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### Board Meeting Minutes

Date: December 22, 2015 at 6:30pm      Location: Forest Grove School Library

**Board Members Present:** Jim Hansen, Rob Lee, Keith Ducker (via cell phone speaker phone), Ivy Ottmar, Caroline Wade, Jill Knox, Jack Henden, Lisa Thomas, Ken Ottmar, Christian Gibson, Nate Hayes, Greg Marshall, Juli Hansen and Sharon McMahon.

**Meeting called to order** at 6:35pm by Jim Hansen, President

- **Approval of Minutes** -Jill Knox moved to approve November minutes and Rob Lee seconded. Motion passed.
- **Proposed Spring dates - Ivy Ottmar**
  - 1/21 Thurs. January Board Meeting
  - 1/23 Sat. Close Registration
  - 1/26 Tues. Manager Selection
  - 1/29-1/31 Fri-Sun Evaluations
  - 2/1 Week of Draft
  - 2/6 Sat. Field Clean up Day and Equipment Exchange
  - 2/8 Mon. Practice Start
  - 3/8 Tues. Parent Meeting and Uniform Distribution
  - 3/10 Thurs. Score Keepers Clinic
  - 3/12 Sat. Opening Day/Champions Game and Pancake Breakfast
  - 3/19 Sat. Photo Day



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All dates follow close to what we did last year. Closed registration a week earlier and moved other action items up. The week before opening day Downtown Pacific Grove (Downtown Improvement District) is interested in doing a kick off to opening season where they would invite all PG Pony families and the Public to visit different stores and collect a baseball card. Once they collect a certain amount of cards they would get a sweet treat. Lisa will work with Tom McMahon on Downtown Improvement Districts idea. Rob Lee moved to approve all Spring dates and Kenny Ottmar seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **Update from Rules Committee**

Softball - dropped third strike half way through the year at Rookie level, no stealing home at Rookie level, facemasks for fielders are highly recommended but not mandatory and no Pre-Rookie pitching. Jack Henden moved to approve softball rules and Christian Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Baseball - The discussion was centered around the use of the curve ball. Two major areas of concern are the proper mechanics of the curve ball and over use of the curve ball. Kieth is putting together a suggested proposal on rules for the curve ball for Mustang, Bronco and Pony levels and will have it ready for the next board meeting.

- **Muni Concession - Jim Hansen**

Talked to the city and got approval to tent Muni for termites. Will rent a Pod and take everything out of Muni. Will look at doing this the second week of January.

- **Background check - Jim Hansen**

If we go through ASA (American Softball Association) the cost is \$10 each for background check. ASA does all the screening of the applicants. We will have to collect all the baseball coaches information and send it in with a check. Jill Knox moved to approve using ASA and Ivy Ottmar seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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- **Photo Contract - Jack Hansen**

We have been contacted by Shooting Stars to extend our contract for the next three years 20017, 20018 and 20019. Jill Knox moved to approve extending our contract for the next three years with Shooting Stars pending they add a cancellation clause if their services start to decline and Rob Lee seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- **PCA Meeting this year - Jim Hansen**

Jim will send the board an email with suggested topics and ask for feedback.

- **Scholarships - Jim Hansen**

The process is in place so if anyone asks please have them contact Jim Hansen.

- **Umpires - Jim Hansen**

We will go with Monterey Peninsula Umpires Association(MPUA) again this year.

- **Uniforms - Jim Hansen**

Need to get all our uniform information to Neil McClaren by February 8th. Lisa is going to follow up with Neil on ordering samples and see if he is available to attend our next meeting and bring samples.

- **Discussion with City about George Washington Park - Jim Hansen**

Steve Thomas has reached out to the city and proposed expanding George Washington Park so it can host Bronco level tournaments.

- **PG Pony Risk Management- Jim Hansen**

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Woody is interested in putting together a risk management plan for PG Pony. Review the page that was handed out and we can discuss further at our next meeting.

- **Champions Division - Jim Hansen for Kacey Giammanco**

There will be two Champions games, PG will host one and Toro will host one. Carmel will observe this year and see if it is something they would like to host next year. Kacey will put together a flyer and send to the board to review.

- **Finances - Rob Lee**

We have 13 sponsorships so far.

- **Field Maintenance - Jack Henden**

Looked at getting all new locks which would have one universal key. It would be about \$50 a lock so a total of about \$1,500. We need to order 12 aluminum base pegs.

- **Equipment - Christian Gibson**

Ordering baseballs, softballs and safety balls.

- **Muni Concessions - Jill Knox**

Jill will contact Staci Consiglio and discuss the relationship with PG Pony and PGHS softball.

- **Sponsorships - Lisa Thomas and Jim Hansen**

Jack and Lisa will put together some names of companies that we can approach for donations. Jim will then meet with them and ask what their plans are for community involvement.

Meeting adjourn at 8:55pm

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Next General Meeting is January 21 at 6:30pm at Robert H. Down School Library



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