



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.  
February 12, 2017  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Grafton Town Hall at 6:34 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** (in no particular order) Chris Miscuda, Jim Clark, Tom Tomasheski, Kristen Stout, Dan Stout, Cara Babel, Bill Kulwicki, Bob Miscuda, Brian Willis, Kevin Yates, Gary Goad (representing Eric Maynard), Joe Melendez, Jim Martin, Jeff Hensley, Rhonda Mueller, Adam Barnard, Sam Arnold, Chad Armbrurger, Charles, Underwood, Chad DiFranco, Matt Thomas, Ron Baron. Excused from meeting: Deb Tomasheski.

**OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS: (present)**

President: Chris Miscuda

Treasurer:

Girl's Personnel Director: Tom Tomasheski

Concession Stand Director:

Vice President: Jim Clark

Secretary: excused

Boys Personnel Director: Rhonda Mueller

Head Umpire: Kristen Stout

**Trustees: (present)**

Kristen Stout, Joe Melendez, Jim Martin, Dan Stout, Jeff Hensley. Farmer Nixon was excused from this meeting.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**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 Dan Stout, Seconded by Bob Miscuda. Motion passed. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes by Dan Stout and Seconded by Jeff Hensley. Motion passed.

**Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick**

Checking, Savings & Concession account balances were unavailable at the moment.

**President: Chris Miscuda**

Midview Youth Baseball is having a Casino Night fundraiser on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the United Polish Club in Elyria.

**Vice President: Jim Clark**

Jim advised that the Village has approved the request for a Jantz Memorial bench placement at the beginning of the entrance walkway. They also approved a 2<sup>nd</sup> bench to be placed nearer to the fields. They approved the Tommy Tomasheski memorial plaque stand to be placed near the memorial tree. Jim Clark has asked the board to review the umpire fees for 2017. Grafton Township has requested that we make repairs and beautify the park with painting of concession stand and dugouts.

**Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski**

Registration numbers- about the same

- Farm- 26 = 2 teams. Closed registration.
- A- 19= 2 teams, could use 1-3 more players
- B- 35= 3 teams, originally asked to close this class, but heard of many players that missed sign up. Closed.
- C- 13= 1 team. Closed registration
- D- 2= no team, but more could come in as this class always fills late.

County received our tournament bids. Asking locations to inquire if vendors would be allowed to put up sales opportunities on site.

County looking to move their meetings to a more central location

County is looking for a Farm VP. Kristen Stout has volunteered for this position. Tom advises that he will be in communication with county and get back to Kristen.

Background checks can be completed. Go to LMOGSO.com for specific instructions

Concession certificate good for 3 yrs.

- Kulwicki & Kemer need to re-new
- Next County Meeting February 26, 2017, 7PM Wellington Town hall

### **Boy's Personnel Director Report: Rhonda Mueller**

Rosters are Due to County by 3/19

Mandatory Managers Meeting April 22nd Plan on attending

- Farm Minor/Class I
  - Last year 14 games were played, should it stay at 14 or increase to 15
- HH/H
  - Managers Meeting at 9 AM
  - Season will start 4/27 or 5/1 depending on total number of teams
  - Playing Monday Thursdays and a few Saturdays
  - County Championship July 5th
- GG/G
  - Season will start 4/28 or 5/2 depending on total number of teams
  - Playing Tuesdays, Fridays and 2 Saturdays
- F
  - 20 Game schedule starting 4/27 depending on total number of teams
- EE/E
  - Season starts in June after HS season is over
  - If Grafton is going to have a team we will need to fill out a survey. At this time we have only 3 players signed up.
- REMINDERS FROM STATE:
  - Background checks are good for 2 seasons - Grafton does reimburse coaches for this expense ever two years.
  - Concussion course renews every 3 years. If you need it or your assistants do, please get it done and provide Rhonda with a copy of the certificate.
  - Record now decides seeding - so it is VERY important to record all scores quickly.
  - Any proposed rule changes for 2018 season must be to Rhonda prior to the June county meeting.

What are everyone's thoughts on changing the birthdate cut off to May 1st instead of June 1st? Why would you want it changed, why would you NOT want it changed? Discussion ensues in open forum. Many persons interjecting at the same time. Consensus seemed to point toward not being in favor of changing the date change, due to there always being a person that would be affected. Either leave it the same or change to a January 1 date that seems to coincide with other leagues.

Outstanding registrations need turned in now.

Next county meeting February 19, 2017, 5pm @ S. Amherst Town Hall

### **Head Umpire Report:**

Umpire Clinic

- Medina HS (Carded Boys Side Only) 2/26 1-5
- Elyria American Legion (Carded Both Girls & Boys) March 5, 12, 19 1 - 5

I would like to send information to the schools to increase attendance for future scheduling.

### **Equipment Manager Report: Bob Miscuda**

Safety bases are ordered. Equipment is turned in.

### **Concession Stand: Debbie Frabotta**

Nothing to report.

### **Fundraising: Debbie Frabotta**

Reverse raffle is set for 4/29/17 at American Legion Post #717 on Bender Rd. Smith's Catering will be catering the event. Please begin assembling raffle baskets (should have a minimum value of \$50) and donation bottle of liquor for a large raffle prize. Bob Miscuda inquired if Smith's Catering had already been contacted about the date? Further information will be needed to address this question.

### **Fields: Jim Clark**

Jim advises that the fields are still closed, please stay off the fields for the time being as they can be damaged and will take extensive work to repair. Riley Moore is still interested in doing field prep for this season, with assistance of Alex Singleton and Jakub Mueller. The board is in favor of these individuals.

High School has submitted their schedules for reservoir park and they have been entered into the calendar.

## **Old Business**

Field maintenance machine quotes have been received from Wellington Implement. Jim Clark is still pursuing a quote from a John Deere dealer. Rhonda Mueller reminds the board about the free maintenance that MTD has supplied for years and approving the purchase from a direct competitor of MTD may tarnish this relationship. Roof repair quotes have not been received. Trustee Hensley states that he personally applied a rubberized coating to the roof at the end of last year. He will make another application when the weather breaks. Boy Scouts have accepted our volunteer painting project at Grafton Township. The league will supply all the supplies needed, while the Boy Scouts will paint the dugouts and trailer. Picture Day, we are exploring new vendors and have received information from Becky's Photography. More vendors are being contacted. Order plaques, Motion made by Dan Stout, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Miscuda. Vote- All present aye, zero nay. Motion carries. Order safety bases, Motion made by Dan Stout, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jim Martin. Vote- All present aye, zero nay. Motion carries. Coaching clinic- Ratica & Ives would love to be involved. Need to set a date that works.

## **New Business**

Brian Willis inquired if any further discussion has occurred in the form of allocating monies for player professional training. Mr. Willis is asking the board to consider \$400-500 per side to be used for this venture. It would show the community that the league is giving back to the kids. President Miscuda advises that it will be discussed with the trustees before a decision will be made.

Sam Arnold has asked if any work is being planned to reduce the lip transition from infield/outfield at the Belden complex. Jim Clark advises that he does not see an easy solution to this problem, but he will check into that request after the weather breaks.

**Next Meeting will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 5:00p.m. at Grafton Village Town Hall (tentatively, venue may not be available).**

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. by Dan Stout, Seconded by Bob Miscuda. Motion carries.