



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.**  
**March 13, 2016**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Grafton VFW at 5:05 p.m.

**ATTENDEES:** (in no particular order) Joe Melendez, Chris Miscuda, Jim Clark, Tom Tomasheski, Jim Martin, Jeff Hensley, Kristen Stout, Dan Stout, Bill Kulwicki, Deb Frabotta, Jennifer Sedlak, Matt Thomas, Eric Maynard, Chad Armburger, Dale Lowrie, Cara Babel, Wes Mariner, Ron Baron, Farmer Nixon, Dennis Reaser, Bob Miscuda, Brian Willis, Bob Anderson, Adam Elbert, David Moore, David DiVencenzo Excused from meeting: .

**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: Rhonda Mueller

Head Umpire: vacant

**Trustees: (present)**

Kristen Stout, Jim Martin, Jeff Hensley, Wes Mariner.

**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 Wes Mariner, Seconded by Dan Stout. Motion passed. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes by Wes Mariner and Seconded by Dan Stout. Motion passed.

**Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick**

Checking, Savings & Concession account balances were reported. A motion was made by Wes Mariner and Seconded by Dan Stout to accept the report and approve payment of bills. Motion passed.

**Vice President: Jim Clark**

- When schedules come out we will be loading the calendar. Please refer to the calendar to for field assignments
- Tom Tomasheski has volunteered to do the field schedule on the calendar. He will be taking requests for practice times on the fields
- Riley will be taking care of field prep

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

- Last County meeting was cancelled due to a lack of agenda items
- Team fees will be needed in the amount of \$2025.00 for 8 teams to play in the Lorain-Medina Charter at March meeting
  - 2- Farm- Coaches Matt Thomas & Cara Babel
  - 2- A- Coaches Bill Kulwicki & Jeff Hensley
  - 3- B- Coaches Morgan Sedlak, Tom Tomasheski, & Kevin Yates
  - 1- C- Coach Wes Mariner
  - 0- D currently have only heard from 1 girl interested, 0 registered
  - Asking for Board acceptance of above listed coaches for the 2016 Season- Jim Clark made a motion to accept these coaches as presented, Seconded by Tricia McCarrick. Motion passed.
- Code of Conduct needs signed by all coaches and turned in
- Coaching structure is very important when listing coaches that may want to keep the team in the future.
- Background checks & Concussion testing need to be completed as soon as possible.

- Next County Meeting March 20, 2016, 7PM Wellington Town hall

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

- Rosters are due next Sunday....they must include all coaches names, background check number and manager signature. We will have 11 boys' teams
- We are still looking for a few 5/6 year olds to comfortably fill the team along with players that are 14 & 15 to complete our EE team. All other classes have been filled and closed since 2/23.
- Official Rosters are due at the March Meeting along with Team fees. I need to request a check in the amount of \$2,795 for Grafton's team fees. I also need a check for the game balls. I do not have an exact total on this since we also had to order yellow balls and the county hasn't gotten back to me on the cost of them yet. My guess is this check will be for @ \$500.
- Farm Minor- 13 games will be scheduled to be played with 3 innings of tee & 3 innings of coach pitch
- I- 20 Games will be scheduled plus tournament games. 3 innings of coach pitch and 3 innings of kid pitch
  - Tournament Rules can use 10 defensive players or 9
  - Clarification on Rule No Composite Bats
- HH/H- Season will start May 2nd and will include 3 Saturday's. At this time that Saturday Game includes Memorial Day Weekend. If you want to move those games it is suggested to get it moved early.
  - HH Games are only 6 innings
- GG/G - Season will start April 29<sup>th</sup>
- F- Season will start April 28th with 2 Saturday Games and @ 20 games scheduled
  - Bats do not need to be BB Core
- EE/E- Rosters are Due at the April Meeting for this division
- ALL DIVISIONS
  - Tournament Bids are Due at The March Meeting with a decision at April's meeting
  - April 16th Mandatory Managers Meeting at the American Legion in Elyria
    - 8:00 Farm Minor
    - 9:00 HH/H
    - 10:30 I
    - 11:30 GG/G
    - 12:30 F
    - EE will be TBD in May
  - The tournament Draw will be on June 25th. Times for each class are tbd.
  - All coaches must get a new background check every 2 years. Concussion tests are every 3 years.
  - Any rule changes must be submitted by the June County Meeting. As you have suggested rule changes let me know so I can get them to the county.
  - Reminder, if teams are practicing they are only covered under Hot Stove Insurance if they were on a roster last year. If they are new, the need to sign a waiver in order to practice at all
- Do we want to submit for Hot Stove tournament? Discussion ensues; Jim Clark states that we usually get the job done one way or another. Bob Miscuda makes motion to bid for Hot Stove tournament, Seconded by Jim Clark. Motion passed.
- Next county meeting March 20, 2016

### **Head Umpire Report: vacant**

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

- Equipment has been distributed except for 3 teams, which he will email them the next date.
- Storage trailer needs to have a new coat of sealer put on the roof, asking for volunteers.

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

Waiting on schedules to be released.

### **Fundraising: Debbie Frabotta**

- Reverse Raffle- boards and tumbler already at the venue
  - April 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Team responsibilities- please turn in as soon as possible.
    - Tickets- 10 per team
    - Liquor
    - Basket
  - Volunteer schedule passed around. Collected 2 volunteers.

### **Fields: Jim Clark**

- Reservoir- would like to have a field day at the end of March depending on weather
- Belden- needs some projects accomplished. Waiting on weather.
- Please stay off all fields so they are not damaged prior to season

### **Old Business**

- Picture vendor- still forthcoming
- Playground equipment- possibly behind Field D by ditch area. Discussion regarding moving it closer to fields so parents can observe both, safety nets around to protect area from foul balls; refer to Wellington.

### **New Business**

- Head umpire situation- discussion that we need a head umpire to win bid for tournaments. Kristen Stout agrees to schedule umpires. Board believes that utilizing Kristen Stout as scheduler will make easier to locate head umpire.
- Sponsors
  - Nikki's Angels- confirmed
  - Plas Bros. Paving- confirmed
  - Lach Chimney- confirmed
  - Tommy's Team 52- confirmed
  - I-90 Nissan- confirmed (need 2015 sponsor fee)
  - Lakestar Builders- confirmed
  - Branham Automotive- confirmed x 2
  - Nancy's Diner- confirmed
  - Village Fire- request submitted, will have meeting in April; have never not sponsored
  - GLWB- dropped off info, assume yes
  - Unicorn- dropped off info, assume yes
  - General Plug- dropped off info, assume yes
  - Gladiators- Rhonda will be inquiring
  - Reaser Construction- yes
  - Linden Manufacturing- confirmed
  - Arnold Industries- confirmed
  - Blaylock Tone Rings- child no longer plays, not sponsoring
  - Grafton Scoop- Chris Miscuda will inquire
  - Audience is asked if anyone has ideas on acquiring one more sponsor; Cara Babel will inquire on a lead after returning home.

**Next Meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 5:00p.m. at Grafton VFW on Huron St.**

Motion to adjourn at 5:56 p.m. by Wes Mariner, Seconded by Dan Stout. Motion passed.

Several minutes after meeting dismisses, Girls Personnel Director Tom Tomasheski receives a text message from Coach Cara Babel stating that if her sponsor lead were to move forward with a team, can they dictate that it will be her team? Tom Tomasheski responds that this is permissible and YourScape Lawncare has been confirmed as the final sponsor.