



Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.

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February 10, 2013

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Minutes are located under **General Information** section of website.

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

ATTENDEES: (in no particular order) Jeannie Miscuda, Bob Miscuda, Chris Miscuda, Bob M, Chad Armburger, Bernedette Arnoczky, Alan Lewis, Ron Baron, Dennis Reader, Tim Shevel, Scott W , Tom Farley, Ron Phillips, Jim Clark, Kevin Yates, Scot Kardos

OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Ashley Mease

Vice President: Jen Short (excused)

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 January 13, 2013 by Tricia McCarrick Seconded by Mr. Clark A motion was made to approve the 1/13/13 meeting minutes by Wes Mariner and seconded by Tom Tomasheski.

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

The account balances were reported. Motion to accept report & approve payments of bills was made by Rhonda Mueller and seconded by Dennis Reaser.

Vice President: Jennifer Short

In Jen's absence, Ashley Mease updated everyone on the Uniforms. Jeannie Miscuda is taking the lead. The girls samples are in, but the boys were not. Try-on's will be Thursday March 7th (6 – 8).

Girl's Personnel Director Report: (Given by Ashley Mease)

- Next County Meeting February 24, 2013 @ 7:00 at Wellington Town Hall.

- Ordering supplies -- softballs, rule books, scorebooks. GHS will approach board/division leaders for approval of using stockpile of softballs GHS has. OGSO has switched to the vinyl ball.
- Rule Changes:
 - Batter need not make attempt to avoid pitched ball while in box.
 - Class D metal cleats, no chinstraps necessary.
 - Discussion of mandatory facemasks, decided it will not be implemented but strongly encouraged.
- Tournament Dates Announced but locations TBD
 - Farm – weekend of 6/22
 - Districts – 7/6 – 7/13
 - County Championship 7/17
 - State 7/20, 7/21, 7/27 & rain date 7/28 (State Games to be played in Warren, Ohio)
- Registration Update
 - Continually changing...but at this point appeared to be at least 2 farm teams, 1 possibly 2 'A' teams, 1 'B' team, & 1 'C' team...at this point only 2 registered for 'D', but this is normal for this division as registration doesn't need given to the county until April/May timeframe.

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Wes Mariner

- Next meeting will be February 24 in Elyria (time & place TBD)
- Rule changes
 - for HH and H Pitching restrictions 7 run max runs per inning (pitching no more than 3 innings)
 - Bat Rule Change – HH-G no composite, no two piece; FF-E BBCOR-3. Tim Shevel inquired about wooden bats, they are allowed with no restrictions.
- Background checks reset March 1, 2013. Required to recertify every 2 seasons. If done any time in 2011 they must be redone.
- All High school age boys –NO PRACTICING until after the HS Season ends.
- EE and E Survey on county website
- Registration Update
 - Continually changing, but at this point appears to be 1 Farm Minor Team, 2 Farm Major Teams, 1 HH, 1 H, 0 GG, 2 G, FF & F may merge for 1 team, and 1 EE/E
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Fundraising Chairperson: (Brian Searle) Ashley Mease gave report in Brian's absence

- Super Bowl Squares were sold at Registration. Update was provided; winners were paid out via GHS checks. As of 2/10/13, Brian Searle has square money in his possession and will work to get these funds to GHS treasurer before next meeting. Up to \$1750 in collection (up to \$250 in starter cash and then super bowl collection money). Exact amount could not be noted for Mr. Searle was not in attendance.
- Reverse Raffle Update: April 27, 2013 at American Legion Post 5:30 dinner 6:30 \$40 donation per person (must be 21 or over); Dinner will be catered by Smith's Catering at the 2011 GHS rate. DJ secured by Ashley Mease. DJ cost \$300 to be paid night of event. Same DJ as last three years with no cost increase to GHS.

Head Umpire Report: (George Bates)

- Umpire Clinic Information is located at www.graftonhotstove.org

Equipment Manager Report: (Bob Miscuda)

- Moving the Belden Equipment to Grafton
- Need to repaint the Equipment Shed at Willow Park...looking for volunteers to help

Director of Field Operations: (Jim Clark)

- We will be utilizing both the Belden & Grafton fields this year.

Concession Stand: (Tim Shevel)

- Meeting was had 2/7 to discuss the 2013 concession stand operations.
- It has been requested that GHS is given one contact per team (can not be a coach) this person will be responsible for coordinating their team for their assigned dates of coverage and attending a mandatory training prior to the start of the season.
- The Food Permit needs renewed. Wes Mariner made a motion to get this paid and Mr. Miscuda seconded it.

Old Business

- Head Umpire Position still needs filled George Bates advised if no one else is interested he will return.
- Field Maintenance – Randy Moore was asked if Riley Moore would be interested in returning to do the field prep this year for Grafton Reservoir Park and the Belden fields. Randy will advise once he speaks to Riley.
- 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.

New Business

- Co-Chair Boys Personnel Position for 2013. A motion was made to have Scot Kardos (former Belden Boys Personnel Director) to be a Co-Chair with Wes Mariner. Motion was made by Mr. Miscuda and seconded by Chris Miscuda. It was also noted that Grafton will still only have one (1) vote at the county level.
- Picture Day will be Saturday May 4th from 12 – 4. Midview North will participate in the picture day as in previous years. Location TBD (but it will be indoors).
- Trustee positions:
 - Feb 2012 – 2015 Jim Clark, Randy Moore, Mike Ives
 - Feb 2011 – 2014 Aaron Reichard, Tim Miller, Mike Jeffery
 - Feb 2010 – 2013 Tricia McCarrick, Ashley Mease, Tim Blascak
 - A motion was by Tricia McCarrick to nominate Dave DiVencenzo, Chris Miscuda and Chad Armburger to replace the expiring Trustee positions (Tricia McCarrick, Ashley Mease & Tim Blascak), 2nd by Mr. Clark.
- We will need to put a bid in to host the Boys Tournaments by March after our next meeting. Everyone needs to think about this and what it entails and we will discuss at the next meeting.
- It was requested another newsletter be done (only it would not be printed and mailed). It will be emailed to the coaches (they will be asked to forward it to the families) and posted on the website. If anyone would like to help put it together or have any suggestions on what we should mention please let Rhonda know.
- An insurance payment was due to Westfield, it was decided more information would be needed due to the Belden/Grafton merger. A motion was made by Tim Shevel and 2nd by Rhonda Mueller to pay the bill once Tricia McCarrick & Mr. Clark have gathered all the information they need to bring the policy up to date to include all assets.
- Ashley to follow up with Tom Tablet to get the Belden Boosters termination letter and get an inventory of the assets being transferred to Grafton.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Wes Mariner and seconded by Tom Tomasheski.

Next Meeting will be Sunday March 10 at 4:00 PM at the Grafton VFW.