

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m., Bernadette Villarreal presiding.

Present: Nick Hertel, David Book, Bryan Simmons, Bernadette Villarreal, Randy Karasek, Deanna Karasek, Sam Buttrey, Michele Amader, Don Mothershead, Rich Russo, Dana Moldenhauer, David Moldenhauer, Marcia Cody, Robert Kirshner, Len Chodosh, Jim Lowell.

Opening Business:

There was no quorum at the June meeting. Minutes from the June meeting will be e-mailed by Michele. The board gave its commendations to Nick Hertel for the successful Mustang tournament.

I. President's Report

Bryan Simmons has asked the company that rents the portable toilets to come and remove them, but we haven't checked that they're gone yet.

Jerry Chyo was absent but had e-mailed financial reports in advance of the meeting. Some reporting remains before the financials for the season are complete. A motion to accept those reports was made by Nick and seconded by Michele was passed by voice vote.

Pete Huller was absent but e-mailed a draft of a flyer for fall ball. David Book will make some edits. The fall ball committee will meet right after the board meeting; the committee consists of Nick, Marcia, Michele, Crystal, David, Greg Tarola and Pete.

The long-awaited field improvement: work on the fields at David Avenue, Arnett Park, and George Washington Park will take place after the Bronco World Series.

Over the next two months Bernadette would like to finalize the by-laws, and update the rules and regulations. Brian Wood has volunteered to lead that committee in his last official duty and will step down from the board.

Bronco World Series: Bernadette have given Michele pins, hats (maybe to distribute to sponsors and volunteers), and some extra stuff. Woody made up a donation form (in 2004) with the tax ID and that needs to be dug out. P.G. PONY is obliged to host a dinner for all the teams and we will need to solicit donations. Any donations of any sort will be welcome. Michele has already called Charlie at Grove Market. Sponsors will get write-off and maybe a hat – and recognition at the dinner. We might ask Mike Ventimiglia if Monterey can chip in. Dana M. and Deanna Karasek will coordinate the dinner. Rich R. has rounded up \$300 already. We anticipate a cost to us of about \$1000. There was some discussion about soliciting sodas and similar items from local stores. The P.G. team will give a gift to the team it plays the first night; there's no budget for that but we need ideas.

II Vice-President: no report.

III Sponsor Rep: Michele Amader reported that there are perhaps two more checks to collect.

IV. Baseball Director: Rich Russo reported. All of the All-stars had fun and successful post-seasons. Rich has received the umpire bill for the district tournament, but has not yet forwarded it to Jerry. The last check (for all-stars) took too long to get to Ira the Umpire Guy, who was out of pocket around \$700 for some time. There was some discussion about having a backup plan in order to make sure our vendors are paid promptly when the treasurer is on vacation.

Pony: No report.

Bronco: Marcia Cody reported. Everybody is having a lot of fun. She thanked the coaches for their hard work and team-building, and gave extra thanks to Michele for all her announcing.

Mustang: Nick Hertel thanked everyone who helped with Mustang. He has called a contractor to make a bid on repairing the drainage at Arnett Park. Roque Pinheiro from the City will need to be there. Randy suggested that while we're there, let's have the contractor add in a quote for an infield sprinkler system as well.

Pinto: No report.

Shetland: No report.

Fall Ball: David Book prefaced the discussion of fall ball by mentioning that PONY has a certain amount of money available to spend on fields. One expenditure he would like the board to consider is a donation to the relevant funds supporting the victims and families of the recent tragedy in Carmel.

The fall program will proceed without other communities. Bernadette has spoken to the presidents of the other local organizations and told them that P.G. would play them if they organize teams. There has not been much interest.

David would like the program to run two days a week starting the week of Saturday September 9th; there will be one weekday practice (camp-style, with all the players together, focusing on drills, activities) and one weekend game (against another community, if there is one, or among our players). This will be an eight-week program that will run through Saturday November 11th. David needs contact list. He would prefer to exclude children who are not from Pacific Grove, and for that reason does not want to have Cages administer sign-ups. Thirty children in each of Mustang and Bronco would be ideal, according to David

The proposed cost is \$65, including reversible shirt and hat. The question of whether P.G. Recreation can conduct sign-ups was posed to Don; he replied that the City would expect about \$5 per player for this service. It was agreed to set the price at \$70 per player.

Dave does not anticipate needing umpires. Pete H. has been in charge of reserving fields. Right now we can get Arnett and GW Saturdays through the end of October, says Don. Traditionally fall games have been held at 3 p.m. so that kids can play soccer as well and this tradition will continue. Dave will need about six volunteer parents who can help. Nick suggested a name. David is also proposing that we do our own field preparation, so volunteers will be needed for that. There was some question as to whether we might persuade some of the high school coaches to help out.

III. Softball Director: Sal and Maria Lucido called Bernadette to report that they had nothing to report. Majors are done for the year; Minors have one last tournament, in Fresno this weekend.

Majors: No report.

Minors: No report.

Rookie: No report.

Pre-rookie: No report.

V. Field Improvement and Equipment Guy: No report.

VIII. WebMaster: Randy Karasek reported that the web site is going well, particularly as far as pictures go. Information is being kept up to date for the Bronco World Series, with calendars going up this weekend.

VII. Concessions: David Book and Randy Karasek reported that end-of-season concessions numbers will be available at the next meeting. Some cleaning-up is still necessary.

IX. Webmistress: No report.

X. Treasurer: No report.

City Representative: In spring of next year, field prep will go up from \$25 to \$30 per field. Don recommends that P.G. PONY add the City of Pacific Grove as an “additional insured” noted on insurance. There was discussion as to whether we should list the school district as well.

Muni scoreboard poles may go up next week. Don wants help pulling wires; it was suggested that an e-mail to the board might produce sufficient volunteers. In response to a question from Randy, Don reported that there have been no complaints that he knows of.

XIII. Other business: Bernadette will talk to Jeff O. about getting the field improvements going.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 24, 2006, 6:30 p.m. That day we'll have nominations and election for the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel E. Buttrey
Secretary