

**P.G. Pony Baseball/Softball  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
April 27, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m., Bernadette Villarreal presiding.

**Present:** Nick Hertel, Jerry Chyo, David Book, Marcia Cody, Bryan Simmons, Bernadette Villarreal, Pete Huller, Randy Karasek, Jeff Odell, Maria Lucido, Rob Carswell, Sam Buttrey, Jo Crisp, Brian Wood, Michele Amader, Sal Lucido, Don Mothershead.

**Opening Business:**

A motion to adopt the March minutes was made by Russo, seconded by Wood, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**I. President's Report**

Bernadette started the meeting by reading from the April 4<sup>th</sup> Californian newspapers with regard to the Pacific High School teams; the article mentioned the "first-rate youth league" that helps produce quality local players.

The field proposal of March 9<sup>th</sup> was approved by PGUSD in a letter from Robin Blakeley dated March 30<sup>th</sup>. That means that PG PONY can start work on two fields on the upper level of David Ave.

Keys were discussed. Everyone is now happy with the distribution of keys except Bernadette.

All baseball birth certificates have now been verified. For next year only incoming players will need to be verified. There are around seven softball players without verified birth certificates, out of a total (baseball and softball) of about 400 kids.

Jim Edwards from Pony Division called Bernadette. He really wants us to host Mustang District playoffs and is even willing to change the date (the tournament is currently set for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend). Sectionals will be in Seaside and Marina this year. Randy observed that the last time PG hosted sectionals we only made about \$1,000 in net profit, because there are substantial expenditures for shirts, fees and so on. General feeling of the board is hosting the tournament provides positive PR but is otherwise a pain. In any case another city would like to host the tournament. The board felt that we would host it if we have to. We will continue to host an invitational.

Bernadette will discuss costs, timing etc. with Jim. There was some suggestion that we offer to take the Mustang playoffs this year in exchange for a Bronco sectional for next year.

The date for all-star manager letter (from managers to league reps) (for Rookie, Minor, Major, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony) will be Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>. The manager selection committee will have Rich, Sal, Bernadette, Pete, Bryan and maybe Martin Sublett (not present at the meeting). That committee will meet Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00 p.m. at the PGCC. All-star selection will take place Tuesday March 23<sup>th</sup> for Bronco after the 7:30 game, and Wednesday March 24 Mustang at 7:30-ish, after the game.

Softball will pick all-star teams Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for Rookies, 8:00 for Minors.

Bernadette observed that no board members had offered input regarding the revised by-laws proposed by Michele and Bernadette. The plan is to have some general discussion by the board, followed by referral of the proposed by-laws to the Executive Committee. Bernadette urged members to send in their input.

Bryan and Bernadette got a phone call right before the meeting. Kim Roberts of 1-800-Got-Junk had contacted Recreation Department, who referred to call to us. Mr. Roberts would like to hire door-hangers to hang flyers for his business on local doorknobs and in exchange will donate at least \$300. The board agreed to decline the offer.

One parent addressed the board regarding his son who had committed to a travel team, and had chosen not to sign up for Bronco. The player had then, for various reasons, left the travel team and the parent wanted to have the player entered into Bronco. Some members felt that that would be unfair to children on the team to which he would be assigned. It was observed that PG PONY has already turned children away this year. The Executive Board will make a final decision this week.

**II. Vice-President:** Bryan Simmons reminded us that Photo Day is Saturday. The Board will be photographed at 8:00 a.m.

**XII. Sponsor Rep:** Michele reported on the Dinner Dance. Tickets have been distributed to managers. The date is May 20<sup>th</sup>; managers should return tickets and money to her by the 13<sup>th</sup>. There are tickets at the concession stands and there will be tickets at the door as well, for an additional \$5.

**IV. Baseball Director:** Rich Russo reported. We can now roll the fields at Arnett, since they have dried sufficiently. We'll consult Rocky Pinheiro from the city. However, water lines at both Arnett and George Washington Parks had been shut off and infields are now too dry. Don M. noted that these water lines seem to have been fixed. Rich will call Rocky.

