



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.**  
**March 12, 2017**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Grafton VFW hall at 4:30 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** (in no particular order) Chris Miscuda, Jim Clark, Cara Babel, Bill Kulwicki, Bob Miscuda, Brian Willis, Jim Martin, Matt Thomas, David Elkins, Brian Seeley, Eric Maynard, Farmer Nixon, Dale Lowrie, Tricia McCarrick, Deb Tomasheski, Jeff Hensley, Joe Melendez. Excused from meeting: Tom Tomasheski, Kristen Stout, Dan Stout were all at the LC Hot Stove/Lorain-Medina OGSO umpire clinic.

**OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS: (present)**

President: Chris Miscuda

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Girl's Personnel Director: Excused

Concession Stand Director:

Vice President: Jim Clark

Secretary: Deb Tomasheski

Boys Personnel Director: Rhonda Mueller

Head Umpire: excused

**Trustees: (present)**

Joe Melendez, Jim Martin, Jeff Hensley, Farmer Nixon, Dale Lowrie. Kristen & Dan Stout were excused from this meeting.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary: Deb Frabotta**

Roll call was done. A sign in sheet was circulated and completed by those in attendance (noted above). A motion was made to suspend the reading of the Meeting Minutes by Bob Miscuda, Seconded by Adam Barnard. Motion passed. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes by Adam Barnard and Seconded by Tricia McCarrick. Motion passed.

**Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick**

Checking, Savings & Concession account balances were reported. A motion was made by Deb Tomasheski and Seconded by Tricia McCarrick to accept the report and approve payment of bills. Motion passed.

Tricia has been in contact with the accountant handling our audit, who advises that our by-laws need to be amended to reflect that; should Grafton Hot Stove fold as a whole, that the funds shall be donated to another charitable organization. Discussion ensued regarding keeping the funds in the community; and a suggestion of splitting the funds equally between Midview Local Schools Athletic Booster Boys Baseball and Girls Softball fund.

Tricia filed a motion to amend the by-laws to reflect that, "Should the Grafton Hot Stove organization cease to exist, all unencumbered balances be split equally between the Midview Local School Athletic Boosters Boys Baseball and Girls Softball funds." This motion was seconded by Jim Clark. All in attendance voted yay, zero voted nay. Motion carries.

**President: Chris Miscuda**

Creg Jantz has inquired about the scholarship and he was advised that it has been awarded. The Jantz family will be given the recipient's name & address to send a letter from the Jantz family.

Plaques have been ordered, unsure of delivery timeline. Milano Monuments, a local company, was contacted and offered to match price of out of state vendor. Milano has been a past sponsor of GHS and was awarded the contract.

Boy Scouts have confirmed painting the equipment trailer, benches and concession stand at Belden. Grafton Twp. did change their mind, they do want the stand painted. We will supply paint and supplies for trailer and dugouts. Grafton Twp. will supply for concession stand.

**Vice President: Jim Clark**

Jantz family has been given the organizations desired bench to be ordered. We will await further from the family.

### **Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski**

Numerous emails have been sent to begin background checks, concussion testing, hierarchy, contact information, code of conduct.

Players that did not play for Hot Stove or OGSO last year must sign a liability waiver or wait until April 1 to practice

Keep me informed of problems (amongst your team or other teams), injuries

Tournament bids voted awarded to with accompanying dates:

- Farm- North Ridgeville- June 24th
- County- Lagrange- July 19th
- District- Wellington- July 10-14
- State- Wellington- July 22, 23
  - Reason we did not get more consideration was the limits of 4 fields & 1 time slot

OGSO wants to make the state tourney a bigger deal- vendors. Any ideas or contacts please share

Ball orders, team fees & registrations due at March meeting, request for funds given to treasurer; treasurer issues checks for the required amounts.

Next County Meeting March 26, 2017, 7PM Wellington Town hall- Class VP will meet at 6pm for website training.

### **Boy's Personnel Director Report: Rhonda Mueller**

Roster and background checks for coaches are due at the next County meeting 3/19. Please get your back ground checks to me asap.

Registration Fees are due along with Rosters at county Meeting; funds requested; issued by the treasurer

- Farm/I \$230 per Team
- HH/H & GG/G \$250 per Team
- F \$345

Tournament Bids are due at the next meeting.

Early Bird Tournaments are being held in North Ridgeville & Medina the weekend of 4/29.

MANAGER MEETINGS -- MEETING MUST BE ATTENDED BY THE MANAGER You will get your schedule and go over rules and such at these meetings.

- Farm Minor 8:00
- HH/H 9:00
- I 10:30
- G/GG 11:30
- F 12:30

Umpire Clinics are wrapping up today.

Class information-

- Farm/I- May 6th start, once final amount of teams are determined, official date will be known.
- HH/H- May 1st start date (Plays M/Th a few Saturdays)
- GG/G- May 2nd start date (Plays T/F w/ 2 Saturday Games)
- F- April 27th start date (plays M/Th w/ a few Saturday Games)
- EE/E- Rosters due in April -- if hosting a team, fill out online survey

Next county meeting March 19, 2017, 5:30pm @ Elyria American Legion Hall

### **Head Umpire Report:**

Umpire Clinic is wrapping up today.

- Elyria American Legion (Carded Both Girls & Boys) March 5, 12, 19 1 – 5

If you have had a problem with an ump & wish to not have that person on your games, please email me. Include reasons for this request (must be valid).

### **Equipment Manager Report: Bob Miscuda**

Safety bases are ordered. Equipment will be issued March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9a-11a..

### **Concession Stand: Debbie Frabotta**

Health Dept. certificate of operation has been received.

### **Fundraising: Debbie Frabotta**

Reverse raffle is set for 4/29/17 at American Legion Post #717 on Bender Rd. Smith's Catering will be catering the event. Please begin assembling raffle baskets (should have a minimum value of \$50) and donation bottle of liquor for a large raffle prize.

### **Fields: Jim Clark**

Requests for practice times will be accepted. Please be aware that initially you will be restricted to one day during the week, one weekend. All games take precedent over practice. Fields are not yet open, this is just for scheduling at this point. I will do my best to accommodate, no day is guaranteed. First come, first served.

### **Old Business**

Coaching clinic-

- Ives has set a tentative date of March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9am-11am. All girls coaches please RSVP to PD
- Need to get in contact with Ratica again.

### **New Business**

None.

**Next Meeting will be April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:00p.m. at Grafton Village Town Hall (tentatively, venue may not be available).**

Motion to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. by Adam Barnard, Seconded by Tricia McCarrick. Motion carries.