

Dauphin Baseball Association  
Meeting Minutes  
February 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church.

**Present:** Chris Barnes (President), Steve Harris (Vice President), Matt Roberts (Treasurer), Steve Burns (Secretary), Donnie McEntee, Bryan Funk, Will Drake, Harry Hitz, Larry Snyder, Ryan Boyer, Alan Miller, Tim Wenrich, Mark Wolfe, Tim Klinger, Penny McEntee, Bill Freeland, Warren King, Emily Millovich, Susan Wilson

**Prior Meeting Minutes:** Motion for approval of the January minutes by Bryan F., Donnie M. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Matt R. presented the Treasurer's report. Motion for approval by Will D., Bryan F. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Report approved.

**River League Meeting:** Chris B. attended the River League meeting today:

- Six towns are now in the league. Dauphin, Newport, Marysville, Duncannon, Greenwood, and Shirmansdale
- 15 Tball teams, 14 Pony teams, 9 Minor teams, and 10 Major teams.
- For Tball, Dauphin will play in Marysville and Duncannon.
- For Pony, all teams play each other once. End of season playoffs will be a double elimination tournament.
- For Minor, all teams will play each other twice. End of season playoffs will follow same as Major (see next bullet)
- For Major, there will be two divisions. Each town that has two teams will have one team in each division. Top 6 teams will make the playoffs with the top 2 teams getting a first round bye. The other 4 teams will play a play-in game. The final four teams will play a double elimination format.

A rule passed to allow three approved brands of baseballs to be used this season.

Head coaches are to report their list of Assistant Coaches plus contact info for the River League ASAP so that this information can be compiled and distributed. In addition, Coaches must submit "no play" dates (i.e. school functions, scout functions, etc.) so that the League can draft the schedule of games.

On March 24<sup>th</sup> there will be a Rules/Scheduling meeting in Duncannon that all Coaches must attend (or send proxy). Major 3:00pm, Minor 4:00pm, Pony 5:00pm, Tball 6:00pm. Pony coaches must show up at 4:00pm at Wheeler Field in Duncannon to calibrate pitching machines.

River League Fees will be \$65 per team at Major, Minor, Pony. \$25 for Tball.

**Softball Meeting:** Mark gave a summary of the Dauphin Softball Meeting that took place today. Softball will be holding their 10U tournament May 10-12 in Dauphin. Also, the 8U Playoffs will be on May 31-June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mark also gave a report on the concession revenue from 2018 stating total revenue was just under \$9,000 and accounting for the funds showed sales from softball was 65% while sales from baseball was 35%. Because of the understanding from Baseball that concessions from the Community Park were split 50/50 but Softball's accounting showed a 65/35 split, the Executive Boards of Baseball and Softball agreed to meet to go over the accounting of funds. [See minutes from January 27, 2019]. Going forward, Baseball and Softball will continue to split shared events 50/50 but it was agreed that revenue from softball-only tournaments at the Community Park will be retained by Softball.

**DAA Update:** Tim W. gave an update from the Dauphin Athletic Association (DAA). The replacement of the lights at Sheetz field has been approved and should be completed in April. A meeting was held with Mid Penn bank on Thursday. The DAA will be investing \$10K in the lights and obtaining a \$20K loan from Mid Penn. Mid Penn will be donating \$1K each year to the DAA as a sponsor in return for a sign at the park.

Opening day of Baseball/Softball will be at noon on April 13<sup>th</sup> at Kennedy field. All players will assemble at the Dauphin Pool and will parade to Kennedy field from there.

The DAA is purchasing new benches for Sheetz, Junior, Pony, and Major fields.

Also, job boxes will be purchased and placed at Pony and Teener with field equipment (bases, rakes, etc.).

John Lucas has volunteered to be the Field Coordinator for Baseball/Softball.

**Fundraiser:** Chris reported that nobody has volunteered for this position again so he will do it if nobody steps up. The fundraiser will be Raffle tickets as was done in prior years. Tickets will be distributed at the coaches meet & greet which will be held on Wednesday February 27<sup>th</sup> at Middle Paxton in the gym. This meeting will be held jointly with Dauphin Softball. Times are 6:15pm for Tball/Pony and 7:15pm for Minor/Major.

**Concession:** A huge thank you to Ryan's wife Sam who has stepped up to volunteer for the Concession Coordinator role. Sam is looking for volunteers to help her with opening/closing stands during the season.

**Picture Coordinator:** Tim W. would like a new volunteer for this role. Basically, this person would be in charge of scheduling the pictures and distribution of picture packets to the teams. Alan Miller graciously volunteered his wife Jan to take on this duty.

**Coaching Coordinator:** Tim W. is looking for someone else to fulfill this role. The duties of this role are basically ensuring that all coaches and assistants have their background clearances. Tim will do it if nobody else volunteers.

