



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.
March 10, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Grafton VFW at 4 pm.

ATTENDEES: (in no particular order) Jill Yates, Kevin Yates, Tom Farley, Al Lewis, Dennis Reaser, Miki Powell, Mike Milano, Scott Kardos, Chad Armburger, John Miller, Randy Moore, Jeannie Micuda, Bob Miscuda, Chris Miscuda, Dan Urig, Eric Newton, Bill Birth, Jim Bright, Bernadette Arnoczky, George Bates, Brian Miller

OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Ashley Mease

Vice President: Jen Short

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Secretary: Rhonda Mueller

Girl's Personnel Director: Tom Tomasheski

Boys Personnel Director: Wes Mariner

Concession Stand Director: Tim Shevel

Co-Concession Stand Chairperson: Jamie Wade (excused)

Co-Fundraiser Chairperson: Brian Searle (excused) Head Umpire: (Open)

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

President: Ashley Mease

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

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 from February 10, 2013 by Wes Mariner Seconded by Tom Tomasheski. A motion was made to approve the February 10, 2013 meeting minutes by Jen Short and seconded by Tricia McCarrick.

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

The account balances were reported. Motion to accept report & approve payments of bills was made by Jen Short and seconded by Al Lewis.

Super Bowl Funds: Mr. Miscuda gave Tricia \$100 in cash that he had from the sale of the superbowl squares. It was noted that Brian Searle still had in his possession \$1,450 of Super Bowl funds to be collected before next meeting.

Registration Fees: There was also \$4,305 in unpaid registration, which was due March 1st. Those players who do not have registrations paid in full will not receive uniforms when they arrive. Coaches and Directors were encouraged to have this money in by no later than next meeting.

Vice President: Jennifer Short

Uniforms: The girls will be going with Star Promotions, fittings scheduled for March 14th from 6 – 8 at Midview North Gym. The Boys will be going with Play it Again Sports. The boys fitting is TBD. Watch the Grafton Hotstove Website for further information.

Website: The homepage redesign is needed for user access enhancement capabilities/functionality. The cost will be @ \$400. A motion was made by Wes Mariner to go forward with this and seconded by Jen Short.

Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski

- Next County Meeting March 17, 2013 @ 7:00 at Wellington Town Hall.
- Farm is seeking interested coaches and players of 8 years old for an exhibition tourney in Trumbull County. We have a total of 16, 8 yr olds between our three teams.
- As of April 26th all coaches must complete concussion awareness online class (umpires and coaches). Cost is free. WE must put the certificate # on the roster.
- OGSO County Head Umpire, Mr. Brasee, needs updated list of head umpires for concession training purposes.
- Next meeting we need to commit to a D team. We have 10 registered players, so we will be committing.
- Tournaments locations: District: Wellington, County: LaGrange, Farm: North Ridgeville
- Back ground checks must be done. These must be done yearly.
- Teem fees/registrations are due at the March 17th meeting. We must pay fees for 3 farm Teams @\$200 each, 2 'A' teams @ \$250 each, 2 'B' teams at \$250 each, 1 'C' team @ \$275 and 1 'D' team at \$300. A check was provided to TT to give to county on Midview OGSO behalf.
- Softball orders/payments due March 17th as well. We have some remaining balls from previous years. Head umpire has granted use of these balls early in the season. We only need to order 1 box of 11" and 2 boxes of 12".
- Announcement of 2013of coaches: Farm- Jill Yates, Bernadette Arnoczky, Brian Miller, 'A' Wes Mariner and Kevin Yates, 'B' Miki Powell and Chris West, 'C' Mike Milano, 'D' Tom Farley. A motion was made by Dan Urig to accept these coaches for 2013 season, 2nd by Jen Short.
- Outstanding Birth Certificates & Registration Fees – List to be provided for the coaching staff. A. Mease requested a follow up via email and to be copied.
- Publicized all registrations for divisions are closed. All inquiries moving forward will be found a home in a neighboring community if the player/family is interested.
- There are softball clinics going on at Midview High School. Grades K-8...times vary.

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Wes Mariner

- Next meeting will be March 24 at 5 pm in Columbia. Rosters are due. We still in need of about 3 – 4 9 year old boys.
- Lake Erie Crushers 2nd Annual free Youth Baseball Coaches Clinic Saturday April 27th Noon – 2 at All Pro Freight Stadium. Info can be found at www.loraincountyhotstove.com
- As of April 26 all coaches must complete concussion awareness online class. Cost is Free, certificate number needs put on rooster
- Announcement of 2013of coaches: Farm Minor: Chad Armburger, Farm Major: Chris Miscuda & Dennis Reaser, HH: Eric Newton & Ron Baron, H: Ron Phillips, G: Al Lewis & Scott Kardos, F: Tim

Shevel, EE: Brian Searl. A motion was made by Dan Urig to accept these coaches for 2013 season, 2nd by Jen Short.

- County needs updated list of head umpires for concession training purposes.
- It was decided that Grafton would put in a bid for both district and regionals. A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Tricia McCarrick
- Team fees are due at the next meeting along with baseball orders/payments.
- Outstanding Birth Certificates & Registration Fees – List to be provided for the coaching staff. A. Mease requested follow up via email and to be copied.

