

### **Opening:**

A general meeting of the Paso Robles Pony Baseball League was conducted at the Centennial Park White Oak Room and called to order by President Magoo Cook at 7:12 pm on Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

**Present were:** Magoo Cook, Grady Gatoloai, Brittany Finch, Candi Murphy, Sofia Contreras, Kaley Craig, Brandon Powell, Darrin Fotheringham, and Zephyr

### **Minutes:**

The September Board Meeting Minutes were handed out to everyone present and Brittany Finch motioned to approve them. Sofia Contreras seconded the motion and they were approved by all present.

### **Old Business:**

- Vacant Board Positions
  - Snack Bar Coordinator – x2 – contact Britany if interested- NONE
  - Umpire Director – contact Grady if interested NONE
  - Team Parent Coordinator – to transition with Kerri NONE

Special Events Coordinator- Jaimie Glenn has volunteered

- Field Manager (not present)
  - Field up keep needed  
Pricing for sprinkler systems. Bynum is priority. American Building Supply for clay/field dressing for donation or discount
  - Supplies needed for season  
Tractor has a broken hub, tractor to be switched out with the other this week.
- Uniform Coordinator
  - Quote from 3 vendors for uniforms (hat, jersey, sox, belt)
  - 2 bids- Sportabout-3% increase from last year \$39.95) \$42.00 per uniform.  
Sofia will see Joe at 3M tomorrow (\$5-\$6 for names).  
Sports Warehouse \$35.95 per player (order December, uniforms ready by Opening Day).  
All vendors sending samples. Magoo asked Sophia to bring samples to next meeting to vote.
  - Last year the Shetland-Mustang divisions used the same jersey. Bronco higher quality.
  - John Rede – Pulse Mock Up another quote. May come in to next meeting for presentation.
- Apparel Coordinator (not present)
  - Bids NONE
- Equipment Manager (not present)

- Inventory of equipment- Per Grady still needs to be done
  - List of needed supplies for 2017 with quotes
- Snack Bar Manager (NONE)
  - Upgrades to snack bar needed- Brittany will work with Magoo
- Registration Coordinator- No update
  - Banner quotes
  - Banner locations
  - Registration Flyer for handouts and schools
  - Establish registration group to help on walk-in days along with equipment
- Division Representatives (Not present)
  - Start recruiting coaches
- Umpire Director (Not present)
  - Start recruiting umpires
- Sponsorship Coordinator- thumb drive from Katie Mitchell
  - Develop sponsorship plan
  - Quotes for sponsorship recognition (banner, plaques, etc.)
- Website Director (Not present)
  - Communication Plan
- Fundraising Director
  - Establish 2 pre-season fundraising events

**New Business:**

- Confirm dates and fees for registration  
Shetland \$128.00 all other Divisions \$135.00 plus \$50.00 fundraising fee.  
Registration to be open no later than Monday.  
Youth Sports Council- Charging \$10 for Shetland.  
Proposal for YSC to buy fences for the Shetland fields. Fences will be set-up on the regular field.  
Powell mentioned pegs on Tom Silva for Shetland. Metal pegs are an option (pull out after regular season).  
New field on North River Road (near Sewage Plant) new practice field to be made.  
New Athletic Director working on more practice field space.  
Pioneer will not go away until Larry Moore Park is available (probably only 1 field).  
Proposal for additional field at Sherwood to present to the City.
- Progress on Halloween setup- Possible 2 locations
  - Main Street Association contacted to set-up table to and out candy and registration flyers on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking pass given to Magoo.
  - Bazooka Bubble Gum and Bracelets (.67 per bracelet) attached to a flyer.
  - \$1100.00 will be the cost and left over will be sold at snack bar. Powell motioned to approve purchase of gum and bracelets, Kaley seconded. Board Members will be present at PRPB Booth all present invited to help.
  - Set-up at 3:30pm.
  - Jaimie Glenn offered her winery spot for alternate location.
  - Bring baseball cards to hand out as well

