – all sponsors – if you need any eq. replaced please see Dan Brown.

d. Treasurer's Report Greg Whelan

1. Financial Summary as of 3/30/13

a. Checking Account: -\$59,295.43

b. Petty Cash: \$700

c. Total: \$59,995.43- Close to even inflow and outflow- payed yearly insurance- starting to pay tournament fees- no eq.- ump's or shirts yet. Inferno \$ 9,075-- Buddy-- \$3,026– motion – Ken D.- 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay

e. Softball Director's Report (Wayne Dotterweich)

1. 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual DB Inferno May Day Tournaments

a. 10U and 12U- April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>-

b. 8U and 14U- May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>-- High School to play- 8U proposing 1 day Sunday Tournament. Need to have baseball and softball work together to run tournaments and help support volunteer help

2. 5k Fundraiser tentatively June 1<sup>st</sup>

3. Phillie Softball Celebration- 5/18—Rec team s start seasons- 8U rec will know schedule this week. Do have some outside 8u rec teams coming to play. Uniforms ???

f. Logistics Coordinator's Report (John Piccarreta)

1. Game schedule loaded and going live

g. League Representative's Report (Lori Pence)- opening day- Spirit wear order of \$2300 – Softball orders due the 20<sup>th</sup>- Baseball – Picture schedule set and on web- donation list sent soon

h. Buddy Ball Report ( Traci Huddleson)

1. Picture Day April 28<sup>th</sup>- Clinic

2. Opening Day Game- 33 players need use of second field. Todd M/- set-up schedule for set-up. Looking for speaker system. Have 95 players / volunteers.

3. Looking for teams to volunteer to set-up the fields or weekly games if interested contact Traci H.

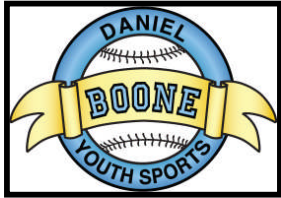
1. **Old Business**

a. Outstanding Members Balances

1. 12U Tournament Team & others

b. 2013 Calendar of events:

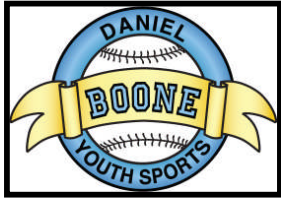
1. Opening Day will be Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>



2. Picture Day April 21st – High School – 1-4pm-Schedule post on webpage
- c. Coaches, assistant coaches and volunteers completing background checks- last check coming this week.
  - d. Sponsorship – have all locked in. Rick Moatz- spoke regarding his relationship with our league and what he and his facilities can do for our league
  - e. Implementation of Butch Boyer Volunteer Award
  - f. Spiritwear report
  - g. Field clean-up report- we survive on volunteers- have more families coming out to help on designated days. Township- will be skinning this week. Jay – Todd- Wayne – Jim for all the work and effort
  - h. Equipment order/ replacement
  - i. GearJammers night- May 18<sup>th</sup>- Pork and Beer- Adult social – free band- dunk tank
  - j. All About Floors Night @ the Reading Phillies- April 26<sup>th</sup>- more info to come- must pick up at locations

