



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.  
January 8, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Called to Order at VFW at 5pm.

**Attendees** (in no particular order): Eric Newton, Jen Short, Jerry Clapper, Mike Kesterson, John DeMarino, Tim Ropchock, Brian Searle, Kevin Yates, Roc Morocco, Jim Clark, Al Lewis

**OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:**

**President:** Ashley Mease

**Treasurer:** Randi Mariner

**Girl's Personnel Director:** Joanna Wells

**Fundraiser Chairpersons:** Wes Mariner

**Vice President:** Graig Bansek

**Secretary:** Rhonda Mueller

**Boy's Personnel Director:** Wes Mariner

**Concession Stand Director:** Leslie Rebman (Absent)

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**President:** Ashley provided input in each of the below areas over the course of the meeting and kept content on target for discussions.

**Secretary:** Rhonda Mueller did roll call. A sign in sheet was circulated and completed by those in attendance (noted above). Meeting Minutes from November's meeting were posted on the website. Motion to suspend reading of the minutes was made by Wes Mariner, Seconded by Joanna Wells. Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Mike Kesterson, Seconded by Jerry Clapper

**Treasurer:** Randi Mariner reported the following Account balances of the Checking Account and Savings Account. Motion to accept report made by Joanna Wells, Seconded by Al Lewis.

**Vice President's Report:**

Website Update – Continuing to work on updating, would like photos of teams that went to state/regional tournaments.

The website is under construction and will be for the next couple of months.

Uniforms – Two teams still have outstanding uniforms, Ken Vance and Mary Reisinger.

State Champions Midview Mayhem – Coaches have requested new bags with each player's name/number and '2011 State Champion' on them. The board at an earlier executive vote approved this request.

Field Maintenance – Graig explained to everyone that the Village does almost everything for our fields.

- This includes the mowing of the fields. We've been able to get MTD Corporate out of Valley City to mow our fields this year. This is a service they will provide for free, as they will use this as a test site to test new units and test models. The fields will now be cut weekly and the Village will no longer be responsible for this task. To thank the individuals for maintaining our fields a motion was made by Jen Short, Seconded by Tim Ropchock to purchase the 'testers' pizza or gift certificates to get pizza. The amount was tabled for further discussion.
- In talking/working with Randy Moore, they are looking at removing the lips from the fields in the spring. Along with putting up portable fences. Fields B & D are targeted to get fences for this season. The pricing is still getting researched.
- Lights – The village will put up the poles for any lighting that we may put up, but the cost of the project would have to be paid by Hotstove. Jim Clark is working on quotes for lights as well as Joanna Wells.

**Fundraising Report:** (report given by Wes Mariner Fundraising Chairperson role is still OPEN)

- The Texas Hold'em event that took place November 5, 2011 gave us a profit of @\$2600. The event was made up of many volunteers, Thank you to those that volunteered (in no particular order) Wes Mariner, Randi Mariner, Graig Bansek, Dave Divencenzo, Leslie Rebman, Jim Clark, Rhonda Mueller, Roc Morocco, Joanna Wells, Kevin Yates, Jessica Newton, Mandi Premura, Jim Griffin, Nora Griffin, Al Lewis, Sarah Lewis, Crystal Sadowski, Jerry Clapper, Mrs. Clapper, Mike Kesterson, Bob Sanders, Joanne Isenhardt and Tina English. The board at an earlier executive vote approved the 2012 Texas Hold'em dates will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>, these dates have been secured with the Village in regards to rental of the Community Room. There was concern that since the spring date has moved to April that players should be notified of this change. Wes is going to send out an email to those that there is an email address for, but due to the expense of a sending out post cards being on average of \$150, it was determined that post cards would not be sent out notifying everyone of the change.
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Reverse Raffle (report given by Ashley Mease) it will be at Assumption Hall on 1033 Elm Street in Grafton. We will have 200 guests with the doors opening at 5:30. Tickets for selling were distributed to each team. We will have Six Large Themed Baskets, valued at a minimum of \$300) teams will be split up to put these baskets together, they are split as follows:
  - Sports Themed Baskets – Team Ropchock, Team Searle and Team Wade
  - Entertainment Themed Baskets – Team Newton, Team Sanders and Team Lewis
  - Female Themed Basket – Team Short, Team Mariner, Parent Volunteer Roc Morracco
  - Lottery Themed Basket – Team Farley, Team Clapper, Team Kesterson, Team Haas
  - Male Themed Basket – Team DeMarino, Team Yates and all families under Team Sadowski
  - Alcohol – All teams are to donate a GOOD bottle of Alcohol to the Alcohol basket.Ashley will follow up with exact email directions. A DJ is still needed for the event. We are still looking for each teams chair person, if you haven't turned that in yet, please do so. Each team should have a contact, whether it is the coach, asst coach or team parent.  
A Fundraising Chairperson(s) is still needed.

**Head Umpire Update:** No Report

**Girl's Personnel Director Report:** Next meeting will be 1/22 @ 6 PM @ Wellington Town Hall. There was a proposal from Elyria Charter School to join in the A & B Divisions. This vote will take place at the 1/22 meeting. Joanna will be in attendance. It is once again reminded that new girls who have not played for GHS in 2011 are not covered under the girls insurance. GHS does not have insurance to cover accidents on these individuals.

**Boy's Personnel Director Report:** The next meeting will be 1/22 @ 5PM @ Belden. All rule changes will be addressed. It is once again reminded that all new players and boys that played in Boy Farm or T-Ball last year are not covered by Hot Stove Insurance until March 2012. In order for these boys to practice parents must sign a waiver of understanding that GHS does not have insurance to cover any accidents on their son until March 2012. We are hopeful that Grafton can secure more tournaments this year.

**Equipment Manager Report:**

- Outstanding equipment is still needed from Al Lewis, Wes Mariner, Tim Ropchock and Eric Newton.
- Tim suggested the purchase of a batting cage. Graig Bansek will look into getting quotes for batting cages.

**Concession Stand Report:** The concession stand is closed for the season.

**Field Maintenance Report:** Jim Clark reported that the Tractor is back from Wellington, still unsold.

**Old Business:**

- Registration will be held at Grafton North Community Room on 1/28 and 2/4 from 9 am – 12 pm each day. A sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help during the registration sign ups.

**New Business:**

- Coaches Clinic hosted by Coach Justice (Boys Varsity) and Coach Ives (Girls Varsity) on February 25, 2012, all coaches are urged to attend.
- Player Clinics for Softball: March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Boys dates TBA by registration.
- Girls teams playing on Midview North Fields will be given a Candy Opt out Solution with their agreement to help with GHS fundraising efforts.

A motion was made to close the meeting by Mike Kesterson, Seconded by Al Lewis.

**NEXT MEETING: Sunday, February 12 at the Grafton VFW at 5pm. With Executive board meetings, fund raising committee and uniform committee meetings will convene as needed.**