

Shaw Park Baseball Association

General Membership Meeting Minutes January 15, 2011

Opening:

The annual general membership meeting of the Shaw Park Baseball Association was called to order on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 1:22 pm at the conference room at Shaw Park by Matt Hunt.

Present:

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| Larry Gilbert | Jorge Lan | Stephen Towe |
| JR Grier | Brigid O'Hara Koshko | Mark Zagame |
| Matt Hunt | Chris Powers | Larry Zavodny |
| Bill Kunberger | Rob Smith | |

A. Meeting Notes

Matt Hunt stated the purpose of the meeting was to give an over view of the park regarding its financials and upcoming plans. Mr. Hunt passed out the association's financial sheet for review. Mr. Hunt stated the 2010 fall season's budget shows a deficit of \$18,000 which reflects the capital projects that were completed to the park (i.e.: new Pinto and Shetland batting cages, purchase and mounting of permanent L screens.) The spring 2010's budget shows a starting balance of \$54,000. Mr. Hunt stated the budget in more detail is available on line at our website.

Matt Hunt stated the upcoming plans for the park include implementing a new coaching system to insure more continuity throughout the park. The new system will begin in Shetland, Pinto and Mustang leagues. Mr. Hunt stated the park has partnered with PV Baseball to introduce this standardized program.

Matt Hunt stated the bullpens and mounds have been revitalized/rebuilt and no additional field projects were planned but to let the board be aware of any suggestions that members have.

Mr. Hunt stated he would like to see more family involvement not only regarding volunteering with their player's team but park wide.

JR Grier asked about the uniforms for the upcoming spring season. Matt Hunt stated the uniforms would consist of a MLB replica hat and color coordinated shirt with the Shaw Park logo on it. Mr. Hunt stated the shirt will be more of a jersey style shirt. Mr. Grier asked if numbers will be on the back on the jerseys. Mr. Hunt stated no. Mr. Grier asked who the vender would be that will supply the uniforms. Mr. Hunt stated two venders had bids submitted: Kessler's and Elite Sports. Bill Kunberger asked if the association would use one vender for the numbers and the embroidery on the hats. Mr. Hunt stated he would like to see this occur.

Jorge Lan asked if there were plans to cover the bleachers at the Shetland field, especially for safety measures with foul balls being hit from the Pinto field. Matt Hunt stated the funds have been allocated but the work has not been done. Larry Zavodny stated the county has indicated they have concerns regarding people jumping on to the roof of such a covering and wasn't sure if it would be possible.

JR Grier asked what manufacturer brand of pants will be issues to the player this season. Matt Hunt stated he would have samples of the pants and shirts at each field during skills evaluation for the families to see the sizes. Larry Zavodny stated it will depend what the vender has in stock.

Bill Kunberger asked if the Shetland League's skills evaluation would be held on the same day as the other leagues. Matt Hunt confirmed yes. Mr. Kunberger stated he has equipment that he would like to donate to individuals who are in needed. Larry Zavodny led a discussion regarding the possibility of having the used equipment re-strung and donated to under privileged children outside of the park.

Chris Powers asked if families have approached the association requesting financial assistance for their registration fees. Mr. Powers suggested the association collect the equipment and offering to those families first.

Jorge Lan asked if there was funding for families who were unable to pay the registration fees. Matt Hunt stated there were scholarships available on case by case basis. Chris Powers suggested stating scholarships are available on the website. A discussion was held on.

Jorge Lan asked how the scholarships were funded. Matt Hunt stated the funding comes from the Shaw Park Baseball Association through fees and donations.

Matt Hunt stated the upcoming SPLOST extension has Shaw Park slated to receive over \$1.7 million dollars over the next three to five years in improvements and renovations.

JR Grier asked who has the rights to the park's facilities. Matt Hunt stated the Shaw Park Baseball Association has signed a contract with Cobb County to use the park. Mr. Hunt stated Shaw Park is a public park but the association has set hours and days with which we have first rights.

Matt Hunt stated he would like to see a Wall Ball area built and for a fundraiser sell engraved pavers. Mr. Hunt stated getting families involved to spearhead projects is what gets things done. Mr. Hunt stated encouraging players to come out and help on field work days is a great way to give back to the park.

Jorge Lan asked for an update on the parking lot and field construction plans. Matt Hunt stated with the loss of the matching grants many of the projects were put on hold. Mr. Hunt stated should the SPLOST be approved those funds would help. Mr. Hunt stated getting to know the commissioners will help with our relationship with the county as a whole.

JR Grier asked if tree can be cut or trimmed around the park. A discussion was held.

JR Grier asked when the older Shetland league players would begin practicing on dirt. Matt Hunt stated it comes down to scheduling opportunities. Mr. Hunt stated that is why there will be a limited number of teams on each field to allow for scheduling flexibility.

Matt Hunt stated ongoing maintenance at the fields will be most beneficial to maintain the fields.

Larry Gilbert suggested two teams be slotted to practice during the same time frame. Mr. Gilbert stated it worked in the fall in Mustang having one team in the outfield and one in the infield and then switching.

Chris Powers asked if Pinto would again interlock with Mount Paran. A discussion was held.

Chris Powers asked what the break down of the number of teams in the Pinto competitive versus the instructional leagues. Matt Hunt stated seven teams in the competitive league and four in the instructional league in the goal.

JR Grier and Bill Kunberger both agreed whoever runs the scoreboard be over 16 years old or be in the company of an adult, especially at the Pinto field to keep up with the balls and strikes.

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Zavodny and seconded by Bill Kunberger. The meeting adjourned at 2:25pm.

Adjournment:

Matt Hunt adjourned the meeting at 2:25 pm. The date of the next general membership will be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Brigid O'Hara Koshko, Secretary

Pre-approved by: Matt Hunt, President