

**P.G. Pony Baseball/Softball
Minutes of Board Meeting
October 25, 2007**

The Meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m., Michele Amader presiding.

Present: Tony Payan, Craig Bell, Don Mothershead, Luann Moran, Rob Kershner, Sam Buttrey, David Buttrey, Michele Amader. **The Board lacked a quorum for this meeting.**

Before the meeting the secretary distributed 2008 calendars. Unbiased observers called them “magnificent” and “a triumph of the calendar maker’s art.”

I. Baseball Director: David Book, who had another appointment, led off the meeting with four issues.

(i) Initial plans for January signups are underway. Randy Karasek is updating sign-up forms and will have them available for download on the website shortly.

(ii) Field permits: Michele reported that field permit applications were handed in this very day. There was some discussion about the use of Municipal Field.

(iii) David reported that "Cages" will apparently have a new owner effective Nov. 1. The proposed new owner has offered us the same deal on uniform pricing that the last owner offered us.

(iii) Jim Maxon sent Nan Johnston an e-mail proposing a merger between Monterey PONY and Pacific Grove PONY. Although it wasn't explicit, it seemed to refer only to the Bronco division. According the e-mail, Monterey expects to go from six Bronco teams to five or even four this year. We expect four.

There was no general uproar to take Monterey up on this. Michele proposed sending a Board member to a Monterey PONY Board meeting. Nobody seems sure what the issues might be at the PONY organization's level (for example, on all-star boundaries).

II. Concessions Director: Luann Moran noted that there are termites in the shed at George Washington (GW) Park. She will make some calls to extermination services.

All of the perishable food at GW needed to be thrown out because the breakers were flipped. She asked if we can find a volunteer to fix the breaker box and some names were bandied about. Luann has not visited the Arnett one recently. (Michele and Nancy Thompson have volunteered to lead the cleaning there before the season starts.) The GW coffee machine is broken: Luann found online quotes for a two-burner model to be around \$260. (As an alternative approach, a 45-cup urn goes for \$40.) All three cocoa machines (counting Muni) are broken: Luann will talk to Farmer Bros. and see what they will do regarding either coffee or cocoa machines or both. Craig knows some of the people over there.

Luan reminded the board that we continue to staff softball games. Their season starts earlier than ours so we will need to be prepared.

III. President's Report: Picture Day will be Saturday, April 19th. (The 12th is Good Old Days; the 19th is the weekend of Big Sur Marathon.) Nancy Thompson is interviewing two companies, one of which is last year's provider, CCSC.

Nick Hertel reported to Michele that the AT&T people do not process grants between Nov. and March (because of golf). Nancy and Karen Cephess will prepare a proposal for February Board review and March submission.

IV. Umpire Liaison: Rob Kershner has had some discussion with past Baseball Director Rich Russo. There is general agreement that the league should continue to use Ira's group to supply umpires. Regular season prices will apparently be the same as last year's, with a hike for playoffs and tournaments to \$150 a game. Ira agrees that if no umpire arrives with 15 minutes of the time the game starts, there will be no charge. (He also apparently instructs his umpires to arrive 15 minutes before start time.) There was some colorful discussion of specific personnel.

V. Softball Director: Craig Bell is interested in selling advertisements in the outfields. Apparently Carmel High raises many thousands a year from ads on their outfield. There was some discussion about whether these could be allowed to stay up all season, or whether they might draw complaints from neighbors or be a target of vandalism. Craig will give the matter some more thought and perhaps discuss it with the City powers-that-be.

VI. Health And Safety Advisor: Tony Payan has an "in" with the MPC coaching staff. He's looking for ideas: a clinic on throwing mechanics for kids? One for coaches? Presentations by orthopedists? He continues to solicit ideas. Tony would like to see more kids developed as pitchers to spread the load.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 15.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Buttrey
Secretary