

**P.G. Pony Baseball/Softball**  
**Minutes of Board Meeting**  
**May 24, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., Michele Amader presiding.

**Present:** Michele Amader, Nancy Thompson, Stephanie Fife, Sam Buttrey, Nick Hertel, Craig Bell, Greg Fife, Rob Kershner, Debie Pantaeroloa, Crystal Hawes, Nan Johnston, David Book, Rob Kershner.

Excused absences: Marcia Cody, Randy Karasek, Bob DiStephano, Rich DeSaulles, Randy Karasek, Jim Lowell, Pete Huller, Don Mothershead.

**IA: President's Report:**

The April minutes have been corrected slightly. Sam will distribute updated minutes from that meeting.

Stephanie Fife will be running the Mustang Invitational Tournament. She reported that she is getting volunteers. So far we expect about 7 teams for the A tournament and 4 for B (compared to a total of 12 last year). Her group has come up with a few details regarding rules:

- The time limit for games has been two hours. Stephanie would like to allow the Championship game (only) to last up to 2 ½ hours. (Ties in earlier games will be okay.) We all recall that, at Muni, no new inning may start after 9:30, and lights must be out by 10.
- This year balks will be called, after one warning per player per game.
- Stephanie wanted to ensure that player conduct rules were in place (for infractions like throwing equipment or foul language). After some discussion there was general agreement that we will need to explain to the umpires the policy to be enforced.
- We will implement the 50/50 raffle as before.
- The commitment letter for all-stars is up on the website. This also commits parents to work a certain number of hours. There was a proposal to let families waive out for a fee of, say, \$100. All-star coaches will need to inform their families.
- We will implement a concession food punch card. For \$20 you get a \$22 punch card. Gatorade will go for \$2.
- Games are scheduled Wednesday 6/11 to Sunday 6/16. Randy has provided a report on field quality. Rob K. volunteered to build a 4" pitching mound. He'll start after the last softball game 6/6. Randy and James K. and Mikey A. will set up temporary fences, which will stay up for the whole tournament.

- Michele notes that no signage is permitted, so all signs have to come down. We have permission to hang banners but they will need to be removed every day. In any case we don't yet have the banners.
- Stephanie has a plan for Father's Day, which falls on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 1A3. All-Star Teams

1A3A. All-Star Managers will be Robert Boerner for Mustang, Rich Russo for Bronco, Steve Menafo for Pony.

1A3C. The Bronco Red/Gold game is set for Tuesday 5/27 at GW; Mustang the following night, also at GW, both games being at 5:30 p.m.. The Bronco all-star draft was Monday and has been posted; Mustang's was tonight and will go up shortly. Pony is still not sure if they'll be able to field a team.

1A4. The regular season tie-breaker rules were apparently not clear to all managers. This year's Bronco season came down to tie-breakers. David Book gave some history and noted that regular season standings matter both for seedings in the tourney and also for the subsequent year's draft. Tie-breakers are supposed to be overall record, then head-to-head standing, then runs allowed, runs scored. Three of four teams had the same record this year; one team was very unhappy that they weren't officially co-champions. David suggested adding to our rules a note that says something like "for the regular season, we'll use the tie-breaker rules in the Pony book that apply to tournaments." A motion to do exactly that was proposed by Jeff, seconded by Sam, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

1A3B (out of order): Player eligibility. We have a Bronco player who was nominated to All-Stars but who is actually ineligible. He co-owns a house in PG (with his dad) and attends school in PG, but he resides in Monterey. The player's father and coach have been notified. Some discussion by e-mail – the coach who nominated him thought he was eligible. An alternate has been selected.

There was some discussion about the all-star selection mechanism.

1A5. Nick Hertel (Field Guy) has resigned.

1B: Vice-President: Nancy Thompson reported that photo retakes went off as planned and will be mailed. Sponsor plaques have been distributed to the reps (and in some cases the managers) for delivery. Four were damaged and will be repaired or replaced. Nancy has a disc of photos for Randy.

The Porta-potty at Robert Down will be gone at the end of the month. The other two (David Ave. and Forest Grove) will stay for the time being.

1C. Karen C. distributed financial stuff for our viewing pleasure.

1D. Sam sent some thank-you letters to Michele. Steve Azevedo at Challenge will get the final letter.

1E. Baseball director: Shetland and Pinto are done except for the ceremonies 5/31 all day at Muni. Michele reported that medals and trophies have been taken care of. David noted that Bronco had four teams and three got medals or trophies (for regular season winner, tournament champion, and tournament runner-up). Is that weird? The Board agreed to consider this at a later date.