Fundraising Chairperson: (Brian Searle) Ashley Mease gave report in Brian's absence

- Reverse Raffle Tickets were distributed. Money and ticket stubs are due at the next meeting.
- Sponsorship Donation Letter Discussed. Located in back of coaches folder. This letter will help with donations within the communities.
- Donations by each to for Chinese Raffle baskets...each team is teamed up with another, we are HIGHLY encouraging a MINIMUM of a \$200 Value for each basket. The match ups are as follows:
 - Farm Basket #1 – Chad Armburger & Bernadette Arnoczky
 - Farm Basket #2 --- Jill Yates & Brian Miller
 - Farm Major #3 – Dennis Reaser & Chris Miscuda
 - HH Basket #4 Ron Baron & Eric Newton
 - H & F Basket #5 Ron Phillips & Tim Shevel
 - G Basket #6 Al Lewis & Scott Kardos
 - A Basket #7 Wes Mariner & Kevin Yates
 - B Basket #8 Chris West & Miki Powell
 - C & D Basket #9 Mike Milano & Tom Farley
 - Organization Basket – Each Team to donate one bottle of liquor.
 - The organization will purchase containers to hold the times.
- Picture Day May 4th, location TBD, time frame 12 – 4. A sign up form will be given at next meeting.
- Super Bowl Funds Discussed. See Treasurer report for further details.

Head Umpire Report: (George Bates)

- Umpire tests held.
- Seeking complete list of umpires and contact information for distribution at the net meeting or via email communication if secured before next meeting.
- Contacted by county to see if there are any interested individuals for Head Umpire position. Mr. George Bates is interested in returning. Motion made by Tricia McCarrick and seconded by Tim Shevel.
- Process of how this portion of our program will work will be communicated at the next meeting. For example payout, possible scheduling.
- It was discussed to have a second Head Umpire to help George Bates out this season due to pure volume of teams.

Equipment Manager Report: (Bob Miscuda)

- Consolidated equipment.
- Equipment handed out to all coaches.
- 4x4 Big Country works
- Al Lewis made a motion to purchase two bats per team if they are needed. This request was tabled until the executive board can research it.

Director of Field Operations: (Jim Clark)

- Need folks to set up dates to help get the Belden fields in order. Scott Kardos advised he would help and reach out to Dale Williams.
- Need approval for fuel for the equipment to be purchased at LandMark. Motion was made by Jim Clark and Seconded by Rhonda Mueller.

Concession Stand: (Tim Shevel)

- Closed for the Season, getting ready to start preparing the stand for opening weekend.

Old Business

- Tom Tomasheski is working with the school district. Informed us that power lines are a challenge and they need to measure the height of the wires. The old concession stand that was donated to Midview High School for the south side of the stadium still hasn't been moved due to some challenges in moving it. Randy Moore to follow up with relocation if school does not work out.
- Statement of Insurance: Tricia McCarrick brought to everyone's attention that the insurance was due in the amount of \$2,315. Motion was made to pay this in February. This was paid on 2/11.

New Business

- Coaches' folders were handed out and went over...the contents were a contact sheet, Code of Conduct which needs signed and returned to Rhonda Mueller, ASAP, Envelope with allocated fund raiser tickets. Each coach received 10 tickets, and Picture order forms. As the rosters are completed, copies will be handed out to the coaches along with copies of the player's registration.
- Fields – Tom Farley 'C' Coach and Bernadette Arnozky 'Farm' Coach have requested to play at MN. This will support these teams by paying the opt out for these players candy fees.
- Practice Calendar: Randy Moore discussed the calendar and scheduling. He will communicate the final schedule in the near future.
- Umpire Payout. The current payout is: All games require to have 2 umpires when possible, if only 1 umpire then the 1 fee PLUS \$10 for doing the game themselves.
 - \$20/umpire/game: All Farm Games Both OGSO & Hot Stove
 - \$30/umpire/game: Class 'A' & 'B' (OGSO) and H, HH, G & GG (Hot Stove)
 - \$35/umpire/game: Class C (OGSO) and FF & EE (Hot Stove)

A motion was made to keep them the same for 2013 by Tricia McCarrick and seconded by Jen Short. All Lewis would like to see these rates increased. The majority voted to keep rates the same for 2013.

- Tricia received the renewal in the mail for Sam's Club. It was determined that the Concession Stand committee should be on the account. Tricia was going to follow up with Sam's Club to make sure old account is cancelled.
- Tricia will be working with Wes to get see if it made sense to get the Bingo & Liquor licenses renewed for the Reverse Raffle. Further calls needed to be made to the event location.
- Tricia also spoke of Team donations. If a team gets a donation, it MUST be given to Tricia and those funds will be allocated to your team. Since Grafton Hot Stove/OGSO is tax exempt we must account for all donations. Donations made directly to the team and that has NOT gone through the treasurer are not following proper Tax Guidelines.
- Randy Moore spoke on Village of Grafton Park future funding. Speaking to the development of the four fields, and the recent addition of the concession stand, not to mention the \$10K in field maintenance. His point is to show the GHS members how much the village invested. A. Mease interjected to mention that GHS contributed up to \$25K towards the concession stand. She did not have exact figures, but wanted to make sure everyone knew that it wasn't just the Village of Grafton who invested in the concession stand. She also advised audience that GHS donated \$750 dollars last year towards 4th of July Fireworks that were held up at the fields. Her point was to show the organization also gives back to the fields of Grafton. Mr. Moore went onto propose for members of GHS & Midview OGSO to

strongly consider utilizing the savings towards either additional fields or lighting. Mr. Moore claimed that for 3 more fields it would cost roughly \$100K and that lighting would cost around \$50K. These figures came from quotes well over four years ago. More could follow if GHS was interested in partnership with the Village of Grafton to make enhancements up at the field.

- A motion was made by Miki Powell and Seconded Jen Shorty to have Milano Monuments Logo on the sleeves of both the boys and girls. This is to honor the memory and commitment of Maria Milano who was a long time sponsor and head coach to the organization.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jen Short and seconded by Mr. Clark.

Next Meeting will be Sunday, April 14 at 4:00 PM at the Grafton VFW.