



Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.
January 8, 2017
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at Grafton Town Hall at 5:06 p.m.

ATTENDEES: (in no particular order) Chris Miscuda, Jim Clark, Tom Tomasheski, Kristen Stout, Dan Stout, Deb Tomasheski, Tricia McCarrick, Cara Babel, Bill Kulwicki, Farmer Nixon, Dale Lowrie, Bob Miscuda, Brian Willis (representing Kevin Yates), Gary Goad (representing Eric Maynard), Joe Melendez, Jim Martin. Excused from meeting: Rhonda Mueller, Jeff Hensley.

OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS: (present)

President: Chris Miscuda

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Girl's Personnel Director: Tom Tomasheski

Concession Stand Director: Deb Frabotta

Vice President: Jim Clark

Secretary: Deb Frabotta

Boys Personnel Director: excused

Head Umpire:

Trustees: (present)

Kristen Stout, Joe Melendez, Jim Martin, Farmer Nixon, Dan Stout, Dale Lowrie. Jeff Hensley 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 Kristen Stout. Motion passed. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes by Tom Tomasheski and Seconded by Dan Stout. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Checking, Savings & Concession account balances were unavailable at the moment. A motion was made by Dan Stout and Seconded by Dale Lowrie to accept the report and approve payment of bills. Motion passed.

President: Chris Miscuda

Coaches need to be present at monthly meetings, they are set for the 2nd Sunday of the month. This is the way the board communicates with our coaches. If you send a representative, coaches are responsible for attaining the information that was conveyed.

Quotes for memorial plaque information was received from Crown Trophy \$190 per plaque. A sponsor that we preferred to utilize if possible stated they would be unable to service our request.

We attended the Grafton Twp. meeting to thank them for the use of their fields. They wanted to remind us on trash/recycling effort at Belden.

As president of Grafton Hot Stove/Midview OGSO, these are my 2017 appointments:

- Concession Coordinator- Deb Tomasheski
- Head Umpire- Kristen Stout
- Fundraising- Deb Tomasheski
- Tournament Director- TBD
- Equipment manager- Bob Miscuda.

Vice President: Jim Clark

Jim advised that the Village is still reviewing the request for a Jantz Memorial bench placement. Deb Tomasheski has suggested that a needed site for this could be where the walkway meets the parking lot, as many elders are dropped off there until drivers park vehicles.

The bank that is utilized by the league has once again changed names, it now called Chemical Bank.

Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski

Lorain-Medina OGSO has a new website set up and running thanks to Joel Melvin (North Ridgeville). www.lmogso.com
New County Board is listed below:

- o President- Tom Tomasheski
- o VP- Joel Melvin
- o Secretary- Dan Gurich

Information that is due at January meeting

- o Personnel Director/President/Head Ump form
- o Letters of Intent to host Farm, County, District, & State tournaments

Next County Meeting January 22, 2017, 7PM Wellington Town hall.

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Rhonda Mueller

Ball order is due at the next meeting, I will have to make an informed decision on quantity to order.

Next county meeting January 22, 2017, 5pm @ Columbia Town Hall

Head Umpire Report:

Waiting to hear when the umpire clinics are.

Equipment Manager Report: Bob Miscuda

All remaining equipment is due to be turned in on Monday. Coaches with outstanding equipment are Yates and Reaser.

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.

Superbowl squares will be sold at registration.

Fields: Jim Clark

Jim advises that Grafton Twp has requested that we paint dugouts and concession stand to meet appearance standards. President Miscuda advises that he will be inquiring with local Boy Scouts, if they would be interested in donating time and energy to this beautification.

Old Business

Rhonda advised to avoid conflict of interests, she will avoid involvement in the discussion or purchase of a field machine. She is aware of potential opportunities to purchase, but needs to be contacted at work, as an employee of a major supplier of these machines to share how to achieve a good deal. Jim advises that he will contact Rhonda at work. Tricia McCarrick advises that the league's 501©(3), charitable donation, status has been updated through a CPA.

Kristen Stout reports that she is about 75% of the way through the list of sponsors from 2016 to learn if they will be returning for 2017.

Tricia McCarrick has contacted those sponsors who have yet to pay for 2016, she expects to be receiving payment soon.

Discussion of uniform vendor tabled until next meeting, due to not having printed quotes.

Discussion of memorial bench donated by the Jantz family tabled until next meeting due to waiting for affirmation of the Village.

New Business

Picture day will be amongst us soon and Deb Frabotta has suggested exploring other vendors in this field, just to ensure we are offering the best options. The group as a whole had no objections to talking to other vendors. Brian Willis requested to speak. Brian asked if the board would consider bringing in professional trainers to put on clinics for all players in our organization. Furthermore, he requests that we make an effort to have a coaching clinic, possibly lead by our high school coaches so that our coaches could be leading productive practices and teach the fundamentals that could be used in the future at Midview High School. Mr. Willis inquired if the board ever made a decision on the usage of safety bases for our fields, since the last time he had mentioned it at a board meeting. The board thanked Mr. Willis for his thoughts. The board discussed the safety base and is in favor of moving forward with this option after pricing. The board was in favor of having some form of coaching clinic to educate our coaches. The board tabled any

talks regarding professional trainers for the purpose of player clinics at this time. The board has questions with the ability to serve such a large quantity of players and range of age/athleticism.

Open registration will be January 28th, 2017 and February 4, 2017 from 9am until noon at the Grafton North Park Community Room. Midview Youth Baseball will be distributing the reminder fliers that will be sent out through the school district.

Next Meeting will be February 12th, 2016, 6:30p.m. at Grafton Village Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 5:43 p.m. by Dan Stout, Seconded by Tricia McCarrick. Motion passed.