



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.
February 8, 2015
Meeting Agenda**

Roll Call: (E=EXCUSED)

	Farm Minor	Dan Stout		Farm	Jeff Hensley
	Farm Major	Chad Armbrurger		Farm	
	Farm Major	Dennis Reaser		Farm	Bill Kulwicki
	H	Chris Miscuda		A	Kevin Yates
	HH	Eric Newton		A	Heather Seel
	HH	Ron Baron		A	Tom Tomasheski
	GG	Ron Phillips		B	
	F	Al Lewis		B	Wes Mariner
	F	Scott Kardos		C	Brad Newton

OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

	President	Chris Miscuda
	Vice President	Jim Clark
	Secretary	Deb Frabotta
	Treasurer	Tricia McCarrick
	Girls Coordinator	Tom Tomasheski
	Boys Coordinators	Rhonda Mueller

COMMITTEES & APPOINTED POSITIONS: (E=EXCUSED)

	Concession Stand Coordinator	Deb Frabotta
	Head Umpire	Terry Shackelford
	Fundraising	Deb Frabotta
	Tournament Director (May & June)	Dave DiVencenzo
	Equipment Manager	Bob Miscuda

Secretary: Deb Frabotta

Minutes from Previous Meeting, if no additions/corrections

Motion to suspend reading of the minutes:

Made by: _____ 2nd by: _____

Motion to approve meeting minutes:

Made by: _____ 2nd by: _____

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Account Balances:

Main Checking: \$ _____

Concession Checking \$ _____

Savings: \$ _____

Motion made to accept report & approve payments of discussed bills:

Made by: _____ 2nd by: _____

Vice President: Jim Clark

Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski

- Rule changes: No shiny helmets / Farm- Pitcher must wear mask

- Submitted request to host district & county champ. Oberlin was only other community submitted for District. N. Ridgeville submitted for Farm Tourney.
- Background checks can be completed now. MUST PRINT OFF CONFIRMATION!!
- Ball order due at March meeting- I do not expect to have to order any.
- Farm season begins May 2 // Tourney June 27
- Tourney draw Classes A-D July 2 Time TBA
 - July 6- Class A&B Rain Date July 17- District
 - July 13- Class C&D Rain Date July 17- District
 - July 18, 19 Rain date 25 & 26- Regional/State Will probably take place on weekend
 - July 21- County Championships
- Concussion certificates must be completed every 2 years. Pending decision based upon initial wording of state law
- New teams being admitted into league
 - Vermilion- Class B
 - Cloverleaf- Class C
- I accepted and was appointed the County Vice President role.
- Next County Meeting February 22, 2015, 7PM Wellington Town hall

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Rhonda

- Fee Schedule this year (have increased):
- Farm Minor - \$230.00; Class I - \$230.00; Class HH and Class H - \$250.00; Class GG and Class G - \$250.00; Class FF and Class F - \$280.00; Class EE and Class E - \$345.00
- **Mandatory** Managers Meeting will be held on April 18th at the American Legion in Elyria. If you are a head coach you are MUST attend. If you can NOT attend, you must send an Assistant Coach to represent you. EACH team needs to be represented. Farm Minor 8 AM – 9 AM; HH and H 9 AM – 10 AM; I 10:30 – 11:30 AM; GG and G 11:30 – 12:30; FF and F 12:30 – 1:30
- Any organization that would like to put a bid in for tournaments, must do so by the March meeting. There is a chance Divisions I, HH & H may play a tournament game during the week of July 6th. As of now tournaments will be held July 11 & 12; July 18 & 19 and State will be July 25 & 26.
- **2015 Umpire Clinics** March 1, 8 and 15 from 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (1:00 - 3:00 will be boys (Ohio Hot Stove). 3:00 - 5:00 will be girls (OGSO)) Testing for all classes 1 - 5 pm on March 15th - Ages 12 through adult. Umpires ages 16 and younger need to be tested each year. There is no charge for any session or testing and is open to the public. No registration required - just show up. FREE *Any questions, please call Lou Vasi 440-327-7628* LOCATION: The American Legion, 393 Ohio Street Elyria, OH 44035
- Rosters are due in March along with team fees
- Background checks are good for 2 seasons
- Concussion Test are good for 3 years (per State Law)

Farm Minor/I Division:

FARM MINOR: Currently considering 13 games again this season, starting May 2nd, with Wednesday games starting June 3rd, Ending the season July 1st. This year scores will need to be reported. They may be a score of 0-0 or something else that is determined. This will just allow the county to know the games are being played.

I Division: Currently considering 14 games again this season, starting May 2nd, with Wednesday games starting May 27th, Ending the season June 29th....tournaments can start as early as the week of July 6th. Going to play 6 inning games this year instead of 7. 3 coach pitch, 3 kid pitch. Same pitching rules apply.

No composit bats, no 2 piece or 3 piece, no bamboo.

Last year was TERRIBLE in regards to altercations between coaches and parents. At these age levels. It will not be tolerated this year. This behavior chases away young umpires, a complaint is there is never enough umpires, well a good way to ensure they stick around is by behaving. Remind all coaches and parents, to date, there have not been any major league, college or high school scouts at these games! STRICT new rule, if there is an ejection there will be a MANDATORY 4 game suspension; 2nd ejection will result in a year suspension and you'll have to go before the board to be allowed back.

HH/H

County Championship games will be revisited at all levels. Teams dodging other teams and not replaying canceled games has become an issue and it will be considered this year. 20 games will be played, with the first game tentatively set for May 2nd.

GG/G

May 1st is the first game – 20 game season

FF/F

May 4th is the first game – 20 game season

EE/E

Please spread the word that we need these players signed up ASAP; they can be on the roster, they just can't practice until HS ball is over.

Mandatory Managers Meeting will be set at another time.

Head Umpire Report: Terry Shackleford

Equipment Manager Report: (Bob Miscuda)

- Equipment all turned in

Concession Stand: (Debbie Frabotta):

- Health Dept advised that they were 2 weeks behind sending renewal notices, once renewal is received, it will be paid out.

Old Business:

- **Reverse raffle/Steak fry- 3/7/15, American Legion #717 (Bender Rd) Deposit made**
 - Smith's Catering booked
 - Pickup tickets before you leave
 - Basket value is \$150 this year & 1 bottle of liquor per team
 - Emails will be sent looking for volunteers for setup, working, tear down

- **Registration-**

- Location- North Park
- Date/time- 2/14 9am-12noon
- Need volunteers
 - Set up
 - Workers
 - Tear down
- Girls registration seems to be down this year

New Business:

- Uniforms

Next Meeting will be March 8, 2015 at Grafton VFW