

**PALL Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2010**

Present: Tom Altmayer, Liz Gosnell, Lou Holtz, Heidi Hornstein, Cathy Komisar, David Komisar, Robert Lansford, Shannon McConnell, Scott McConnell, Jim Morgan, Mike Rogers, Mike Williams, Ray Webster

Absent: Jeff Arnst, Roxanne Basso, Marcus Chang, Ray Gallagher, Al Gills, Jessie MacLeod, Warren Meyer, Marcus McDaniel, Juan Samartin, Leslie White

Shannon called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes from the January 14th meeting were approved.

President Report (Shannon McConnell)

1. Calendar: Shannon pointed out some key events on the calendar including Picture and Field Maintenance Day which is on Saturday, February 27th, Opening Ceremonies on Saturday, March 6th, and Dodger night scheduled for Friday, May 7th.
2. PALL will be hosting the Minor's Softball District 17 Tournament (Minors All-Stars) in July.
 - a. Follow-up: Shannon will reserve the fields for July.
3. Field Permit: Shannon sent the field permit to all the managers. The open field is first come first served. There was some discussion that T-ball needs those areas due to lack of space at other parks.
 - a. Follow-up: Liz Gosnell thought the permit included the open areas. She will follow-up with the city to ask about including the open areas in the permit.
 - i. UPDATE: Liz sent the following message via e-mail: "Please note that our permits include all grass area below the stairs per Raphael Gullien of Pasadena permits!! There is no soccer or football allowed on the reservoir park! Please have all managers and coaches carry permits!! Any questions or issues please have managers or coaches call me! Liz Gosnell"
4. Team Parent Meeting which was held at 6 p.m. on February 17th went well. There was a good turnout except for T-Ball.
 - a. Follow-up: Lou will send Shannon the T-Ball e-mails so they receive the team parent handout and picture day forms.

Registration – Sign Ups – Skills Assessment (Scott McConnell and Mike Williams)

Scott and Mike covered a handout that provided a recap and debrief of the registration, sign ups, and skills assessment process. Please see the attachment for details.

- a. Follow-up: Shannon will send out the document to the managers and the board and ask for their feedback. Comments are due on Tuesday, March 9th.

Opening Ceremonies (Cathy Komisar)

1. Opening ceremonies will be very similar to last year.
2. Flyers have been given to team parents. The flyer was also posted on the PALL website.
3. Each Team will be asked to provide 1-2 volunteers to work opening ceremonies.
4. There will be a silent auction. Lou Holtz indicated that Play It Again Sports will be donating gift cards for the auction.
5. Liz has volunteered to do the food drive again this year
 - a. Follow-up: Liz will develop a flier and send it to Shannon.
6. Shannon mentioned that last year's All-Star teams will be acknowledged and the 11-12 All-Star team will receive trophies for winning the 2009 District 17 Championship.

Junior Umpires Clinic (Heidi Hornstein)

1. Scheduled for February 27th from 2-4 p.m.
2. The Clinic is for 12, 13, and 14 year olds that would like to become umpires.
3. A field or open space will be reserved at that time for the Clinic.
 - a. Follow-up: Heidi to work with Tom to reserve a field or open space.
4. An announcement will be posted on the PALL website.
 - a. Follow-up: Ray Webster will have it posted.
 - i. Update: Ray had the announcement posted on the website.

Sound System (Dave Komisar)

1. Dave did a lot of research and got some estimates for a sound system. The best deal he found was at the Guitar Center.
2. The system will cost \$2,500. It retails for \$3,800 but the Guitar Center is offering us a good deal.
3. The system includes K-12 speakers with a range of 300-400 feet and a wireless microphone.
4. Dave provided Shannon with the exact specifications and the estimates. The Board decided not to vote on this item until we know the status of the budget.
 - a. Follow-up: Shannon will check with Jeff Arnst on the budget to see if we have enough funds to purchase the system.

Big 5 Fundraiser (Mike Williams)

1. Mike mentioned that Big 5 approached him about a rebate program in which the league can receive 5% off all purchases made by PALL families if they bring in a flyer. After the first purchase, they families will then receive a discount coupon in which they could use on their next purchase. He posted the information on the PALL website.
2. Liz mentioned that the website didn't have the correct flyer on it.
 - a. Mike will follow-up to make sure the correct flyer is posted on the website.

Scheduling (Tom Altmayer)

1. Tom mentioned that he is waiting on softball and other leagues we are inter-leaguering with in order to begin developing the schedules.
 - a. Follow-up: Tom will work with the other leagues, including those involved with softball, to develop the schedules.
2. He will develop majors and minors first (both baseball and softball) and then will develop the Farm and T-Ball schedules.
3. It will take at least another week to develop the schedules.

Website (Ray Webster)

1. Ray was asked at the January Board Meeting to get a quote to develop an on-line manager/coach evaluation form. Our consultant gave us a quote for \$450.
2. Mike Rogers indicated that the on-line manager/coach evaluation form will not be effective and indicated that they should be handed out instead by the Team Parents, etc. As such, we will not proceed with the on-line version.

Field Improvements (Liz Goznell)

1. Liz handed out a packet that included a list of field improvements as well as estimates.
2. Liz covered all the improvements and pointed out where they would be located in the park. She used two drawings prepared by Brett Shwery. She mentioned that **we hope to get authorization for the City to complete with no permits being required for the improvements.**
3. There was a lot of discussion on priorities given the limited amount of funds available. The Board, by a vote of 10-0 (Scott McConnell abstained), approved the following improvements at a total cost of **\$17,464**:
 - a. Backstop add netting to back stop field 2 includes lift that will be used for install on fields 2 and 1. **Robert pointed out that they used chicken wire on field 1 and that it has lasted for 20 years so Liz will propose this to the fence provider - pending final approval from the City \$1,200**
 - b. First baseline: add 11 sections of 10' feet x 4' fence from 1st base dugout to the outfield fence (field1) **pending final approval from the City. \$1,320**
 - c. Fence: First baseline from dugout to backstop add 80 feet of 4' fence to stop balls from hitting spectators and going in dugout (field 1) **Work must be completed with item a. to use the lift at the same time pending final approval by the City. \$1,600**
 - d. Fence: 4 ft from 3rd base dugout to outfield fence 210 ft in 10' section panels of fence with double gates for lawnmower and 1 pedestrian gate (field 1) **pending final approval by the City \$2,500**
 - e. Field 1 batting cage - \$2,600 for installation. **\$5,193**
 - f. New backstop pad (field 1) **\$1,251**
 - g. Electrical for batting cages – allowance TBD w/ city specs **\$2,000**
 - h. Dirt –three truckloads for fields 1, 2 and some for 3 **\$2,400**

Open Item - Following Board Decisions (Liz Gosnell)

1. Liz urged the board to be careful in following the PALL bylaws in approving new board members and coaches. She pointed out issues with other leagues and how their processes are being challenged. **She brought up possibility of our Directors' and Officers' coverage being void when PALL bylaw or National Little League bylaws are not being followed.**

Approval of Board Members

1. The board approved the following board members by a vote of 10-0:
 - a. Heidi Hornstein – Umpire Coordinator & Post-Season Coordinator
 - b. Ray Gallagher – Minors VP – Player Agent
 - c. Ray Webster – Information Officer

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next PALL board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10 at 7:00 p.m.