



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.
February 12, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at VFW at 5 pm.

ATTENDEES: (in no particular order) Tom Farley, Darren Laux, Alan Lewis, Brian Searle, Mike Kesterson, Matt McMahon, Roc Morocco, Kevin Yates, Jim Clark, John Demarino, and Paul Hruby Jr.

OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Ashley Mease

Vice President: Graig Bansek

Treasurer: Randi Mariner

Secretary: Rhonda Mueller

Girl's Personnel Director: Joanna Wells

Boys Personnel Director: Wes Mariner

Concession Stand Director: Leslie Rebman

Co-Fundraiser Chairperson: (Open)

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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). Meeting Minutes from January's meeting were posted on the website. Motion to suspend reading of the minutes was made by Wes Mariner and seconded by Joanna Wells. Motion to approve the meeting minutes was made by Graig Bansek and seconded by Joanna Wells.

Treasurer: Randi Mariner

The account balances for the following accounts: Checking and Savings Account were reported. Motion to accept and approve payment of bills was made by Wes Mariner and seconded by Joanna Wells.

Vice President: Graig Bansek

- Website: Minor Changes have been made, still need photos. Hoping to ramp this up next month.
- Uniforms: The board voted on and approved the new uniform at an earlier executive meeting. The Farm Boys will remain in the current black pants we have on hand. HH and up will get the new pinstriped pants (gray w/royal blue stripes). All shirts will have a 2 color logo. New uniforms costs were publicized. We are still seeking samples for the girl's uniforms which should be in the first of March. GHS is targeting to host one general fitting for both the boys and girls teams.
- State Championship Team Recognition: We are in the process of receiving quotes for cast aluminum plates to honor past champions. These plates will be placed on the concession stand to recognize all the past state champions. Currently there are 7 boys' teams and 3 girls' teams.
- Field Maintenance Updates:
 - The village approved the purchase of portable fences on fields B, C & D.

- Coverage of dug outs (sun screens, attached to an assembly) are being researched.
- The infield lip project will take place in the fall, but plans need to be made prior to that in order to get it done.
- MTD is to start cutting the grass around April 15th (or as soon as mowing weather is here). Rhonda Mueller made a motion to table the discussion of what we can do to 'thank the workers' of MTD for taking on this project. The motion was seconded by Wes Mariner. Mr. Clark has requested to be the point of contact for MTD.
- PA Systems are being quoted for the fields. We are currently looking at seeking quotes for portable and permanent options.
- Lighting has been postponed for now; we do want to add this to our 5 year plan.

Girl's Personnel Director Report: Joanna Wells

- Reminder: The Next County Meeting is 2/26 @ 2 pm at the Wellington Town Hall. They will have state level officials coming in to go over the new software.
- Reminder: It is once again reminded that girls who have not played for GHS in 2011 are not covered under the girls insurance. GHS does not have insurance to cover accidents on these individuals.
- Rules Change: D Division will not need straps on their helmets for 2012 season.
- Tournament Dates have been set:
 - July 7 – 14 District Tournaments
 - July 18th County Championship
 - July 21 & 22 State (to be held in Wellington)
 - July 28th Finals, July 29 Rain Date
 - No date on Farm Tournament yet

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Wes Mariner

- Reminder: Next County Meeting will be 2/26 @ 5 PM at the Grafton VFW (following the Umpire Clinic).
- Rules Change: Boys can be on 2 Rosters, but they must be at 60% of games played. First & Last Name must be in the score books this year. All Injuries from baseball (whether it's from travel or hotstove) must be reported to Wes. It was asked who'd be watching the pitch count between travel & hot stove.
- We will need birth certificate copies for all boys.
- Reminder: New players or anyone who played Boys Farm or T-Ball last year are not covered by Hot Stove insurance until March 2012. A waiver must be signed by the parents allowing them to practice.
- Background checks must be done every 2 years for all coaches on your team. GHS will pay for 3 coaches per team.
- There are early Bird Tournaments:
 - 2012 North Ridgeville Tournament (April 20-22), the cost is \$300 per team, 3 game minimum
 - 2012 Ken Carpenter Classic (April 28-29) Held in Medina, for HH, H, GG, G, F, FF, \$100 per game plus Umpire Fees.

Fundraising Chairperson: (OPEN POSITION)

- Texas Hold 'em Tournament Reminder was placed in the Rural Urban. It will be held April 21st this year.
- Reverse Raffle (Update given by Ashley Mease)
 - It will be held at Assumption Hall on 1033 Elm Street (200 Guest are expected) Doors open at 5:30
 - Ticket Money is due by February 20th along with any unsold tickets for redistribution.
 - There will be six themed Baskets for the raffle
 - We will also have 50/50, Side Boards and Pull Tabs
 - Set up will be on Friday 3/2 at 6:00

Head Umpire Report: (OPEN POSITION)

- A motion was made by Graig Bansek to nominate George Bates as Head Umpire. Joanna Wells seconded the motion. George Bates will assume Head Umpire position for 2012.
- Umpire Clinics are being held. It is a Free Clinic. It's recommended that anyone attending bring paper and pencil to the clinics. They are being held at the Grafton VFW. They clinics are as follows:
 - February 26th 1:00 – 5:00
 - March 4th 1:00 – 5:00
 - March 11th 1:00 – 5:00 Test will be on this Date.

Equipment Manager Report: (Jim Clark)

- Ashley, Jim & Graig are going to inventory the Equipment.

Concession Stand: (Leslie Rebman)

- Closed for the Season

Old Business

- Coaches Clinics hosted by the Coach Ives (Girls Varsity Coach) on February 25, 2012 from 8:00 – Noon. Mandatory for all coaches this year, the cost is FREE! It is open to head coaches and all assistant coaches.
- Players Clinics for baseball & softball are March 3rd & March 10th Grades 3 – 5 (9 AM – 11:30 AM) Grades 6 – 8 (11:30 – 2 PM). The cost is \$25 per day or \$40 for both. Registration is due 3/1 or \$30 at the door per day.

New Business

- Head Umpire Nomination, George Bates.
- Opening Day: Tomasheski Memorial, Highlighting State Champions and Tribute to Nikki's Angels balloon launch.
- 5 year plan discussion needs to happen for the longevity of the organization.
- Concession Stand. We need to continue to think of an innovative way to run this.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Kesterson and seconded by Graig Bansek.

Next Meeting will be March 11, 2012 at 5:30 PM at the Grafton VFW (please note the time change is due to the Umpire Clinic being held).