#### **4. New Business:**

- a. 8U eligibility- Moved to President’s report. – One player – Brian commented on a series of e-mails and communication that are going on regarding the board and the topic of this players eligibility. Reported DBYS is blocking a player from playing for our organization. President taking stance that we have to follow the rules at the Local, State and National level. Question regarding loop holes that we could make this occur, or past cases where players have crossed boundaries were discussed. In past we were called to the carpet and had a ruling from Cal Ripkin. Players have returned to other organizations. Also when our league moved and played in Berks – when this happened we gave up our territory for Cal Ripken. We then two years later returned to Tri-county. Got our territory back from Pine Forge. National Director was asked if the ruling of the two lower levels were appropriate. We risk that if this girl does play that we could lose our charter under Cal Ripkin.
- b. Chris Fontana- stood to speak. Asked what facts went to the regional, state and national level. Had 10 girls come out for the 8u program. Was approached by an outside family with a new player. Player Practiced and played with the team. Cited a past player that left DBYS- and Played for Pine Forge. Did not have a team in Pine Forge to play with. Cited Babe Ruth rules that if Pine Forge is ok and we are ok they are allowed to play for other organization. Family was told that Pine Forge would not have a team. Stated that girl is now a part of this team. Restated that we accepted their money to register here in DBYS. BRIAN DEMILD- responded- not our job to police the local leagues.- Mentioned past family- that left for PF- we had the choice to have them disqualified from the tournament. Past Pres. Opted to not pursue. Camile brought up a past case as well. Brian spoke they do have an option to play true travel softball. Traci H.- Has it been discussed to sit down with other board to make this player eligible? Could they go play Berks league? –Brian D.- Have other options- --Lori P.- Fall does not have to follow same rules since – PF- does not have a fall league. Brian D.- Appeal was made to – Pine Forge has a program that is age appropriate so she should play there. Was appealed to State Commissioner, same ruling she must play for Pine Forge. We as a board have pursued this to try to get this player eligible. DB- Inferno has – Camiles team last year was the first to follow the state trail. --- CONCLUSION-Agreed to meet with PF- to try to gain eligibility of this player. We would take her if not in violation of CAL RIPKEN rules. Rob Connor at the national level has made the ruling. Mom stated PF wants her to play 10u in their organization. Parents want daughter to play 8U – Brian D.- willing to talk- to PF- Chris Fontana- promised that if we discuss with PF- that they will not bring a Lawsuit against DBYS- -----Lori P.- is a District



Rep. For Cal Ripken- geographic area is the limiting factor. Lori will go to Tri- County and explain situation . Final Verdict- we will reach out- ask to see if they are willing. Camile H- past player left to play 10u not 8u we as a board wanted her to play. Jen DEMild- are we risking our charter for the rest of the organization? We need to run the negotiations then check with Cal Ripken again for the blessing to ensure no consequences.

- c. Opening day – Rick Moatz- spoke- has a indoor Pottstown facility- and runs a summer camp at Hill. Will give discounts to DBYS groups for facilities and lessons. Coaches clinic done in the past. Willing to help with any need we have. Has camp flyers, he left- Described his facility- 2 cages – 60ft. with machines. 2 mound areas- area for 4 tees. Runs individual and group lessons – Jason McCord DHHS coach helps run the summer camp.

1. Opening Ceremony @ 9:30- Same format as last year. Every team will play an 1 hr. 15 minute game at Hill Rd. First game at 10am
2. Invited local township officials, Butch Boyer Family- hand out 1<sup>st</sup> ever award- plaque in snack bar and a trophy for the family.
3. Vendors- SVS, Rita's, JD Sports, Impressive Step Flip Flops, Temporary tattoo stand.
4. Trailer set-up
5. Coupon book distribution- Coaches will be given bags containing books to be distributed on opening day. Each family receives 2 books- \$15 – over \$500 in coupons in the book- keep both, sell one or both to get your money back.
6. Volunteers for Opening Day- Schedule to come- teams will have volunteer duty the hour prior to their game. Coaches will need to prep the field for the next teams coming on to play.
7. Reserved parking- we will have a section reserved for our invited guests, handicap and Buddy ball players. Please be respectful when parking in the neighborhood around Hill Rd fields. Buddy ball – come back to support- 6:30 game main field- great experience to come and see.
8. Game schedule is set-up and posted for each team playing. Every team will have a 1 hour and 15 minute block. Please use your time respectfully to ensure that your game is over on time to keep the schedule on time for the day.

- c. Mandatory coaches meeting – Commissioners will be contacting coaches regard time and date- Things to discuss: field clean-up/maintenance, game rules, pitching logs, umpire treatment, etc.- THURSDAY night 8pm. For major/minors. Uniform pick-up Thursday night????

- d. Snack bar coordinators:

1. Lake Drive- Miller, Fear, Pogosh-
2. Hill Rd- Scherzer
3. Township- Dieteman, Hughes

h. 1<sup>st</sup> nominations for board positions will occur at the May meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be at the June meeting. New officers will begin to “shadow” in July and take office in August.

1. Positions to be nominated: President, Secretary, and Logistics Coordinator.

**NEXT MEETING TO BE SUNDAY MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2013- 7PM –HILL ROAD**

Motion- Simon C.- 2<sup>nd</sup>- Brian.K.