Meeting called to order at 6:01 by Dave Blume

**BOD Members Present:** Brian Auer, Chad Beaty, Dave Blume, Jim Broadbear, Roger Burns, Steve Bruso, Audelle Cummings, Keith Eichensehr, Doug Gillam, Roger Heideman, Kelly Hott, Bill Jones, Tom Nolin, Andy Ommen, Jerry Stocks, Brad Thede.

Also present, Business Manager Brian Thede and Friends of the Board Jason Wilson and Eric Oglivie.

**BOD Members not present:** Brian Everett, Doug Fewkes, Bill Graden, John Harris, Steve Olson, Steve Platt, Cory Rogers

**Meeting Minutes approval from November 2013 – Bill Jones**

Proposed – Andy Ommen

2nd – Roger Burns

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**Treasurer's Report – Chad Beatty**

* All information has been sent to our auditor (Hjerpe and Associates) and our annual audit is almost wrapped up. A meeting will be scheduled later this month to review results with Finance Committee members.
* Eric Hjerpe is scheduled to talk about the audit at the January 2014 board meeting.
* 2014 Budget discussion (from Finance Committee)
  + Finance committee will discuss possible fees to be charged for refunds and other fee payment structures.
* Registrations (Steve Bruso)
  + Notice will be sent to those with outstanding registration fees balances after Jan 1, 2014 that if fees are not received in 30 days, the player(s) registered will be placed on the wait list and a roster spot will be guaranteed.
  + As of November 30, 2013, there are 688 players registered. 20 less than last year at the same time.
  + Looking for a registration coordinator
* Sponsorships (Brian Thede)
  + Accumulating a list of sponsors
  + No Scoreboard sponsors yet
  + A member of the grounds crew wants to try and find sponsors. Goal is to get enough to fill all the fences.
  + Banner sponsorships are available for the web site

**Motion to approve the November treasurer’s report:**

Proposed – Kelly Hott

2nd – Roger Burns

Motion passed by unanimous vote

**Manager's Report - Brian Thede**

* Notes from Brian Thede about the Pony North Zone meeting he and Mark Landsly attended on Nov 8, 9, 10
  + 2013 team counts for North Zone were down 14% in baseball, up slightly for softball
  + Registration is now open for 2014.
  + If there are litigation issues, Pony Headquarters is to be involved immediately.
  + Colt/Palomino bat rule is now BBCOR or wood only.
  + Thoroughbred Division for 23U to be official in 2015.
  + Mustang-9 World Series for 2014 in California. Some interest in Colt-15.
  + Champions Division (Miracle League at Pony) fee is now $0. Team from North Zone may be invited to MLB All-Star game in Minnesota.
  + Tournament gate fees up to $250 allowed for parents/fans (not for team). Teams playing in Pony tournaments should be aware of this.
  + New Era if the official cap of Pony Baseball. Deals available to Pony teams.
  + Pony.org website will be new as of September 2014.
  + Pony Express Newsletter will be available in digital format, starting in Jan
* Keith E. and Brian Thede will review all current in house playing rules (both summer and fall) and make recommended changes/adjustments. Anyone having ideas/suggestions should contact Keith or Brian.
* Update on Prenzler billboard contract. Our current contract was signed for 7 years @ $2000.00 per year. Pony proposed a new 5 year contract @ $3000.00 per year. Prenzler came back with 2 years @ $2,500.00, 3 years @ $2,800.00, and then a 5 year option @$3,000.00 per year. Pony proposed a 2 or 3 year contract @$2,800.00 per year. Prenzler will review at the conclusion of the current contract in June 2014. Finance committee will review the offer and look into whether this is a good deal for Pony or if there is a better offer available.

**Facilities/Fields – Kelly Hott / Andy Ommen**

* Discussion topics:
  + Local companies provided bids for winterizing the concession stand building, but were coming in higher than expected. Kelly Hott offered to winterized the building instead. All work has been completed. Thanks to Kelly!
  + RESTROOMS AT THE COMPLEX ARE NOW LOCKED AND CANNOT BE USED!
  + Pepsi has also winterized at the concession stand
  + Kelly is looking for bids to repair/replace the concession stand building air conditioner. Received bids from Masters and Collins for replacing 3 ½ ton compressor:
    - Recharge with R22 Refrigerant

Masters – TRAN $2000

Collins – No Bid

* + - Refrigerant Dry Charge

Masters – TRAN $2742

Collins – CARRIER $2277

* + - New A410 Refrigerant

Masters – TRAN $5794 (Replace heater as well)

Collins – CARRIER $3487 (Could use current heater/replace evaporator.

* + - Replace with heating/AC heat pump

Masters – TRAN $8150 (replace heater)

Collins – no bid – didn’t ask

* + - Replace current system with Mitsubishi Ductless System

Masters – No bid

Collins - $19666

All bids will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and a decision is not needed until early spring 2014.

Andy Ommen will also check with SBC and see if they would be willing to accept some kind of sponsorship in exchange for a new system or a reduced cost.

**Baseball Equipment - Bill Jones**

* Discussion topics:
  + Twins Uniforms to be order by Feb 1
  + New helmets ordered

**Umpires – Brian Thede, Bill Graden**

* Umpire Clinic April 6, 2014. On web site as news banner

**Publicity/News Items – Jim Broadbear**

**Divisional Reports:**

Shetland Division - Tom N. – Nothing at this time.

Pinto Division – Jason – Nothing at this time.

Mustang Division – Keith – Nothing at this time.

Bronco Division - ? NEED PRES and VP

Pony Division – Audelle – – Nothing at this time.

Colt / Palomino Division - ? NEED PRES and VP

**Old Business**

* Roger Heideman hosted a meeting for Travel Coaches to discuss July 4 tournament at the complex. Details are as follows:
  + 3 travel tournaments (14U, 12U, and 10U) will be held over the 4th of July weekend at the complex.
  + 8 teams in each tournament
  + Invitational approach is preferred for getting teams
  + Tournament Director is Mike Harris
  + Games will be played July 4, 5, and 6
  + No in house games will be played at any level in July 3rd to allow for field preparation. No in house games at any level for the 3 days of the tournament. Not having any in house games for these 4 days will not impact the in house regular season game totals.
  + The concession stand will not be open (Brian and Michelle Thede will have a 4 day weekend ….yeah!)
  + Working on alternate concessions for the weekend. Might have a local business come in or set up a grill. More details to come.
* Steve Bruso – Update on outdoor grilling at the complex – information obtained from the city. We can get a temporary outdoor cooking permit and is valid for special events (like a tournament, Memorial Day, Father’s Day, and in house tournament). There are certain guidelines that must be followed such as a cover over the grill area and the location of the grill with respect to where the customers will purchase the food.
* Keith E is working on having meat for the grill donated by Sam’s Club. In return, Sam’s would set up a table and advertise for their business.
* Bronco will have a travel/Twins round robin over Memorial Day weekend.

**New Business**

Jason Wilson and Eric Ogilvie – both were appointed as Directors by Dave Blume. A vote will occur at the Jan 2014 BOD meeting to affirm the appointment.

Motion to close the meeting at 7:45

Proposed – Jim Broadbear

2nd – Brad Thede

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Next Meeting is 6:00 on January 6, 2014 … location TBD.