- Fall Ball Feed Back
  - Zephyr-going ok, wishes more kids, more teams.
  - Shetland- pitching machine going ok first 2 weekends, last Sunday not so well, machine needs to be adjusted
  - Survey-33 responses for pitching machine for Shetland, only 1 negative. Training for coaches before regular season.
  - Shetland Parents don't like sitting through games. Make adjustments to game. Clinics only for next year, no games for Shetland.
  - Mounds at Barney Schwartz belong to us. Propose to Youth Sports Council to buy additional mounds for Sherwood. Powell mentioned the storage issue of mounds.
- Pitching Machine at Sherwood
  - Papawich fixed pitching machine. Offered to teach Coaches how to use the machine and get it dialed in. No cost to league. It was recommended we hold a Sunday clinic for those interested in using the pitching machine.
- Rules Overview

Powell mentioned the requirement for the Team Manager to take attendance. Magoo stated this is already in by-laws that Players can be penalized on game day if they miss practice. Powell feels this would be penalizing the kids for their parents and could be used to Coach's benefit rather than providing program for the kids. Kaley recommended that coaches be required to provide documentation.

Pinto- a batted ball strikes a Coach/Operator who is pitching 3<sup>rd</sup> strike (Pony rule) ball is considered foul ball.

Legal Player- May 1 – April 30 playing age

Coach's selection- no issues

Foal/Shetland- making determination of separation (Foal 4 year olds and first year 5 year old). Shetland 5 and 6 year olds. 5 year old will be a parent selection. 4 year olds take precedent.

Playing up- Senior in the league, request to play up, evaluated (Board Member, Division Rep and Coach). If they are rated below, they do not go up. Must rate 3 or above.

Playing down- exemption for special needs only for safety concerns. Insurance will not cover otherwise.

Rule 317 Adjustment on Attendance. Coach will need to supply documentation of missed practices.

Practices- reword "minimum" number of days, 3 events per week.

Games set-ups- Home team sets up. Line up cards turned in. Playing limits are normal. Length of games are normal. Consideration for official 1 inning for Shetland.

Minimum players are the same.

Managers can't just cancel a game. Player agent/division rep must approve.

Rain-outs weather from player agent or until Umpire calls the game.

Pitching Rules- (survey) Inning cap and pitch count. People felt it should be one or the other. Inning cap is Pony rule. Pitch count was a board decision based on safety. Pinto- 2 innings, Mustang- 2 innings, 3- Bronco. 4, 6 & 7 for the week. Powell thinks we should keep both. Pitching affidavit will be mandatory to hold coaches accountable.

Hitting batters- pulled after hitting 2 per inning or 3 total per outing.

553- Coaches will not leave dugout or field during duration of the game.

Visiting Team- Cleaning up field thoroughly. Rake mound, wet and cover.

No complaints for Foal, T-ball style, no outs, everyone on field.

Shetland- 1 person didn't like the machine, too dangerous

Request-scores kept and tracked and post season for Shetland. Book will be kept, no post season. 5 runs, 3 outs, 9 batters.

3 pitches from the machine.

Pinto- pitcher not getting a quality pitcher at a batter. 4 pitches, if foul ball, doesn't count, goes to machine. Will continue for regular season.

Survey- not in favor of Coach Pitch.

Coaches WILL be held accountable for the rules.

Coaches can be suspended if not following the rules.

- 2017 Calendar and Field Use Application Status

City of Paso Robles-Approved use of Sherwood. Barney Schwartz is pending Men's Softball applications

PR School District- Pending Girls Softball applications

Request Kermit King tomorrow.

- Treasurer's Report – \$31,000 starting budget for this year.

Profit & Loss for last year:

\$26,000 fundraising

\$77,500 registration

\$21,000 snackbar

\$11,000 facilities & equipment

\$12,000 baseballs and gear

\$129,000 expenses

\$135,000 income

\$5,000.00 profit

Brittany requested all refunds be issued checks. Blue Sombrero does not do refunds.

Magoo has asked Brittany to do a budget for this year. Use last year's numbers as a guide.

Brittany asked if we are going to discount cards again this year. We still have a full box from last year. It was suggested we give each player more cards. \$4600 was what was spent on the cards last year.

**Open Forum/Questions:**

**Future Meeting:** Wednesday, November 2, 2016, Centennial Park Live Oak Meeting Room

Adjourned: 9:15 pm

Minutes submitted by Candi Murphy, PRPB League Secretary