



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.
May 5, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Belden fields at 6 pm.

ATTENDEES: (in no particular order) Dennis Reaser, Eric Newton, Chad Armburger, Alan Lewis, Ron Phillips, Scott Kardos, Mike Milano, Jim Clark, Kevin McCarrick, Devin Broadwater, Tom Farley, Bill Kulwikki, Tim Shevel, Debbie Shevel, Brian Willis, Brian Searle, Chris Miscuda, Bill Birth, Bob Miscuda, Jeannie Miscuda, John Miller, Brian Miller and George Bates

OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Ashley Mease

Vice President: Jen Short

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: Debbie Shevel

Fundraiser Chairperson: OPEN

Head Umpire: George Bates

Boys Scheduling Umpire: Devin Broadwater

Girls Scheduling Umpire: Terry Shakelford (excused)

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 April 14, 2013 by Wes Mariner Seconded by Tom Tomasheski. A motion was made to approve the April 14, 2013 meeting minutes by Tricia McCarrick and seconded by Jen Short.

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

The account balances were reported. Motion to accept report & approve payments of bills was made by Mr. Jim Clark and seconded by Tim Shevel.

Vice President: Jennifer Short

- Uniforms: All are complete except E/EE, working with Jeannie to get this done.
- Website: Final version to be posted soon. No pictures were submitted.
- GHS/Midview OGSO provided each team with a \$20 Grafton Scoop Gift card to be used towards the players after a great game and/or practice. (These were distributed after the meeting.)

Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski

- Next County Meeting May 26 @ 7:00 at Wellington Town Hall.
- The tournament draw for A, B & C will be July 2, Farm June 19. There are a total number of teams: Farm – 15; A – 15; B – 18; C – 15; D – 9
- All code of conducts have been turned in.

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Wes Mariner

- Next meeting occurred just before GHS meeting on May 5th @ Kohlmeyers to get game balls. Also EE roosters were due.
- All code of conducts have been handed in.
- Game Balls were distributed after the meeting.
- It was also reminded to always have good sportsmanship when addressing the umpires.
- Reminded that for any rainouts, FIRST contact Randy, then the scheduling umpire.
- EE Roosters due May 19th. There will be a MGR meeting for EE time, date and location to be determined.
- District Sites will be: Oberlin, Columbia, and Wellington & Grafton. Regional sites are still to be determined.

Head Umpire Report: George Bates

- Boys' side scheduled by Devin Broadwater.
- Girls side scheduled by Terry Shakelford.
- Umpire sheets handed out with process of how payouts will occur. Ashley handed out the forms for all remaining May home games through June 8th (money was handed out by Tricia McCarrick at the end of the meeting which each coach verified the amount). The process was explained. Coaches were advised that the umpire reconciliation sheet MUST be turned in at the June meeting in order to receive the second half our umpire payout. Also if a coach were to pay the umpire before a game and it gets rained out that it is up to the coach to call their Head Umpire and let them know of the rescheduled game and that the coach paid the umpire in advance so those umpires need to come back and finish that game.
- Per the State Board, all E & EE umpires MUST be paid \$50 per game. This is not what our organization voted on earlier in the year, but because of the mandate GHS has to honor mandate. Devin Broadwater requested that GHS consider raising what we pay our umpires next year, as we are one of the communities that pay the least. GHS acknowledged the request and stated this would be for next year's consideration.

Equipment Manager Report: Bob Miscuda

- Ken Carpenter, President of Lorain County Hot Stove won the coaches bag at the Reverse Raffle and donated the bats that were included to the organization.
- Two bats are on order for the EE division.
- Youth size helmets may be needed for younger teams.

Director of Field Operations: Jim Clark

- It was reminded that after each practice and games make sure the home team rakes around each base, the pitcher's mound and home plate. All teams should be doing this. Also, make sure the dug outs are cleaned out as well.
- Belden Field Clean up. Saturday May 11th will be designated Field Clean up day. All teams are being asked to come up and help out for an hour. Grafton Township is going to provide direction on what is needed to be done.

Fundraising Chairperson: (OPEN) Ashley Mease gave report

- Thank you to everyone that helped at the Reverse Raffle.
- Picture Retakes can be done Saturday, June 8th at Midview North fields. Contact Jennifer Thomas at 440.315.5799 to schedule your time. Currently four teams need to schedule there time, this is required for sponsorship plaques. Girls D (Farley), Boys F (Shevel), Boys EE (Searle) and Boys G (Kardos)

Concession Stand: Tim Shevel

- Concession stand was prepped and stocked for opening day. We are hoping to break even by the second week.
- It was considered opening for the freshman double header. It was decided it would be best not to open since it typically is not and we'd need volunteers to run it on short notice.

Old Business

- Option B was voted on to secure Head umpires to schedule games this season. \$400 will be paid to Devin Broadwater (boys side) and Terry Shakelford (girls side). Mr. Bates declined either scheduling position but will help secure umpires for the tournaments since Devin & Terry will not be required to do that.
- An Eagle Scout has inquired about helping move the old Concession Stand. Mr. Clark has encouraged this not be done due to taking the roof off (as the Eagle Scout was going to do) would hurt the integrity of the building.

New Business

- Riley Moore was once again secured to line the fields earlier this year paying out \$1500 before all teams were established. Once Riley was advised that that he would need to line two field sites for a total of 17 teams a request was brought to the organization to raise his fee to \$2100, roughly \$13.73 a field. The original price of \$1500 had been in place since 2000 when there were roughly 10+ teams. Much discussion took place to justify the increase. Brian Searle made the motion to pay the \$2100 requested, Bob Miscuda 2nd the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The cost for Post season will be \$15 a field, Brian Searle made the motion to accept this cost and Bob Miscuda 2nd the motion, motion carried.
- Randy reminded everyone to check the schedule before heading up to the fields. Games will always bump practices. Remember you can always practice at Belden. All practice/game requests to go through Ashley Mease for Belden Fields and Randy Moore to manage all practice/game requests for Grafton Fields. If any teams move games to Belden the coach must notify the head umpire of the field location change.
- It was also reminded that if a field is lined, please do not practice on it, since more than likely a game will be played on it that evening/day.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Al Lewis and seconded by Brian Searle.

Next Meeting will be Sunday, June 9 at 7:00 PM at Grafton Reservoir Fields.