

April Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2011

Opening:

The monthly meeting of the Shaw Park Baseball Association Board was called to order on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 6:33 pm at the conference room at Shaw Park by Matt Hunt.

Present:

Kevin Fales	Don Koshko	Brigid O'Hara Koshko
Larry Gilbert	Bill Kunberger	David Smith
Paul Greenwell	John Mondragon	Steve Tenzgelius
Matt Hunt	Brian Nay	John Van Orden

Guest: Michael Gates, Cobb County Parks and Recreation, Junior Grier

A. Approval of Minutes

Matt Hunt asked for a change to the meeting minutes on page 2. Bill Kunberger made a motion to approve the amended meeting minutes. David Smith second the motion and it passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the April 2011 meeting was unanimously approved as distributed

C. New Business

Matt Hunt informed the board that Maurice Deprey has stepped down as Shetland Coordinator and manager of his Shetland team. Mr. Deprey's assistant coach will take over the role as team manager. Colleen Smith is willing to step in as coordinator for the remainder of the season. A discussion was held regarding why the board was not informed of issues pertaining to the Shetland league. Matt Hunt agreed to more communication with the board regarding problems and/or issues with the park. Bill Kunberger made a motion to accept Colleen Smith's nomination as Shetland Coordinator. The motion was second and it passed unanimously.

Bill Kunberger stated Pinto League will be holding only one game on Thursday as CRCT testing will be in progress in Cobb County. Mr. Kunberger stated Pinto coaches' were informed after their team has played eight games; the coaches will not be in the outfield.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding the recent 7 & 8 year old tournament that was held at Shaw Park. Members of board asked for details regarding the tournament and the money raised. Lack of communication with the board was again discussed.

Brian Nay and Larry Gilbert led a discussion regarding scheduling issues and the use of Bells Ferry fields by the Mustang league. Bill Kunberger will discuss open field times with Brian Nay.

Larry Gilbert led a discussion regarding league imbalance versus skill level. Mr. Gilbert stated a prevented measure must be made to stop teams from being "stacked" (coaches' having more than one child on a team with high ranks in the draft.) It was decided at drafts a "cumulative total worksheet" would be used to help balance the draft and the teams.

Larry Gilbert led a discussion regarding what should factor more: Pitch count or the number of innings a player pitched. Bill Kunberger suggested more pitching clinics, especially in the Mustang league, to teach the players better pitching skills. Mr. Gilbert suggested exploring the idea of a pitch count rule. Mr. Gilbert asked all coordinators to obtain the number of pitches thrown by each player when they submit their game summaries. This topic will be re-visited in the fall.

Brian Nay suggested a net be established between the Mustang batting cages and the Pony outfield fence to offer more practice area.

Larry Gilbert led a discussion regarding players who sign up after evaluations and their assignment to teams. Mr. Gilbert suggested making skills evaluations mandatory and the coordinator hold an evaluation for all the late registering players.

Matt Hunt informed the board of a situation in Bronco which resulted in the removal of a player from the park for hitting another player with a bat. The lack of communication with the board regarding issues was again discussed.

Matt Hunt asked all coordinators to inform their coaches to not cut the locks off the light boxes.

Steve Tenzeglius stated a backstop (placed at an angle) is needed at the top of the Bronco fence to prevent the ball from getting out of the field and damaging windshields.

David Smith stated the Pony and Colt seasons are doing well. Mr. Smith stated the managers will be meeting soon to decide the All Star players. Mr. Smith stated Steve Morton was nominated as the 14U manager and David Smith was nominated as the 13U manager. Mr. Smith stated the work at the Pony cages is looking good and Mr. Smith asked for the netting to be replaced. Paul Greenwell discussed issues with the work being done at the Pony cages regarding utilities.

Steve Tenzeglius led a discussion regarding the sidewalk addition at the Bronco field.

Matt Hunt stated all All Star financials need to be submitted showing income and expenses. Steve Tenzeglius led a discussion regarding sponsorships and the summer teams. Larry Gilbert suggested teams present to their players' families a financial spreadsheet at the half way point and end of their season.

Matt Hunt stated a committee to discuss the by-laws and rules that need to be reviewed and revised needs to be established. Larry Gilbert agreed to work with the coordinators to discuss and will prepare a proposal for the board's review.

John Van Orden presented the treasurer's report. Paul Greenwell requested a five year budget to compare with the actual. Mr. Van Orden stated he will email a copy to the board.

John Mondragon .stated the sponsorship checks are slowly coming in. Mr. Mondragon stated he was working with Dick's Sporting Goods Store to host a Shaw Park Appreciation Day.

Matt Hunt stated Todd Runge is asking for \$500 sponsorship that would come from the Shaw Park Braves Day ticket sales. Bill Kunberger made a motion to approve \$500 from the sale of the Shaw Park at the Braves ticket sales be given to Todd Runge. Paul Greenwell second the motion and it passed.

Matt Hunt stated times for pictures will be sent out and forms to purchase pictures are in each of the leagues' sheds. Mr. Hunt stated pictures will be held rain or shine at the Northeast Cobb Community Center located near the Bronco field. Mr. Hunt stated there will be no parking at the community center.

Matt Hunt stated elections will be held in May and all nominations be emailed to Brigid O'Hara Koshko. Ms. O'Hara Koshko will send an email out via Clubspaces to the members regarding the elections.

Matt Hunt stated there is an opening for the Larry Hutson Tournament Director. Mr. Hunt suggested paying someone to be director. Paul Greenwell suggested contacting Larry Hutson to see if he was interested. Brian Nay suggested David Poteet and other suggestions included Tom West and Tom Donaldson. Bill Kunberger suggested \$1,000 plus a bonus of 15% above last year's profit. John Van Orden will confirm the amount earned from last year's Larry Hutson Tournament.

Matt Hunt suggested dropping the meeting the Friday night before the Larry Hutson Tournament begins. Paul Greenwell suggested placing a map of the park and information on our website.

Matt Hunt stated it will cost \$540 for sanctioning fee for Dizzy Dean. Paul Greenwell made a motion for \$540 to be paid to cover the cost of the sanctioning fees for Dizzy Dean. David Smith second the motion and it passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Mondragon and second by John Van Orden. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Adjournment:

Matt Hunt adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm. The date of the next board meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 1, 2011.

Minutes submitted by: Brigid O'Hara Koshko, Secretary

Pre-approved by: Matt Hunt, President