

**P.G. Pony Baseball/Softball  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
June 26, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 7:47 p.m., Bernadette Villarreal presiding.

**Present:** Bryan Simmons, David Book, Pete Huller, Nan Johnston, Jim Lowell, Crystal Hawes, Nick Hertel, Marcia Cody, Randy Karasek, Don Mothershead, Rich Russo, Bernadette Villarreal, Jeff Odell, Jo Crisp, Karen Cephress.

Excused absences: Sal Lucido, Maria Lucido, Michele Amader.

A motion to approve the May minutes was made by Jeff Odell, was seconded by Bryan Simmons and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Opening Business:**

**I. President's Report:** Bernadette reported that she continues to try to contact Abel to get a \$150 refund for Pony all-star team. Also, 3<sup>rd</sup> base is completely out at Robert Down. The season is over but of course it needs to be replaced.

**II. Vice-President's Report:** Toilets were picked up. There continue to be practices at Forest Grove and the JV field.

**III. City Rep:** Don Mothershead will be submitting a field prep bill. His fiscal year starts July 1, and that bill may not be ready until next week, by which time Karen will be back. [Note: Karen arrived during the meeting.] Don will send the bill to the P.O. Box. He reminds the board that the softball clinic of July 9-13 is still nominally on (he'll e-mail if it should be cancelled), and that the Bronco tournament (with its attendant field prep) is still to come.

**V. Softball Director:** Bernadette reported for Sal and Maria. The Majors are participating in all-stars now; they came in 3<sup>rd</sup> in Marina and have a tournament in Carmel Valley this weekend. The Minors won in Marina and are also playing this weekend. Joe Moses noted that the third base at Forest Grove is gone, too. Jim pointed out there's only a 40' mound at Forest Grove, and the Rookies need a 35' mound. There's a moveable rubber at Arnett. Jeff has another moveable rubber in the locker. This problem will be looked into.

Rookies: Jim Lowell noted that all-star Rookies played an ASA tourney in Prunedale and played well. They also played in Marina. Now that the season is over, Rookie equipment will go back to Jeff through Jim.

**VI. Equipment Director:** Jeff has nothing to report. There was some discussion of equipment bags still outstanding. More gear, especially for catchers, will be acquired. Nan will arrange to deliver excess gear to her connections in Todos Santos, Mexico.

**Webmistress:** Jo Crisp reported that the all-star web page has a number of pictures, taken by her associate Chad Goodin at the CCS tourney. The quality seems good, she reports, and the prices reasonable. Goodin focuses more on on-site rather than formal team pictures for the moment, though he's trying to get set up to do team and more formal stuff. He plans to propose some package to the board at some point. He also has donated a number of pictures to the site in exchange for credit.

**Webmaster:** Field locations and tournament information continues to be public. Some stuff was removed entirely from the site (but saved) in the wake of a high-publicity incident; other stuff is there but unlinked. Randy will continue to update tournament information. He will put all the removed stuff, except for board member phone numbers, back up. After this season Randy may look at a different hosting company.

**VII. Concessions:** Randy will be done with concessions in three weeks. He sent out the concessions figures from the Mustang Invitational by e-mail. It was slightly disappointing. He had planned to have the volunteer interested in taking his spot "shadow" him through tournament season, but that didn't work out, so his plan is to put together all the information electronically and walk her through next February.

Marcia and Nick will take care of food prep items for Bronco Sectionals. Good idea from Nan proposed raising some prices (e.g. Gatorade from \$1.50 to for \$2) to obviate the need to handle quarters as change. Arnett's concession area has been gutted and stuff moved. The stuff at George Washington will move to Muni and we'll use one shack for the rest of the summer. We currently have issues with sinks, hot water, and coffee makers. All that stuff will be discussed later this summer. Michele Amader will be in charge of gate fee accounting.

David Book reported that Nan and Crystal coordinated concessions for Invitational at GW and Muni. Beyond those two, the level of parental help for the tourney was disappointing, in David's view. "We end up," he said, "relying on a small number of families to take care of everyone else." Rich noted that if we don't cover our hours, our teams may end up with only one tournament in which to play. Nan noted that the volunteers were "fantastic," but agreed that that referred to a small group of people doing a lot of work. We require something like 22.5 hours/game at Muni, which works out to 40 hours or something per family over the course of the tournament. There was some discussion of asking non-all-star Mustang families to participate, and general discussion about how to get and motivate volunteers. Perhaps the league might pay for field prep, for example, or pay the high school cheerleaders to staff the snack shack. Bernadette noted that softball had playoffs the same weekend as the Mustang Invitational, which meant that another set of possible volunteers was then unavailable. Nan proposed a standing sub-committee to handle tournaments. No action has yet been taken on that propose.

**VIII. Baseball Director:** Rich Russo reported that the Mustang Invitational went well. We have to get moving now on a number of areas for Bronco Sectionals. Nate Trosky has

offered to come out and give an opening speech to the kids and we should offer to let him throw out the first pitch – if we get permission. Marcia heads the committee for the Sectionals. Michele is taking care of the menu. She's got volunteer schedules which she will leave with Nan. Sean Graham is prepared to volunteer to announce, though he has to look at his calendar. Rich heard no complaints about the \$3 admission fee at our (Mustang Invitational) gate, but did hear complaints about \$5 at Marina's Mustang tournament. There was general agreement that \$3 continues to be an acceptable level for Sectional. Nick will manage technical things (fields, tarps). Rich asked Don whether we could take the dugouts gates off and replace them afterwards. There is no problem, according to Don; or maybe we could lock the door open at 90 degrees to block foul balls. We will block access to the field from the outfield.

Discussion continued on the gate fee. Rich proposed seeing what Monterey does at the Don Piper Tournament. Bronco sectionals have always been a big draw. An idea for a "season pass" was met with the observation that this has been difficult to administer in the past. There was some discussion about restricting ice chests.

The finalization meeting is set for Monday 7/9 at 7:00 p.m. The first game is 7/14. Don will check to see if PGCC available for the meeting. There was some discussion on fence lengths and chalk ordering. Our permits seem to cover the use of GW Park as a warm-up field; Don will check. There was additional discussion of field marking, bullpens, and recycling.

**X. Other business:** No other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: August 23, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel E. Buttrey  
Secretary