

**P.G. Pony Baseball/Softball
Minutes of Board Meeting
September 27, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m., Michele Amader presiding.

[Secretary's Note: The bold-face identifiers at the beginning of some paragraphs, like **IV.C**, refer to the corresponding items in the Agenda. In some case the chronological order at the meeting differed from the order in the Agenda.]

IA. Present: Bryan Simmons, David Book, Debie Pontarolo, Craig Bell, Sam Buttrey, Nick Hertel, Don Mothershead, Jeff Odell, Greg Fife, Tom Heebink, Robert Kershner, Nan Johnston, Crystal Hawes, Nancy Thompson, Bob DiStefano.

I.B. Excused absences: Marcia Cody, Luann Moran.

I.C. A motion to approve the August minutes as e-mailed was made by David Book, was seconded by Jeff Odell, and was passed by unanimous voice vote.

II.A. President's Report: Calendars will be distributed to the Board next month. Bryan Simmons reports that Marcia has already filed field permit forms with the PGUSD.

Bids for pictures: There was general sentiment that last year's Sports Photographer, Central Cost Sports Photography, has been very accommodating. We will continue to negotiate with them.

V.D. Bids for umpires: We don't have a bid from Ira the Umpire Guy, and, while board members were generally happy with the level of service provided by his organization, there was discussion about payments for late umpires. Rob K. will get relevant information from Rich R. and arrange an understanding.

There was some discussion on the need to have a second umpire for Bronco regular-season games. Pete felt one was enough and there was general concurrence. We will stick with one for the regular season, two for playoffs.

III.C. Recreation Department Report: Don Mothershead reported that the City's current plan calls for the Recreation Department to operate with a staff of one starting January 1. The Community Center will continue to be available, but of course the City will not be able to accept and process late sign-ups as it has in the past. Field prep was also discussed. David Book (who also sits on the City's Recreation Board) noted some of the benefits of PG PONY's relationship with the City and observed that this relationship will need to be rebuilt with whomever takes over the duties currently assigned to the Rec Department. He recommended attendance at the upcoming City Council meeting and notes that we will need to take care of much of the things we have relied on the City for.

V.C. One aspect of the restructuring of the Rec Department is that for a couple of years we have held one signup day on the same day as basketball photos. The current plan is for the City's basketball program to be operated by the Monterey YMCA, but there are no details available as yet. Signups dates will be Saturday January 12, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., and Friday January 25th, 5 – 8 p.m., at the PGCC.

IVA: Nancy Thompson was proposed as Vice-President (Sam making the motion, and David B. seconding), and Bob DiStefano as Shetland Rep (Bryan making the motion, and Karen seconding). Passage was by unanimous voice vote.

II.C. Karen C. presented a budget with 2005-7 actual expenditures, together with projections for the coming year. She discussed these projections in detail for the Board's benefit. The starting point was a figure very close to break-even (a loss of \$155 for the year), although as a result of discussion at the meeting some adjustments were made. She will present an updated version of the document at the next meeting.

In one budgetary note seemingly requiring board approval, the Board agreed to discontinue telephone service at the snack stand at George Washington Park (in response to a motion made by Sam B., seconded by David B., and passed by voice vote). The consensus was that many adults at any event will have a cellular telephone.

A motion to approve Karen's actions in paying bills for 2007 was made by Jeff O., seconded by Sam B. and passed resoundingly. That's right: resoundingly.

II.D. Baseball Director: David Book spoke briefly about Fall Ball. Tony Payan has expressed interest in advising players and coaches on pitching mechanics with an eye towards minimizing injury. Bryan S. noted that even in the Shetland and Pinto leagues proper throwing techniques can and should be talk. Discussions will continue.

II.E: Softball: Craig Bell's observations that P.G. PONY seems to have fewer fund-raising events than other organizations prompted discussion about the Board installing a volunteer coordinator. Some fund-raising techniques (like supplying volunteers to other events like Laguna Seca, AT&T Golf, etc.) were discussed. Nancy and Karen will look into this.

III E. Jeff Odell reported that he has purchased catcher's gear for every team (except Pony, for which we have new helmets). Some of the stuff will be kept as backup; the rest will be donated via Nan J. to baseball players in Todos Santos, Mexico. A motion to permit that was made by Jeff O., seconded by David, and passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 25, 2007, 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel E. Buttrey
Secretary