**Indoor:** Chris B. reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> week of indoor practice was held. Matt reported that Monday's practice with Major/Minor went well. He had about 21 kids and they practiced for about 1.5 hours. Harry reported that Wednesday went well with Tball/Pony. He had about 24 kids and they practiced 1.5 hours. Ryan reported that there is some confusion as to the time schedule for the Tball/Pony kids and some parents didn't know when to pick their kids up or if Tball was the first hour and Pony was the second hour. Chris reported that it is an open gym from 6:00 to 8:00 that is meant to get kids as much practice as they want or can handle within that time period and will try and clarify the open gym night to parents via an email.

**Teener:** – Tim reported the first Suburban Teener League meeting is next Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup>. Based on expectations, Dauphin will likely have a Teener A and a Teener B or C team. The league meeting will be at Hershey Italian Lodge at 1:00pm. Bryan and Larry will attend this meeting on behalf of Dauphin.

Chris made a motion to approve coaches Tim Wenrich for Teener A. Tim made a motion to approve Will Drake for Teener C. Bryan Funk 1<sup>st</sup>, Ryan Boyer 2<sup>nd</sup>. None opposed.

**Uniforms:** Matt needs color selections from Head Coaches by Wednesday of this week. Matt will also need to know jersey sizes for all Head and Assistant Coaches as soon as possible.

**Central Dauphin (CD) Baseball:** The Dauphin Baseball Executive Board was asked to meet with other local area teams to discuss the potential for a new league in future. This league would be made of feeder teams into the CD high school and would give those kids an opportunity to play with/against their future classmates and would make it easier for coaches at the Middle and High School level to watch the young players who may eventually tryout for the school teams. The DBA Executive Board attended along with other representatives from Paxtonia, PHR, and Linglestown. The discussion was positive and no decisions were made. Future meetings are likely to be planned.

**Draft:** Chris reported that a draft was held two weeks ago. He said that the numbers at the age levels were not as great as they have been in the past. Decisions were made that weren't accurate at the Pony Division and a redraft was determined to be necessary. A

redraft was held yesterday and all Pony coaches (Harry, Mark, Larry) and Executive Board have agreed to the final draft.

A general discussion from concerned parents present at the meeting occurred about the way the events and decisions occurred regarding the Pony draft and re-draft. Those discussions are summarized as follows:

Donnie questioned if all Executive Board members were present during the initial draft. Steve H. reported that Executive Board members were present, with the exception of Steve B. who came late. Steve H. and Chris B. were present but were also conducting their own draft separately with Ryan for the Major Division.

Harry interjected and stated that the main issue was concerning the expansion draft rules. Harry brought the rules forward that he had been given and indicated they were followed during the initial draft. Mark concurred that they both felt they were drafting within the parameters set by the guidelines and were making decisions in the interest of the kids. Unfortunately, the coaches had been provided an outdated set of draft guidelines prior to the draft. Harry said he stands behind decision of the Board on the redraft, but reported that even the newest set of guidelines that were sent at the redraft do not clearly cover how an expansion draft should occur and should be revised. Harry later clarified that the expansion draft rules do not state that a coach must draft by age.

Chris explained to the group that decisions on coaches had not yet been finalized when the Pony draft occurred. At the prior meeting, Jay W. was presumed to be the third Pony coach but later declined to be the coach. Larry was considering being the coach but had not yet confirmed. But instead of delaying the draft until a coach was confirmed, three teams were drafted by the two coaches. When Chris got the team lists and reviewed them, he noticed the draft wasn't done correctly in accordance with the drafting guidelines and accepts full responsibility for the mistake, but felt the Executive Board had to make decisions to correct the mistakes.

Penny, Bill, and Emily voiced concerns about the draft/redraft decisions and how the Board made those decisions. Chris reiterated how the decisions were made and that he felt this was clearly an Executive Board decision that needed to be made to quickly correct and resolve the matter. The Executive Board all agreed on the decision to redraft. Matt met with the three coaches on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> to get a redraft completed.

Tim weighed in on his knowledge of the history of the bylaws and how it is clear that things have changed at the pony level in regards to pitching machines and scoring not being kept and suggested maybe the bylaws be reviewed for changes at that level.

Donnie expressed his concern that the Executive Board made these decisions instead of bringing the issue to the full committee members. Chris reiterated that he felt in this case, the Executive Board made the decision based on time and other circumstances.

[Secretary's Note: Since several suggestions were made regarding review and revision of bylaws and drafting guidelines in order to prevent this type of situation from occurring in the future, this topic should remain as a matter of discussion for future meetings, including the matter of Executive Board oversight over the drafts.]

Next meeting is March 3rd. Ryan B. motion to adjourn. Donnie M. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Burns  
Secretary, DBA