



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.
June 9, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Reservoir/Grafton Ball fields at 6 pm.

ATTENDEES: (in no particular order) Scott Kardos, Devin Broadwater, Kevin Yates, Sydney Menke, Brian Searle, Ron Phillips, David DiVencenzo, George Bates, Ron Baron, Miki Powell, Chris Miscuda, Bob Miscuda, Tim Shevel, Debbie Shevel, John Miller, Jim Clark, Chad Armburger, Dennis Reeser, Alan Lewis, Bernadette Arnoczky

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: Debbie Shevel

Co-Fundraiser Chairperson: Open

Head Umpire: George Bates

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 May 5, 2013 by Tricia McCarrick Seconded by Jen Short. A motion was made to approve the May 5, 2013 meeting minutes by Miki Powell and seconded by Wes Mariner.

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

The account balances were reported. Motion to accept report & approve payments of bills was made by Wes Mariner and seconded by Mikki Powell.

It was further reported that the funds raised by the reverse raffle were able to cover the umpire fees (and scheduling) for the entire season.

Vice President: Jennifer Short

- Uniforms: Pants are to be returned at the end of the season for both girls and boys.
- Website: Final version to be posted.

Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski

- Next County Meeting will be 7/2(if needed) at this time it is not needed. If it is needed it will be posted on the county website.
- County umpire to address state to change old (2004) rule book posted as a link on the state website, which was causing confusion on pitching distances.
- Final Roosters Update: Class A, B, C revised rosters were due 6/1. Ours have been submitted and received. Copies were distributed to the coaches. These must be with the team as they go into tournaments.
- Tourney Draws as Follows:
 - Farm POSSIBLY 7:00 Palmer
 - A 7/2 6:30 Wellington Rec Park
 - B 7/2 7:00 Wellington Rec Park
 - C 7/2 7:30 Wellington Rec Park
 - D 7/11 7:00 Wellington Rec Park
- Tourney Dates & Locations:
 - Farm 6/22 North Ridgeville (Palmer Field)
 - County Championship 7/17 Wellington
 - District Begins 7/8 for Classes A & B in North Ridgeville and 7/11 for Classes C & D in Wellington
 - Stat 7/21-22, in Warren, rain date 7/27
- Class A illegal pitch change. Discussion of illegal pitch A not to take effect until midway through season. Agreed with discussion from Class A managers meeting. County umpire to pass along to all head umpires.
- Rule changes for 2014 will be present to the state by the county. Any suggested changes are due ASAP.
- When congratulating a child on a good play a 'good game pat on the butt' is NOT encouraged. We are taking a proactive approach. We need to also take this approach with preparing the players with the proper gear. It is suggested that the parents are encouraged to help their child when possible.

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Wes Mariner

- Next meeting will be 6/16 @ 7 pm North Ridgeville.
- The tourney draws are as follows at Rustic Hills Country Club (report your game times to Wes):
 - H – Draw 8:00 AM
 - G – Draw 9:15 AM
 - F – Draw 10:30 AM
 - HH – Draw 11:30 AM
 - GG – Draw 1:15 PM
 - FF – Draw 2:30 PM
 - Major – Draw 3:30 PM
 - Minor – Draw 4:15 PM
 - EE Sunday June 23rd time/place TBD
- Player Injuries must be reported to Wes mariner and Lou Vasi in an email whether it is at a game or practice. Please include the date of injury, location injury took place and brief description of how the injury occurred and who was involved. Also report the end result of the injury or actions that took place because of the injury. i.e. did the player to the hospital or home to ice it.
- Misbehaving players and their parents must be addressed especially if it becomes a safety issue for a team. A solution that has everyone's best interest should prevail.

Head Umpire Report: (George Bates)

- Boy's side scheduled by Devin Broadwater has suggested that payment of umpires be at the beginning of the game. It was also suggested that in 2014 that the umpire fees be paid out at the concession stand. This portion of the conversation was tabled. Devin reported that he lost 8 umpires. 4 due to full time jobs and 4 because Grafton paid less than other communities. A. Mease commented that a county wide umpire payout would be requested before next season to better assess claims made. More to follow at next meeting.
- Umpire Payout Financial Report was given. Umpire sheets to be handed out for second half of season. These are necessary for reconciliation of the first half of the season.

Equipment Manager Report: (Bob Miscuda)

- If anything is needed contact Bob. Turn all equipment in to Bob at the end of the season.

Director of Field Operations: (Jim Clark)

- After every practice or games please make sure each team rakes around each base, the pitcher's mound and home plate area. Even our farm teams are required to do this. It helps preserve the fields.
- Trash in and around the dugouts need to be picked up. Please make sure our teams are going to the opposing team side for cleanup as well. Don't forget bleacher section too. GHS has received complaints from both Village of Grafton and Grafton Township this season.

New Business

- Addressing League Complaints:
 - Director/Board Acknowledgment: During a regular (non-holiday) week/weekend up to 48 hours or by Monday of the following week. If a holiday week/weekend up to 72 hours.
 - Resolution: TBD based on severity of complaint
 - The formal complaint process is an active work in progress, it will be worked on and during the off season.
 - Implementation of Complaint Form & Process was gone over by Ashley Mease.
- Tournament Update:
 - Scorekeeper Information needed by each manger.
 - Sign – Up Sheet for tourney will be circulated, all teams need to be represented.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Mikki Powell and seconded by Jen Short.

Next Meeting will be Sunday, September 8 at 6:00 PM at Grafton VFW.