



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.
October 13, 2013
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at Grafton VFW at 5 pm.

ATTENDEES/COACHES: (in no particular order) Al Lewis, Ron Phillips, Brian Searle, Miki Powell, Chad Armburger, Wes Mariner, Scott Kardos

EXCUSED COACHES: Tim Shevel, Ron Baron, Chris Miscuda, Tom Farley, Bernadette Arnoczky, Chris West

OFFICERS/BOARD MEMBERS:

President: Ashley Mease

Vice President: Jen Short

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Secretary: Rhonda Mueller (Excused)

Girl's Personnel Director: Tom Tomasheski

Boys Personnel Director(s): Wes Mariner, Scott Kardos

TRUSTEES:

Dave DiVencenzo, Mike Ives, Jim Clark, Chad Armburger, Chris Miscuda (Excused), Mike Jeffreys (Excused)

Missing: Randy Moore, Aaron Reichard, Tim Miller

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Concession Stand Director(s): Tim & Debbie Shevel (Excused)

Head Umpire: George Bates (Excused)

Uniform Coordinator: Jeannie Miscuda (Excused)

Equipment Manager: Bob Miscuda (Excused)

Director of Field Operations: Jim Clark

Tournament Director: Dave DiVencenzo

Fundraising Chair: 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 was absent. Ashley Mease covered portion of meeting

Roll call was done. A motion was made to suspend the reading of the Meeting Minutes from Sept. 8, 2013 by Al Lewis seconded by Tom Tomasheski. A motion was made to approve the Sept. 8, 2013 meeting minutes by Mike Ives and seconded by Miki Powell.

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

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

It was further reported that Concession funds were transferred to savings. \$2,000 will remain in account to start next season for inventory purchases. It was noted GHS was waiting on Grafton Unicorn, General Plug and GLWB.net payment. A. Mease advised that Gail Flanigan from these companies claimed it was in the mail. Once received would be deposited into GHS checking. Grafton Village Fire Department was another outstanding sponsorship. Also at this time Tricia requested that any unused Umpire Fee money be turned in along with the tracking sheets. The only boys coach to be paid for background reimbursement is Troy DiFranco, Assistant Boys Farm Major Coach. All coaches were notified that October meeting was last meeting to secure background reimbursement. No other coaches came to past meetings to collect funds. Unfortunately, these coaches are no longer eligible for reimbursements. It was reiterated one last time that coaches background reimbursements will NOT be guaranteed next year. It will be up to new President and officers to decide and request approval from trustees since reimbursements are not in the by-laws.

Vice President: Jennifer Short

Uniform Pants were due back. To date we still need Team Reaser, Baron, Newton, Phillips, Lewis, Kardos, Searle, Jill Yates, Miller, Arnoczky, Kevin Yates, Mariner, West, Powell, Milano and Farley. Bob Miscuda set up a 10/14/13 meeting for all remaining coaches to hand in pants. An update will be presented at the November meeting under the new leadership.

Girl's Personnel Director Report: Tom Tomasheski

No Update

Boy's Personnel Director Report: Given by Brian Searle

Brian Searle attended meeting on behalf of GHS and gave report. Midview North advised county of name change to Midview Youth Baseball. New bat rules were given. Brian advised everyone meeting minutes from this meeting would be located on Lorain County Hot Stove website if further information was needed.

Head Umpire Report:

No Update

Equipment Manager Report: Bob Miscuda was excused. Given by Ashley Mease

It was requested that all equipment be turned in by October 1st. These are the teams that have not turned in their equipment: Reaser, Newton, Phillips, Lewis, Shevel, J. Yates, Arnoczky, Miller, Mariner, K Yates, West, Powell, Milano, Farley. A drop off night is scheduled for 10/14/13 and a report will be given at November meeting.