No umpires have missed a game, although for a few games there was only one umpire. Everyone seems happy with the umpires. Rich got a call from the Marina and Toro leagues, who are operating, as a joint venture, a Pinto invitational tournament. They say they will stress a low level of competitiveness, with, for example, awards for everyone. They will use a safety baseball, but in contrast to our Pinto league, the kids will pitch. The tournament is set for June 16-18, with some games at Preston Park in Marina, others

out at Toro. Our teams would be guaranteed four games. Rich recommended that the Pinto coaches get together and choose the teams. There was general agreement from the board.

Regarding all-star manager selection, Rich proposed that the board select the A-team managers this year. We want to avoid taking a kid off the A team who belongs there just because his dad is managing the B team. There was general agreement.

We would like to host a Mustang Invitational tournament. Pete will call Marina to see when theirs is and he and Rich will get a letter out to other cities gauging interest. Woodie noted that it would be wise to establish a committee because co-ordinating parent volunteers turns out to be a challenge.

Regarding post-season awards, it is the time of year when we need to order the medallions for Pinto and Shetland, trophies for the invitational, and season championship trophies. Pete will take the lead there. Bernadette has ordered all-star pins. We will also need caps, enough for A and B teams for Mustang and Bronco and one team for Pony and Pinto. Rich will order the caps, except for Pinto. Bernadette has a set of hats in her garage which will work for Pinto.

No league reports were presented.

**III. Softball Director:** Sal Lucido asked about getting hold of an electrical generator. There was some confusion about what was available: there does appear to be one around, but Sal proposed we buy our own, label it and lock it up. There was general agreement.

Sal also expressed his approval of Ira the umpire guy and his crew.

**IX. Webmistress:** Jo Crisp had to depart, but she reported that the softball website is up to date. She has received around ten e-mails about the site, all positive.

No league reports were presented.

**V. Field Improvement and Equipment Guy:** Jeff Odell reported that he had given another five dozen balls to Bronco teams. He suggests that we keep game balls in the concession stands as they do in other local cities. There was some discussion on ball care.

Jeff has chains and locks, where needed, and pitcher's L screens. Jeff would like to be in on planning the improvements at GW and Arnett as well as David Avenue. Work should be done in the middle of summer, so discussion needs to start soon.

There was a discussion of fall ball. MPC won't have its football field ready, so their baseball team won't be able to host our players for fall ball clinics. CSUMB is interested. The fall-ball committee is composed of the Assistant Baseball Director and the Mustang and Bronco league reps. Pete will need to contact other cities. Fall ball practice begins in mid-August with the first games played the weekend following Labor Day.

**VI. WebMaster:** Randy Karasek has a set of pictures to be posted over Science Camp week. He has also constructed e-mail aliases for all the parents and posted picture day information. A dinner dance mail will go out in the first weekend of May.

**VII. Concessions:** Randy reported that we are \$3700 behind last year's pace as of April 27. Last year at this time we'd had picture day (which was worth \$931) and more games. We've spent \$220 less on inventory this year. Furthermore there are lots of makeup games still to come. There have not been and PGHS varsity or JV games yet – they've all been away. There will be games starting May 1, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for two weeks.

The new hot dog roller has been installed at George Washington Park, and the one there moved to Arnett.

Randy expressed thanks to David Book for doing such a great job on concession operations.

**VIII. City Rep:** Don Mothershead reported a few field prep issues. On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> we've asked the city for 6 preps. The lowest priority will have to be Shetland and Pinto and sometimes those will need to be done the day before. Similarly we have asked for six preps before 11 a.m. on May 20<sup>th</sup>. A few make-up games were noted and communicated to Don for field prep action.

There was some discussion about field prep for Sunday games. Nick and Rich will arrange for that.

**IX. Treasurer:** Jerry Chyo distributed a balance sheet and noted that we're making and spending more this year than last.

**X. Other business:** Sam B. asked who is going to co-ordinate the David Ave. work. The answer is Jeff Odell, but that work will follow the work to be done at George Washington and Arnett Parks. It was noted that the agreement with the School District specifies a start time, but presumably this could be negotiated.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 25, 2006, 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel E. Buttrey  
Secretary