



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

Meeting was called to order at Grafton VFW at 5 pm.

**ATTENDEES:** (in no particular order) Dennis Reaser, Chris Miscuda, Bill Kulwicki, Jim Clark, Rhonda Mueller, Tricia McCarrick, Tom Tomasheski (was late), Sam Arnold, Jeff Hensley, Bob Miscuda, Mike Serdinak, Kevin Yates, Jim Martin, Jeannie Miscuda.

**OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:**

President: Chris Miscuda

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Girl's Personnel Director: Tom Tomasheski (late)

Concession Stand Director: Debbie Frabotta

Vice President: Jim Clark

Secretary: Deb Frabotta

Boys Personnel Director: Rhonda Mueller

Head Umpire: Terry Shackelford (excused)

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**President: Chris Miscuda**

Nothing to report

**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 Rhonda Mueller, Seconded by Chris Miscuda. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes by Chris Miscuda and Seconded by Tricia McCarrick.

**Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick**

Checking, Savings & Concession account balances were reported. A motion was made by Bob Miscuda and Seconded by Jim Clark to accept the report and approve payment of bills.

Tricia went over pay out of \$3082 for insurance that was due February 10, 2015.

**Vice President: Jim Clark**

Reports that the Village of Grafton has a new administrator. Discussion with the administrator included lighting of field(s), additional parking, dugout covers (\$4500 already approved). Still working on obtaining a usage permit for the fields. Grafton Township has already approved usage of the Belden fields for 2015. Would like to plan another work day at the Belden fields to paint dugouts & bleachers. Contractors are going to level field at Belden (same contractor that leveled fields at Reservoir Park).

**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 Mueller

- 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Wednesday games starting June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Ending the season July 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, with Wednesday games starting May 27<sup>th</sup>, Ending the season June 29<sup>th</sup>....tournaments can start as early as the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### GG/G

May 1<sup>st</sup> is the first game – 20 game season

### FF/F

May 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Shackelford

Via message from Tom Tomasheski, he reports that he would like to run an area youth umpire clinic.

## Equipment Manager Report: Bob Miscuda

Getting pricing for wheeled team bags. He is getting pricing on new catcher's equipment for each team. Signs for advertising the registration were supposed to cost \$8 per sign, but because they were late, the company donated the signs to Grafton Hot Stove, Midview OGSO and Midview Youth Baseball.

## Concession Stand: (Debbie Frabotta)

Jim Clark sent in the application for the food license.

## **Old Business**

Reverse raffle/Steak fry- 3/7/15, American Legion #717 (Bender Rd) Deposit made

- Smith's Catering booked
- Teams responsible for \$150 basket and bottle of liquor
- Will be selling tickets at the 2/14 registration

Registration-

- Location- North Park
- Date/time- 2/14 9am-12noon
- Need volunteers
  - Set up
  - Workers
  - Tear down
- Form color- our form color is yellow
- Flyers- will be handed out Monday at the school- went out 2/5/15
- Cost going up \$5 for Farm, all others staying the same (\$100 Farm-F&C / \$120 EE/D & up) Family cap stays same
- Midview Youth Baseball would like to split costs of registration advertisement signage \$10/sign. All in attendance agreed. See note from equipment manager regarding cost of signs.

## **New Business**

- Uniforms- Jeannie will be working with Tricia. Waiting for invoices from last year's vendor for comparison to new vendors.

**Next Meeting will be March 1, 2015 at 5:00p.m.**