**Attendees**

**LCYO BOARD MEETING MINUTES – July 10th, 2017**

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| Adam Althouse | P | Donelle Anderson | P | Melissa Barbano |  | Megan Biehl |  |
| Heidi Boles | P | Thomas Boles | P | Tony Caruso |  | Kurt Ergene | P |
| Jeff Filliez |  | Scott Hemerick |  | Chris Kerins |  | Kerry Kress | P |
| Shannon Mahoney |  | Cindi Marinez |  | Jay Pearlman | P | Dave Purcell | P |
| Sally Osborn |  | Eli & Veronica Rejto |  | Jana Smith |  | Jim Tolley |  |
| Adam Tschop |  | Robb Weaver |  | Shannon Welch |  | Jason Werbelo |  |
| Keri Vara | P | Dave Zeljak |  |  |  |  |  |

**Administration:**

* June minutes approved.

**Finance:**

* Books closed at the end of June. All-in-all we had a good year. Funds remain available for field improvements.

**Softball:**

No one from Softball was present at the meeting

**Baseball:**

* There is growing concerns for play-up/down requests this year due to the age cut-off changes. We need a policy that is clear, concise and consistently applied
* Althouse suggested we consider marketing permanent sponsored scoreboards to the community. $1300/per.
* We will be offering pictures for Fall Ball. Each person who pays will get a team photo; $2 will go back to the league. Timing will be dependent on jersey delivery.
* Baseball ASAP will be offering training for Fall Ball. Contracts and Marketing plans needed.
* We need the city to help control the Alga Norte fields (other teams/sports taking up outfields and are confrontational when asked to leave). Will start with signs at entrances.

**Adam Tschop Proposals for BOD consideration (Dave P):**

**Proposal 1**:  Pinto - Increase pitching machine speed from 38 mph to 40 mph.

**Rationale**:  Straighter ball; increased speed to accommodate for bats with less pop; increased bath paths (went from 50 to 60 ft last spring) mitigate any safety concern; no discernible difference in batting when we increased from 36 to 38 mph two years ago; matches CYB's rec speed.

**Implement**:  Fall 2017

BOD recommendation: start at 40 then move to 38 if too fast, otherwise move to 40 after spring break.

**Proposal 2**: Mustang and up - approve attached pitching log for official use in Mustang and divisions

**Rationale**:  PONY has moved away from the two innings per game pitching rule to the Smart Pitch rules.  This requires a parent to track/log the number of pitches.  We will need to adopt rules (e.g. home team parent logs; logs are signed by managers and winning manager takes a photo and loads it to a central repository for all managers to see)  but can do that next time around.  If approved, I would like this posted on [www.lcyo.org](http://www.lcyo.org/) -> baseball.  Once the director situation is clear (see below), we'll discuss if we want to have any additional LCYO specific rules on pitchers to better promote pitcher development.

**Implement**:   Fall 2017

BOD recommendation: agree to add pitch count and keep Smart Pitch Log

And some things that need to discussed generally among the baseball group.

1. **Travel Ball director**:  Jay Pearlman offered to take this role on at our last meeting.  I support this very much, with two caveats that I have discussed with Jay, and he agrees with, assuming nothing has changed since our last conversation:  (1) several year commitment, it (most likely) needs to go beyond the tenure of the Rebels and (2) he has a co-director/partner of some sort from the younger ages (6-7U age).  It is important that this process be guided by someone with history and experience with LCYO, but as important that the next generation of LCYO parents/players are involved.  The decisions made in this area will most likely have a substantial impact of the future of LCYO.

BOD comments: Will need a Bronco Director. This is a complex division as it plays multiple leagues. Recommend using this as a Marketing tool; get dialogue started.

1. **Pinto director**:  For those who don't know, Jeff has stepped down as Pinto director.  Jeff and his family recently relocated to Carlsbad Village, and will be taking advantage of being able to walk to Chase field by joining CYB.  This is big blow to LCYO, between having two talented players (with some of the best hair in all of LCYO), Jeff and his wife were an amazing part of our community.  From taking on Shetland All Star duties last spring, to running Pinto this year, they have both been great examples of the best of our league.  I had personally hoped that Jeff would take my role in a couple of years, so this is a big blow for me!  With all that said, we need a Pinto director.  If you have thoughts, please let me know. And Jeff, I better not see you on the CYB board!!

BOD Comments: Althouse has a couple of possibilities. Might be helpful to split some of the responsibilities such as scheduling. Will discuss with Adam T.

1. **Other Directors**:  There is going to be movement in the other divisions, but I think I have a plan there.  It may all blow up on me so start thinking about who you know that could be a director for Mustang and Bronco/Pony.  Not discussed
2. **Fields**:  Not discussed
   1. **AOE/AOM**:  We need to covert the AOM Bronco field into a Pinto/Mustang/Bronco field.  That requires new base pegs set at 60ft to be installed, as well as electricity.   The bases are not a big deal and I would like to get either King or Claussen on that right away.  Any reason why we shouldn't get those done asap.    
        
      Need to get an update from Tony regarding either Carlsbad or the School District on get them to run electricity out there.  Ideally they could take a look at the electricity on the AOE field (current Pinto field) to see if anything can be done about the on field electrical box flooding out.    
        
      We need to redo the pole base at the current Pinto field there (AOE).  The base is loose in the ground, and the pole wiggles.  I'd like to get King or Claussen out about the pole base right away. I'd like this done at the same time as the base pegs at AOM.  
        
      Finally, we need to work on the cage for the fences at AOE, and figure out storage of fences at AOM (I think there is a batting cage we could use?).  We can bring fences over from LCM so we are okay there.  
        
      As AOE/AOM will be our main Pinto fields during the LCM construction phase, we need to invest money/time.
   2. **Mission: Estancia**:  Yes, we all want to move away from these fields, but at this point, that doesn't look likely.  As such, they need love.  I'd like to understand better what we work we can do in the off season in regard to infield prep, cleaning up the batting cages, re-building the bull pens, etc.  We will be making a hard push to use Stagecoach 1 this fall and next spring and moving as many games as possible away from ME.
   3. **Master Field Calendar**:  Create a calendar that shows all field space and has rec and club times blocked out so open space can be seen by directors and other baseball board members.  This will give us visibility into field space for extra practices or to loan to softball, etc.

**Champions:**

No one from Champions was present at the meeting.

**Special Attendance:**

The meeting was attended by Mayor Matt Hall. The conclusion of the meeting turned into a Q&A with the Mayor and representatives from FNL, LA Galaxy and CYB.