



**Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc.**

January 1, 2011

Lorain County Hot Stove Baseball League

Re: County Charter Merger Request

Dear Executive Board:

Belden Youth Boosters, Grafton Hot Stove, Inc. and Midview North Hot Stove have reached an agreement to merge our Hot Stove Baseball Charters at the **County Level**. We will continue to operate as separate boards and organizations as Belden Youth Boosters, Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc. and Midview North Hot Stove. The difficulty in finding enough players to make teams, at each level, has necessitated this merger.

We are requesting The Lorain County Hot Stove to consider this request and accept the merger of these three communities at a county level. Our new geographical territory maps will be the total combined territory that now exists and be referred to as "Midview Baseball" charter with the county.

We are requesting this merger be recognized by the county effective for the upcoming 2011 season. We expect to maintain three (3) local Personnel Directors, and understand we will still have three (3) votes at County Hot Stove meetings. We plan to utilize Belden, Grafton and Midview North fields for practices and game play. At the beginning of every season, all organizations will proactively identify to the county those teams who practice and play in their respective communities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and approval.

Sincerely,

Tom Tablet  
**President, Belden Youth Boosters**

David Divencenze  
**President, Grafton Hot Stove League**

Jeff Ondo  
**President, Midview North Hot Stove**



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**Re: Belden Youth Boosters, Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc. & Midview North Hot Stove Joint Operating Agreement - As (1) charter with Lorain County Hot Stove hereafter referred to as "Midview Baseball":**

**Purpose: Belden Youth Boosters, Grafton Hot Stove, Inc. and Midview North Hot Stove have reached an agreement on a joint operating agreement of our Hot Stove Baseball Charters at the County Level. We will continue to operate as separate boards and organizations as Belden youth Boosters, Grafton Hot Stove, Inc. and Midview North Hot Stove. The difficulty in finding enough players at each class to make teams has necessitated this joint operating agreement.**

**By agreement from our respective executive boards and as documented by meeting minutes dated May 16, 2010 Belden Youth Boosters, August 8, 2010 Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc., dated October 24, 2010 Midview North Hot Stove.**

**Where herby agreed:**

1. The merged charter at the county level will be named "Midview Baseball".
2. Belden Youth Boosters, Grafton Hot Stove League, Inc. and Midview North Hot Stove will continue to operate and have separate "community baseball" organizations.
3. All three organizations will hold joint annual registrations with comparable registration fees.
4. Players will be signed up and place on teams from their respective communities based on existing rules. Existing/returning players will be permitted to remain on the same teams. Additionally, it is understood some players from Belden, Grafton and Midview North may end up playing in their sister communities to fill rosters. Examples as follows:
  - a. Belden Player – May play in Grafton or Midview North
  - b. Grafton Player – May play in Belden or Midview North
  - c. Midview North Player – May play in Belden or Grafton.
5. Head coach and assistant coaches must come from within the teams once rosters are set by the personal directors. In other words, a coach cannot claim a parent as an assistant coach to circumvent the process of assigning players to rosters.
6. If a team is comprised of even amounts of players from each community the designated head coach may make a request to the Personnel Director in their community as to where they would prefer the team would practice and play for the season. The Personnel Directors from each community will manage this process.
  - a. The head coach assigned to this designated team comes from Belden and has four players from each community to make up a roster of 12 would have the option to practice and play in Belden with the approval of the personnel directors..
  - b. Should an instance occur where an agreement cannot be reached by the head coach and Personnel Director it may be escalated to the local executive board within the communities affected. The third level of escalation would be for all three (3) Presidents to vote on what is best for that particular team.

7. After registration is held our respective Boys Personnel Directors will work together to sort out teams, recommend coaches and solidify teams for approval by our respective executive committees. If questions, comments, concerns, complaints arise all issues are to be addressed at the local level with the local executive Hot Stove Board.
8. We agree to review this agreement, as need be, to make adjustments to procedures and or resolve any issues that may arise.



Tom Tablet  
President, Belden Youth Boosters



David DiVencenzo  
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Jeff Ondo  
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