

February Meeting Minutes  
January 30, 2011

**Opening:**

The monthly meeting of the Shaw Park Baseball Association Board was called to order on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 6:38pm at the conference room at Shaw Park by Matt Hunt.

**Present:**

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| Larry Gilbert  | Bill Kunberger | Brigid O'Hara Koshko | Tony Ziner |
| Paul Greenwell | Doug McClure   | David Smith          |            |
| Matt Hunt      | John Mondragon | John Van Orden       |            |
| Don Koshko     | Brian Nay      | Larry Zavodny        |            |

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Tony Ziner made a motion to approve the amended minutes from the January 2011 meeting. Doug McClure second the motion and it passed unanimously.

**B. Approval of Agenda**

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

**C. New Business**

Matt Hunt gave a report for the Shetland League. Mr. Hunt stated in the report the skills evaluation went well and there were four American League teams and four National League teams with approximately 10-12 players per team. Mr. Hunt suggested capping the registration at 88 players.

Bill Kunberger stated Pinto League skills evaluation went well and the registration is at 93 players. Mr. Kunberger is looking at ten teams of ten players. Mr. Kunberger stated because the evaluation showed most players' evaluation scores placed them in the "middle" there will not be a split in the Pinto League (American league/National league.) Mr. Kunberger led a discussion regarding developing an end of season evaluation to be completed by the coaches that will be given to the incoming coordinator and/or sent to the coordinator for the players moving to the next league.

Matt Hunt stated he is looking into a way to select coaches in a less subjective manner. Mr. Hunt stated he will review this topic prior to the start of the fall season.

Tony Ziner stated the Bronco league had a very good evaluation day. Mr. Ziner stated he would like to cap registration at 60 players. Mr. Ziner stated he was working on interlocking schedules with Mount Paran. Mr. Ziner stated Bronco draft will be held at 6:30pm Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at Simpson Middle School. Mr. Ziner stated the teams will begin practice on Saturday, February 5, 2011.

Mr. Ziner stated he has not had the opportunity to review the scheduling software that was previously discussed in the January meeting.

Matt Hunt stated to Tony Ziner to discuss composite bats with Mount Paran. Mr. Hunt stated Shaw Park will leave composite bats as "legal" until after the spring 2011 season. A discussion was held and Paul Greenwell

made a motion to allow composite bats at Shaw Park in accordance with our rules. The motion was second by John Van Orden and it passed.

David Smith stated Pony presently has 42 players and Colt has two teams of twelve players. Mr. Smith stated he is postponing draft as long as they can to see if additional players sign up. Mr. Smith stated he will cap Pony registration at 60 players. Pony draft is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30pm at the Mexican Restaurant on Canton Road near the Rite Aid.

David Smith stated he has not seen the Kennesaw State University players in awhile. Matt Hunt suggested emailing them and asking for their schedule.

Matt Hunt stated he is in discussion with Sandy Plains Softball regarding the fields at Bells Ferry Park. Mr. Hunt stated a meeting is scheduled with him, Cobb County and Sandy Plains Softball Association. Mr. Hunt stated he would like to see Sandy Plains allowing Shaw Park access to the larger field at the top of Bells Ferry Park. Mr. Hunt will give a report at the next meeting regarding the meeting. A discussion was held regarding the purchasing or building of portable mounds. Discussion was tabled.

Matt Hunt stated he will ask the county for the zip codes to help clarify what zip codes are considered in and out of county.

John Van Orden presented the treasurer's report.

Matt Hunt stated there is one of the Eagle Scout's project still pending. This project is a gazebo to be built near the river restoration area at the front of the park. Paul Greenwell made a motion to approve up to \$200 at Ace Hardware for Eagle Scout Calvin to complete the project. The motion was second and it passed. Mr. Greenwell stated he would like to see a ribbon cutting ceremony to be held at the stream restoration area and have the park represented along with the public officials.

Matt Hunt suggested a list of supplies to be included in a repair kit. Mr. Hunt listed zip ties, straps for shin guards, screws and clamps for the batting helmet. Paul Greenwell suggested having a small organizational box to be placed in the main garage so coaches can get the items themselves.

Brian Nay asked that the first aid kits be updated and ice packs stocked in the sheds.

Matt Hunt stated he ordered \$318 worth of field dry. Paul Greenwell made a motion to approve the payment of \$318 for the field dry. Larry Zavodny second the motion and it passed.

Tony Ziner asked when the lights will be working at the park. Matt Hunt stated as of February 1, 2011 the lights will be working. Mr. Hunt also stated the county would like to turn access to the lights off as of July 1, 2011.

Brian Nay stated Mustang skills evaluation went well and there are 79 registered players in Mustang.

Matt Hunt stated he worked out the numbers and it costs approximately \$30 to outfit a Shetland player and \$60 for the other leagues. Mr. Hunt stated this is the scholarship amount he has offered to families who are not able to pay the full registration amount.

Brian Nay asked what the minimum age to coach is. Paul Greenwell stated 18 years of age or if younger must be with an adult. Mr. Greenwell also stated they must pass a background check.

Paul Greenwell asked Matt Hunt to discuss with the county the cost of laying astro turf on the basketball courts near the Shetland field. Mr. Hunt stated he has already approached the county regarding this.

Don Koshko presented the estimated cost for the uniforms and equipment for the spring 2011 season: Approximately \$8,000 for balls and approximately \$13,000 for uniforms (hats, socks, belts, pants, shirts for players) and (hats and shirts for coaches.) Tony Ziner made a motion to approve up to \$25,000 for balls and uniforms. Brian Nay second the motion and it passed.

Don Koshko stated equipment is scheduled to be picked up on the day the leagues hold their drafts and this will not work because many are holding drafts outside of the meeting room at Shaw Park.

Doug McClure asked all board members to please check their emails and calendar using their previously given passwords. Mr. McClure stated he has a “how to” guide should anyone need help. Mr. McClure stated the new website does not have the ability to show standings. A discussion was held.

Doug McClure reminded everyone to please sign up for the rain out hotline and to let their coaches and teams know.

John Mondragon presented signs that will be hung around the park (i.e.: no digging holes on field, etc.)

John Mondragon stated he is having a phone meeting with Dick’s Sporting Goods. Paul Greenwell asked Mr. Mondragon to develop a spreadsheet with all the park’s sponsors. Mr. Mondragon stated it is available on the website in Google docs.

Matt Hunt stated the insurance offered by the county is now \$6.60 not \$6.30 which was charged to the players interested in the insurance.

Matt Hunt stated this year the county is requesting only a list of players registered at the park and not the paperwork that was requested in the past seasons.

A discussion was held regarding the All Star selection process. Matt Hunt stated he would like to see a form developed that would be given the parents to determine the interest and commitment levels. Also, Mr. Hunt stated he would like to see a form developed for all individuals who are interested in being a manager of an All Star team.

A discussion was held regarding players wanting to move up in the All Star teams. Matt Hunt stated a meeting should be held with the parents, All Star Coaches and the league’s coordinator to determine whether or not to allow the move. It was agreed that a player must be available to play on the “A” team before a “B” team can be formed. If the player chooses not to play with the “A” team he can not be eligible for the “B” team. Player selection for the All Star teams was discussed and tabled until the next meeting.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:32pm.

**Adjournment:**

Matt Hunt adjourned the meeting at 9:32 pm. The date of the next executive board meeting will be determined.

Minutes submitted by: Brigid O’Hara Koshko, Secretary

Pre-approved by: Matt Hunt, President