

Statements from Candidates for President

Mike Rusch (incumbent): My name is Mike Rusch and I am running for the position of President of MHPB. I have been a board member since 1994 and have had three sons go through the league playing at every level from Shetland to Palomino. I have served as Division Rep in the Pinto, Mustang, Bronco, and Pony Divisions as well as the position of Vice President and have now been President for the last 3 years. While I no longer have kids playing MHPB, I very much enjoy working with the great people who work so hard to make this league one of the most respected youth sports leagues in the Bay Area. We have made lot's of progress over the years and I look forward to continuing to work with the MHPB Board, the MHUSD School District and the city of Morgan Hill to expand and improve our fields and facilities.

Chris Blocker: I have been involved with Morgan Hill Pony Baseball since 2001 when I coached my oldest son in the Shetland Division. In addition to coaching in the Pinto and Mustang divisions, I have been Division Representative in both Mustang and Bronco and for the last two years have served as Secretary. I plan to remain active with the League for the next 12-plus years as I have 4 boys ranging in age from 12 to 2. Like me, they have all developed a passion for baseball and especially enjoy playing. Year after year the League faces crucial issues ranging from volunteerism, positive interaction, fields, facilities, coaching and basic instruction. The success of our league is almost wholly dependent upon our efforts in these areas and our ability to become less reactive and more proactive in addressing the issues and ultimately developing a positive and healthy experience for the entire community. I have a strong desire to see us develop better relationships with the city, the school district and the community at large so that we are prepared to deliver the best possible experience to our current players, and as importantly, our future players.

Statements from Candidates for Vice President

John Bennett (incumbent): My name is John Bennett and I am running for the position of Vice President of MHPB. I have been a board member since 1996 and have had three sons and a daughter that have gone or are going through the league playing at every level from Shetland to Palomino. I have served as Division Rep in the Pony, Colt and Palomino. I also was the Field Director for several years. I currently am the Vice President of MHPB and have held this position for the last 2 years. In my 12 years on the board I have seen this league change, some for the good and some for not so good. My sole goal for this league is to make sure that every child has a fair and enjoyable time in this league. Today I see too much of this catered to the better players. This has its place but not at the expense of the other children. Over 70% of our league is made up of boys and girls that just want to get the experience to play this great game. This is what I strive for each and every year. I have enjoyed time working with the board for MHPB and all the parents of this great league. In closing I am asking for your vote to reelect me for Vice President of MHPB.

Statements from Candidates for Equipment Manager

Time Mason (Incumbent): *No statement provided*

Manny Brum: My name is Manny Brum and I am running for Equipment Manager for the 2008/09 upcoming season. I have served five years on the board, the past three as Player Agent. I love this league and its players, and enjoy helping out in whatever way I can. I have some new ideas for this position including bringing new and fresh teams uniforms to our league, improve coach uniforms, and most importantly, improve the quality and safety of the equipment our players use to play with. I look forward to serving you next year if elected, and thank you for your vote.

Statements from Candidates for Webmaster

Bruce Taylor (incumbent): I have served this past year on the Board as Webmaster. I have a son who has played in the league since Shetland, and will be moving up to Pony next year. My goal as webmaster has been improving communications via the web site and our email. I want everyone to feel informed and up-to-date on how the league runs and what is happening. I believe if we can do this, our league will grow and stay successful. I also created a new web-based tool for reporting scores and recaps. This was a proof-of-concept to show we can upgrade our website to get things done faster and easier. If re-elected, I will be working on continuing the upgrades so more people can contribute content without having to go through a single webmaster.

Statements from Candidates for Pony Division Rep (Vote for TWO)

Stan Styczynski (incumbent): *No statement provided*

Vic Rousseu (incumbent): *No statement provided*

John Howard: My name is John Howard and I will be running for Pony D.R..I have been coaching in MHPB for 10 years and was a previous board member for 5. Currently I coach the Pony Giants and this is my youngest boys last year. I will have no kid playing next year, but would like to give something back and make the Pony division stronger next year.

Dray Miller: I have coached the last 2 years with John Howard in the Pony Division. My son played in Almaden Little League years ago where I coached for 8 years. I got involved with Morgan Hill Pony Baseball because I love the game. I have never had a player in this league but would like to continue and help with the great tradition of Morgan Hill's Pony Baseball. I was a Almaden Pop Warner Board member for 4 years and feel I could be an asset to the league coming in with no agenda but the rules.