David would like to formalize our stance regarding Pony players who play in High School. These players would normally sign up in the regular way but often sign up only after the HS season is over. Jeff Odell suggested that closing Pony signups early is a bad idea, since we (usually) need players, and that allowing HS players to sign-up later in the season, instead of at the beginning, is also a bad idea. He suggests that we allow these players to sign up if they do so on time; players who then decline to play forfeit the money. There was some discussion about whether these players will be, or should be, eligible for all-stars, and some more discussion about the roles of different individuals on the Board.

1F. Craig Bell, softball director, reported. Of the six PG teams that are eligible, it looks as if all six will get into the playoffs. As to all-star selection, coaches' applications are in. Soaches will be Stacy Consiglio for Pre-Rookie, Steve Watkins for Rookies, Dave Simonson for Minors (2 tournaments), and Sal Lucido for Majors (3 tourneys). It was noted that parents will pay for uniforms, the Board for visors (which Craig will order).

Craig asked if there were ants in the concession stands at Muni. LuAnn reported that the stand will be cleaned before the Mustang tournament. Craig also suggested that, next year, the coaches' game after the Dinner Dance should be baseball vs softball for a prize! We laughed heartily and thanked Craig for his excellent fund-raising.

**II A: Concessions Coordinator:** LuAnn reported that concessions earned \$3,634.90 in profit. She asked what to expect at the Red/God games (answer: lots of business).

On another note, Debie Pontarola has resigned. Next year Luann would like to see an opening and closing committee and parents' names and numbers from the coaches so they can be called the night before. At signups we should have a sheet that describes what's expected (and maybe allow a buy-out then). Luann is also asking for donations to get the year started – for example, maybe one team could buy three cases of Gatorade, and so on.

LuAnn would like to change some of the prices. There were no complaints. She asked about PG's upcoming ban on Styrofoam. The answer appears to be that Styrofoam in commercial packaging is okay; it just can't be used for doggie bags. Michele noted that

PG would like to expand the concession stand and move the bathroom down behind the concessions – maybe this off-season.

Rob K. suggested that the Board get in on the design to make sure we get adequate wiring, a window, etc. We know a guy who is prepared to donate his services to look over the shoulders of the City to ensure that i's are dotted.

**II B: Field Improvements:** Absent

**II C: Rec Department Rep:** Absent

**II D: Sponsor Coordinator:** Michele reported that some more money has come in. This year each coach will take his own plaque to his sponsor. Further, we brought in \$4,500 for the Dinner Dance. Usually our expenses are covered by the tickets we bring in, and the auction is all gravy; that wasn't quite true this year. Michele believes that we should provide 1-2 drinks with the tickets and sell tickets for the rest because our profit is going into the booze.

Also (Michele donning her President hat) next month's meeting will be the true end of season and she will be collecting the keys.

**II E. Equipment Guy:** Jeff Odell asked reps to get the equipment bags together. He wants to make sure we keep track of all-star equipment, too. Red/Gold games and the Shetland/Pinto get-together are good times for collecting equipment. Michele will send out an e-mail.

**III A: Baseball Members:**

**A. Umpire Liaison:** Rob K. noted that umpire invoices for April came in and were paid. All discrepancies were reconciled. For the Mustang Invitational he has dates and times; we'll continue to have one umpire for B games (two in the Championship), two for A game. He is prepared for the Red/Gold games.

**B. Website:** Randy reported via Michele. Some pics have submitted. Playoff and all-star data are up to date and will be updated. If reps and/or managers would e-mail tourney results, he'll post those nightly too. He wants full brackets. Randy is still waiting for team pictures from Nancy.

**C. Pony:** Absent

**D. Bronco:** Nan had only nice things to say about a great season.

**E. Mustang:** Crystal reported a good year with the occasional unhappy-parent issue.

**F. Pinto:** Absent

**G. Shetland:** Absent

**IV. Softball League Representatives:**

- A. Majors:** Absent
- B. Minors:** Absent
- B. Rookies:** Absent
- C. Pre-Rookies:** Absent
- D. Softball Website:** Absent

**VA. Medical Guy:** Tony Payan is prepared to put together another pitching clinic, maybe focusing on the curve ball, after talking with MPC coaches. Tony will e-mail Michele, and she'll put together a flier. All all-stars will be welcome. Tony noted that there seemed to be more awareness on the part of managers of pitch count. and bad mechanics.

**VI. Other business:** Nancy continues to ask Board members to provide lists of their duties. Response has been, let's say, weak. C'mon.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** June 26, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samuel E. Buttrey  
Secretary