



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.  
June 24, 2012  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Grafton reservoir Park at 7 pm.

**ATTENDEES:** (in no particular order) Bob Sanders, John DeMarino, Mike Kesterson, Randy Moore, Jim Clark, Renee Clapper, Jerry Clapper, Dennis Reader, Tim Shevel, David Divencenzo, Eric Maynard, Vince Birth and Al Lewis.

**OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:**

President: Ashley Mease

Vice President: Graig Bansek

Treasurer: Randi Mariner (Excused)

Secretary: Rhonda Mueller

Girl's Personnel Director: (Open)

Boys Personnel Director: Wes Mariner

Concession Stand Director: (Open)

Co-Fundraiser Chairperson: (Open)

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Head Umpire: George Bates (Absent)

**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 May 6, 2012 by Al Lewis, Seconded by Mike Kesterson. A motion was made to accept the Meeting Minutes by Wes Mariner and Seconded by Al Lewis.

**Treasurer: Randi Mariner (reported by Wes Mariner in Randi's absence)**

The account balances for the following accounts were reported by Randi Mariner: Checking and Savings Account were reported. A motion was made by Bob Sanders to accept the report and approve payment of bills seconded by Mike Kesterson.

**Vice President: Graig Bansek**

- Field Maintenance Update: Dug Out Covers, Drawings need to be sent to the Village for their approval. The dugouts should cost @ \$1500 – \$1600 per field. A motion was made by Al Lewis to move ahead with the dugouts once the Village has approved the plans. Seconded by Mike Kesterson.
- Website: Team pictures have been posted on the website along with the girl's tournament information. As we get the boy's tournament information it will be updated as well.
- Uniforms: Pants are the only part of the uniform that needs returned. A return process will be established and the coaches will be notified of the process.

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

- The next County Meeting was held June 24, Mike Mease represented Grafton. Others that are able to represent in Ashley's place are Dave DiVencenzo and Mike Ives.
- All registration fees have been paid on the girl's side.
- Tournament Draw for Girls Class A – C will be July 5<sup>th</sup> at the Wellington Pavilion in Wellington. It's mandatory for all head coaches to attend. Times are as follows: A 6:30 (16 teams total) B 7:00 (19 teams total) and C 7:30 (17 teams total).
- State will be held at the Wellington Fields. Districts will be announced.
- Tom Tomasheski has showed some interest in filling the Girls Coordinator position. If there are any other individuals interested please have them attend a future meeting.
- Back ground check reimbursements will be handed out after the meeting.

### **Boy's Personnel Director Report: Wes Mariner**

- All coaching/player conflicts must go through personnel directors FIRST. Boys director is the principal contact for all parent concerns on the boys' side
- Tourney Draw was held 6/23. Tournaments will start 7/7 for some divisions.
- A letter was received from the county in regards to the merger between Belden, Grafton and Midview-North. Wes had copies available for all in attendance.
  - Wes explained the current procedure and the board's intent to appeal the decision. Midview North has also committed to appealing as well. Wes ended with stating the hope is to work with the county to maintain a process that works, but doesn't tear apart our established teams.
  - Graig also spoke of his dissatisfaction on the ruling and is fearful this will turn many teams to leave the Hot Stove organization. He too is hopeful this will be resolved favorable for the players in our organization.
  - Ashley spoke on her position and how the communication works between Grafton Hot Stove and the County. She went over her plan on how she will present Grafton's case to the County.
  - Jerry Clapper was able to answer a few questions. He explained that the process has been put in place to better scrutinize the release of players. There must be a necessity for a release, not just because players want to play with each other or a particular coach.
- Background check number should be on the rosters given out at the Tournament Draw. If not, the number should be available at the tournament.

### **Fundraising Chairperson: (OPEN POSITION)**

- No Updates

### **Head Umpire Report: (George Bates)**

- Jerry Clapper prepared a report for the OGSO games held at Midview North which included the game dates, number of umpires used and the cost. We'd like to implement the same thing in Grafton for tracking purposes.

### **Equipment Manager Report: (Jim Clark)**

- Equipment turn in; will be done the same time the pants are turned in. A process will be established and communicated.
- There are some pants and bases no longer used. It was suggested that they be donated or taken to Play it Again Sports to sell.

### **Concession Stand: (Open) Report Given by Rhonda Mueller**

- Jessica Newton, Jim Clark & Dave Divenczo have stepped up to help keep the concession stand going, each playing a huge role in the day to day operation of the concession stand.
- It was determined this is a two person position. We are looking for two individuals that could fill the concession stand role for the 2013 season.

- A committee will be formed during the off season to come up with some solutions to get more volunteers to work the concession stand and to help make it run smoothly to be as profitable as it has the potential of being.
- It was reported that the concession stand had sales of \$3467.42, after the expenses of \$1182.22, a profit of \$2285.22, for the time period of June 1<sup>st</sup> – June 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Thank you to all the teams that have worked the concession stand and continue to support our fundraising efforts.

## Old Business

- .Bi-Law's, no revisions were requested from the floor. Ashley had some that she will give to Wes directly.

## New Business

- GHS is going to do an internal audit of all our accounts. Dave suggested having the bank do the initial audit prior to having an outside firm do it. If necessary a motion was made by Graig Bansek and Seconded by Tim Shevel to spend up to \$500 to pay a firm to audit our books as well.
- Tournaments:
  - A motion was made by Graig Bansek and seconded by Wes Mariner to nominated Dave Divenczo to be our tournament director. Motion carried.
  - Dave updated us on what he knew so far on the tournaments. He and George Bates have a meeting with the county on Wednesday June 27<sup>th</sup>. A meeting will be held with a committee we are hoping to form with the members being our board members and a representative from each team. Our first initial meeting will be Friday June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the Grafton Reservoir Park Pavilion.
  - We will host tournament games July 7, 8, 11, 14 & 15. Multiple games on each field throughout the day.
- Season Ending Parties, it was decided this would be a great idea, but it would be tabled until the 2013 season since some teams have already planned their own activities and purchased trophies.
- MTD has been cutting the grass at the fields. A motion was made to get the mowers of MTD a gift card in the amount of \$200 for their support and job well done throughout the season. The motion was made by Wes Mariner and Seconded by Graig Bansek.
- A motion was made by Bob Sanders to reimburse on the boys side for back ground checks the head coach plus 3 assistants. Mike Kesterson seconded the motion.
- Al Lewis reminded everyone that July 29<sup>th</sup> is Tomasheski night at the Lake Erie Crusher's Stadium, with a portion of the proceeds going to the family. Any interested in getting tickets can contact Dave Edwards or get a flier from the concession stand.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Tim Shevel and seconded by Wes Mariner.

Next Meeting will be Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Grafton Reservoir Park Pavilion weather permitting. If cancelled due to weather meetings postponed until September. Managers were concerned for this was a tourney weekend for boys therefore lack of attendance would possibly occur. If teams continue to play meeting may get cancelled for this as well. Notification of cancellation to be posted via web, email and/or text message blasts.