Director of Field Operations: (Jim Clark)

No Update

Concession Stand: (Rhonda Mueller, Tim/Debbie Shevel)

GHS returned Sysco unused products and a check was cut to GHS for the return. Midview Youth Football still has cheese machine. Season ends following week and Jennifer Short will work with MYF to coordinate return of machine.

At the September meeting a request was made by the floor to have a summary of concession sales from post season. Rhonda Mueller stated she would try to have this ready for next meeting. Since Rhonda was not in attendance a final summary report was not given. However, Tricia McCarrick advised she has bank statements of all deposits from tournament and all receipts of purchases if anyone would like to see net profit.

New Business

A brief notification was made to Councilman Dave DiVencenzo about structural damage to posts on fields A, B, D. Mr. DiVencenzo advised floor that this damage was more than 10 years old and that holes were made at the bottom of the posts to allow for better drainage. While many stated it wasn't anything both Jennifer Short and Ashley Mease felt these cracks are have become more noticeable hence pictures reviewed by Dave DiVencenzo and Trustee Ives and wanted this presented to the floor so community was aware and that Dave DiVencenzo take this to the Village of Grafton requesting an assessment to the damage just so the Village is notified what was found. Follow up will need to be done at a forthcoming meeting.

Al Lewis spoke about a potential partnership with the new ownership of the former Racquet Ball Club. The opportunity presented to GHS was paying this partner for an allotted amount of time for hitting cages. There were no specific details that Al Lewis could provide. Dave DiVencenzo requested the owner come to a meeting and presents a proposal. Much commentary was had; however, this opportunity was tabled.

Councilman Dave DiVencenzo presented a political pitch for Councilmen Tom Smith and Randy Moore. These are two leaders who are up for re-election at the Village of Grafton. He spoke highly of these two civic leaders and how each member has supported GHS over the years and encouraged our GHS attendees to strongly consider their re-election if they lived in the areas those two leaders served.

The organization held nominations during September meeting and per the bylaws the six current/active Trustees (Dave DiVencenzo, Jim Clark, Chad Armburger, Chris Miscuda, Randy Moore, Mike Ives) are to vote for the 2014 Officer Positions. The remaining three trustee positions are up for elections and will be voted in by the 2013 Officers, Trustees and Managers at the October meeting. The current board members seeking re-election: Tricia McCarrick, Tom Tomasheski, Wes Mariner and Scott Kardos. There are three (3) positions available and it is a three year term (November 1, 2013 – October 31, 2016). These volunteers will replace Tim Miller, Aaron Reichard and Mike Jeffreys. Mike Jeffreys is not interested in returning due to a current position he holds at Lorain County Hot Stove. Mr. Jeffreys will help out whenever GHS needs help, but doesn't want there to be a conflict of interest.

The following nominations occurred and were voted in by Mike Ives, Dave DiVencenzo, Chad Armburger, Chris Miscuda (verbal followed by email on 10/13 of vote) and Jim Clark. Not in attendance nor received record of vote is Randy Moore:

Officers (Nov. 1, 2013 – Oct. 31, 2014)

President: Brian Searle

Vice President: Jim Clark

Treasurer: Tricia McCarrick

Girls Personnel Director: Tom Tomasheski

Boys Personnel Co-Directors: Wes Mariner and Scott Kardos

Secretary: There was no interest in this position. Nominations were made but those members were not interested. This position remained OPEN.

The following trustees were voted in by all present trustees, officers, committee members and members in attendance. This term takes effect **November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2016.**

Trustees: Al Lewis, Jen Short, Tim Shevel

Effective immediately all present attendees voted a trustee replacement for Jim Clark. Scott Jalowic was nominated in September and accepted the term "if/when" Jim was appointed as VP for the 2013-2014 season. Jalowic was unanimously voted in to replace Trustee Clark. Jalowic will finish out Jim Clark's term. **Effective immediately** Scott Jalowic will become GHS Trustee through October 31, 2014.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Wes Mariner and seconded by Scott Kardos.

Next meeting will be scheduled and communicated by new President, Brian Searle.