

**P.G. Pony Baseball/Softball
Minutes of Board Meeting
August 23, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m., Bernadette Villarreal presiding.

Present: Bryan Simmons, David Book, Crystal Hawes, Nick Hertel, Marcia Cody, Randy Karasek, Bernadette Villarreal, Karen Cepress, Sam Buttrey, John Aldrich, LuAnn Moran, Debie Pontarolo, Don Mothershead, Maria Lucido, Rich Russo, Bryan Simmons, Tom Heebink, Rob Kershner, Tony Payan, Sal Lucido, Heidi Payan, Greg Fife, Nan Johnston, Jeff Odell, John Miller.

Excused absences: Pete Huller, Michele Amader.

A motion to approve the June minutes was made by Nick Hertel, was seconded by David Book and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

Opening Business:

I. President's Report: Bernadette reported that Marina PONY has elected a new board. The new president will be Mike Graham. Bernadette checked on Bronco World Series thank-you notes and about the status of some checks.

Board positions: A small number of board members will be returning to their current positions. These are: Pete Huller (not in attendance), Assistant Baseball Director; Jeff Odell, Wquipment Director; Randy Karasek, Webmaster; Crystal Hawes, Mustang rep; Rob Kershner, Umpire Liaison; Karen Cepress, Treasurer; Sam Buttrey, Secretary; Michele Amader (not in attendance) Sponsor Rep and Dinner Dance; Jim Lowell, Rookies Rep. All other positions need to be filled.

Tony Payan argued for pitch-count limits, in addition to inning maxima. There was discussion on this point. Tony is prepared to act as "health guy." Nan Johnston noted that making this an official board position would also make a statement on behalf of the league regarding our values. There was substantial discussion regarding the filling of other vacant positions.

The final slate of officers was:

Co-Presidents: Marcia Cody, Michele Amader

Baseball Director: David Book

Assistant Baseball Director: Pete Huller

Softball director: Craig Bell (not in attendance), assisted for the moment by the outgoing director and assistant, Sal and Maria Lucido

Concessions Director and Purchaser: LuAnn Moran and Debie Pontarolo

Sponsor Rep: Michele Amader

Webmaster: Randy Karasek

Field Improvement Director: Nick Hertel

Equipment Director: Jeff Odell

Umpire Liaison: Rob Kershner

League Reps:

Pony: Tom Heebink

Bronco: Nan Johnston

Mustang: Crystal Hawes

Majors: Tom Heebink

Rookies: Jim Lowell

Health and Safety Advisor: Tony Payan

Past President: Bernadette Villarreal

Members-At-Large: Rich Russo, Bryan Simmons, Greg Fife. Greg will be assistant equipment manager.

Vacant positions: Vice-President, Assistant Softball Director, Pinto Rep, Shetland Rep, Minors Rep, Pre-Rookies Rep. Some names were suggested.

A motion to approve the slate was made Karen, seconded by Sam, and passed by unanimous voice vote. Rob K. thanked Bernadette for her service and was joined heartily by the other members. Bernadette gave the keys to Marcia. And the fans went wild.

Fall Ball: Nate Trosky is running a fall ball program which he's going to operate in Carmel Valley. David B. reprised the history of fall ball as administered by PG. Last year was the first year of the "new" (greatly reduced) fall ball system. David B. and Randy K. led fall baseball, just for local Mustang and Bronco kids, respectively. This year there have been no volunteers (until very recently). In addition to Trosky's program, there's something at CSUMB. There was some question as to whether to continue PG's program at all.

Nick H. volunteered to do field prep if Randy were to lead Bronco fall ball as "coordinator," presumably with ample help from other volunteers. A fee of \$70 per player, the same as last year's, was discussed. The PG Rec Department will manage sign-ups for \$5/player. Tony Payan mentioned that we might be able to get some of the MPC players in exchange for a donation to their program, which is less than flush. There was some discussion of trying to get permission to operate our fall-ball program at their facility. The final decision was that Nan will work with Randy on Bronco fall ball, and Crystal will lead the way for Mustang. Randy, as Webmaster, will send out a group e-mail.

Fields: Nick H. has a potential donor in mind and needs a letter from the board to solicit a donation. Sam, as secretary, will put one together, starting with one that Bryan has on his computer at home. The emphasis will be on making the David Avenue field (the one farther away from the bay than the Calvary Chapel High fields) usable for baseball. It was noted that between the rise of lacrosse and the construction on the PGHS football field, which will move the soccer team, fields will be in short supply.

Jeff O. noted that the most basic of jobs, skinning the field and buying and piling on cinders, will cost about \$5,000. Jeff will check with the PGUSD to ensure that we still have permission to get the work done. Rich noted that the work should be started before the rainy season. Bryan will work with Karen to identify money that can be spent on this project whether donations come through or not. A motion to authorize Marcia to spend up to \$5,000 on this David Avenue field work without further consent from the board as mad by Sam B., seconded by David B. and passed unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report Karen C. reported that, as of July 31, our net income YTD was \$9,000 (after a substantial charitable donation) though one deposit pending and certain concession holdings (perhaps as much as \$7,000) is not accounted for in her paperwork. Last year's net "income" was -\$15,000. There was some discussion of how board members can help Karen assign expenses to activities, so that we can, for example, determine whether we turned turning a profit at events like Bronco Sectionals. Budget season approaches and budget prep will be on the agenda next month.

III. Equipment Director: Jeff O. still needs equipment from a couple people. Our system isn't working as smoothly as we would like. He suggested that a centralized pickup system, where everyone brings his or her bad to a certain spot on a certain day, might work better.

IV. City Representative: Don M. noted that P.G. Muni Field will be in use Sept. 8 for a tournament, and that a request for another tournament, in late October, has been received. Generally the fields will be in use Tuesdays and Thursdays for Rec Department activities. John Miller, P.G. Rec Director, addressed the board. He thanked the board for, in his words, "stepping up." The Rec Department is going through some changes related to staff members changing jobs and to the City's precarious financial situation. John described some possible changes that might take place in the Department's athletic programs.

He also noted that the City Yard is holding some items that belong to PG PONY, and the City would like to dispose of these somehow. One items is a set of bleachers; another thing was "a big box that caught on fire." It may be some old dugout benches? Jeff O. can get access to the Yard and will look into that.

John noted that the white fencing we use at tournaments dates from 1989 and is in pretty bad condition. It was recently returned from the JV field. He thinks P.G. PONY should think about repairing or replacing it. The City bought about 1600 feet of its own fencing in 2000, and that has been being using that for sectionals (etc.) at Muni. The city would need to replace its fencing and John thought a joint venture along these lines would be a good idea. He also mentioned a grant that e thinks we might be able to every year, that could be used for uniforms, field improvements, and other necessities.

V. Other business: No other business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2007, 6:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel E. Buttrey
Secretary