

**P.G. Pony Baseball/Softball
Minutes of Board Meeting
November 16, 2006**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m., Bernadette Villarreal presiding.

Present: David Book, Bryan Simmons, Bernadette Villarreal, Pete Huller, Randy Karasek, Jeff Odell, Brian Wood, Rob Kershner, Rich Russo, Jim Lowell, Crystal Hawes, Don Mothershead, Nan Johnston, Angela Matthews, Marcia Cody, Michele Amader

Opening Business:

Bernadette opened the meeting by announcing excused absences: Sam Buttrey, Maria Lucido, Sal Lucido, and Greg Tarola. All other absences are unexcused.

Minutes from the October meeting were adopted with minor changes: Bob Vogelpohl's name; date for registration should be January 13, 2007. Jeff Odell moved to adopt minutes; Rich Russo seconded. All were in favor.

I. President's Report:

- Bernadette announced that Jerry Chyo, Treasurer, has tendered his resignation. He apologized for short notice but promised to pay all bills and complete the league's tax return for 2006.

- Bernadette spoke with PONY Rep Jim Edwards regarding changing of player eligibility boundaries. She is waiting for a definitive response from him.

- Regarding finances and our deficit, Bernadette asked the board to assist her with defining specific costs and expenses for playing baseball. She suggested that concessions receipts not be counted as income. The idea of raising registration fees came up and is supported by the fact that most of the other area leagues charge much more than we do. Monterey raised their fee by \$35; Seaside may raise their fee by \$25-30. Concessions simply won't subsidize league operating costs. Much discussion ensued as to what costs should be included in the accounting under what headings, whether all star players should pay a supplemental registration fee, etc. Bryan suggested the finance committee review how the league's budget is documented and accounted. He also recommended consideration be given to holding a fundraiser and revisit the sponsorship program. Don suggested perhaps itemizing costs by division, so as to better determine an accurate registration fee. In his experience with the league, this has never been done. Rich offered to break down the expenses for the baseball leagues, with help from Dave, Jeff, Marcia and Michele. Bernadette will ask Maria and Sal to do the same for softball. By the end, Bernadette appealed to the board to find a treasurer.

- Bernadette turned the meeting over to Woodie to discuss rules, regulations, constitution and bylaws. Woodie explained that the Rules and Regulations Committee met to review the above and incorporated their changes as well as changes from board members and coaches. Rules and regulations covers how we organize and run baseball and softball, while the constitution and bylaws cover the administration of the league itself. Lastly, Woodie produced a document outlining job descriptions for all board members and suggested incorporating it into the constitution and bylaws as an addendum.

Major changes to the rules and regulations included:

- Sliding at Pinto level; this rule is a one-year provisional and can be either withdrawn or adopted at any time by vote of the board. The consensus among board members was that this was a good change.
- Adjustment to balk rule at Mustang level; balks called will not incur a penalty. At the first balk, umpires may warn the pitcher. Subsequent balks that affect game play will result in a no-pitch. This is also a 2007 provisional rule that can be withdrawn or adopted by vote of the board.
- Lastly, some changes to player selection were incorporated into the rules. The process was not changed; rather, the actual conduct of the selection process was documented.
- All Star selection process; if a player is not nominated in the first round, he/she is not automatically dropped from consideration for the second round.
- Woodie recommended documentation of rules for Fall Ball, given the change in format in 2006.
- Managing and coaching selections requirements – Bernadette recommended changing the language to read that managers/coaches “may be subject to being fingerprinted.” Discussion revolved around making fingerprinting a requirement. Woodie recommended coordinating with PONY HQ or zone representatives for input.

Major changes to the constitution and bylaws, which had not been amended since 1993, included:

- Woodie developed a document delineating job descriptions of all board members and recommended its inclusion in the constitution and bylaws as an addendum. He suggested that current board members review the job descriptions and make any necessary changes.
- Bernadette suggested removing para A.3.a from the job descriptions as it was redundant.

- Strike para A.10.d as Equipment Director does not order uniforms.
- Delete the last sentence from para B.f.iii.
- Amend para B.j.iii to read “Frequency of meetings will be periodic beginning in October.”
- Jeff Odell made a motion to adopt the rules and regulations as well as the constitution and bylaws, as presented. Bernadette seconded and all were in favor. Bernadette will bring a final copy of both documents for signature to the next board meeting.

II. Vice President’s Report: Bryan will convene the finance committee to review the issues stated above.

III. Softball Director: Sal and Maria are at a CCS meeting and will provide any changes resultant from that meeting.

Majors:

Minors:

Rookie:

Pre-rookie: Jim Lowell – no input.

IV. Baseball Director: Rich Russo – Fall Ball is over. Rich solicited help from a board member to assist with coordinating the umpire requirement for games. Michele nominated Rob Kershner as Umpire Rep. The board unanimously approved the motion.

Pony: Greg Tarola – not present

Bronco: Marcia Cody - NSTR

Mustang: Nan Johnston (?)

Pinto: Crystal Hawes - NSTR

Shetland:

V. Field Improvement and Equipment Guy: Jeff Odell – No estimates on field renovations but will follow up. We have QuikDry in the shed at Hayward Lumber; Jeff will transport to our locker tomorrow.

VII. Concessions: David Book - NSTR

Randy Karasek

VIII. WebMaster: Randy Karasek - will update board positions for 2007.

IX. Webmistress: Jo Crisp – not present

X. Sponsor Rep: Michele Amader was unanimously renewed by the board as Sponsor Rep. – Dinner Dance – May 19; Day After Game is.....the day after. We may not be able

to use the Sally Griffin Center due to renovations. Discussion on increased sponsor fees ensued. Michele made a motion to increase sponsor fees to \$400; Jeff seconded; all were in favor. Bernadette suggested soliciting for all star sponsors, and that we not provide sponsors with t-shirts. Michele will begin mailing solicitations by December 1st and needs comments/suggestions soonest.

XI. Treasurer: Jerry Chyo – see President’s report. Bernadette referenced the report Jerry emailed which included a full accounting of his records.

XII. Secretary’s Report – Bernadette thanked Sam for his efforts on compiling key dates into a calendar.

XIII. Other business: Dave suggested subscribing to an online calendar to improve coordination league-wide. This idea was tabled for a future meeting.

Randy asked when we should initiate emails about registrations. Bernadette’s inclination was to begin in the middle of December and a supplemental email in January.

Don asked that the insured certificate should include the City of Pacific Grove and PGUSD.

Field prep charges are increasing to \$30 each.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Next Meeting: December 21, 2006, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter G. Huller
Acting Secretary