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Board of Directors Election Coming Candidates Wanted

By Bob Benevento

It's time!

Time to step up...time to put up or shut up...time to take responsibility...time to make a contribution... Say what you will, it's time to give back a little!

Many members of the current board have been here for a long time, maybe too long!

Some members want to retire, some should retire and some can't make up their mind. Come and help them decide.

Show up on June 17 and cast your ballot for the candidates of your choice. But don't stop there. Come to the June 3 Board Meeting (Anritsu Training Center) and throw your hat into the ring. Run for an office! Step Up! Take responsibility! Contribute to the direction of the league! We're taking names for nomination, effective immediately.

Give a little more than your complaints; make a contribution of your time and talent. The league is yours, not ours! The future of the league belongs to you, the membership. The league is in the midst of change. Surely you must have noticed! How about the obvious...been to the Snack Shack lately? Not the same as in past years, is it? Why? No volunteer to manage the shack, that's why! Want to buy a league T-shirt or sweatshirt? Sorry, no volunteer for that either. Miss the dinner-dance? Sorry about that, but no one volunteered to run it! Did you think Opening Day Ceremonies were kind of short, without as much fanfare as in past years? You're right, no Booster Chairperson to head that committee either.

Got any other complaints? On the field issues concern you? Come run for the board and make your case for change. Some positions take little effort (newsletter editor, etc.) and others require a lot of work (DR, player agent, etc). All positions are up for grabs!

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Summerball Program Update

By Bob Benevento, Acting Summerball Program Director

The Summerball program has been approved and we are about to move forward into uncharted waters.

Enclosed in this month's newsletter you will find a player application. This application is suitable for copying, and is for use across all age groups as noted on the form. The key date is August 1. If your child's birthday is prior to August 1, then his/her age as of August 1 is the age for which you should register. So for example, if your child was 10 on July 31, register as a 10U (10 and under). If the child does not turn 10 until August 1, then register as a 9U.

All registration forms must be mailed to:
MHPB Summerball Program, PO Box 353, Morgan Hill, CA 95038. Registration fee must accompany the application to be eligible for tryouts.

Depending upon how many players register, tryouts will be held at Britton School on the following dates; June 7, June 9, June 14 or June 21. **These dates and location are subject to change.** Please check the MHPB Website, the MH Times or the MHPB phone messaging system at 778-MHPB for information.

We plan on having a minimum of one team in each age group, with a maximum of two teams per age group. Please make every effort to register your child(ren) by June 5. Late registration will force us to defer tryouts and drafts. Our intention is to complete drafts and team formation by the end of June.

We need managers and coaches!

Manager and Coach candidates should be members in good standing with the league. Basically that means you are active as a manager, coach or assistant coach this spring season, have taken all of the training classes required by the league, and have been responsible in your obligations to your team, division and the league.

We have made one correction to earlier statements...we do not expect any parent to make a commitment to coach a team if their child is not selected to the team. If you volunteer and are selected as a coach, your child will be selected to the team. After all, who among us would make that kind of time commitment and not have our kid play?

So, if you have the desire, the time and the energy, we look forward to hearing from you. Contact the Division Rep for your division for an electronic copy of the Manager/Coach application. Hopefully they will have already sent it to you. If not, check the MHPB Website. It should be posted there shortly too. Please print the form (try to print on both sides of a piece of paper), complete it in its entirety, and mail it to

the MHPB PO Box noted above. All candidates will be contacted for an interview. Again, the sooner the better!

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me c/o the Winterball Director on the MHPB Website, or leave a phone message on the league phone. I will reply to your messages as promptly as I can.

Here's hoping you have a great summer!

Memorial Day Tournament

By Sally Plafker

If this edition makes it out before Memorial Day weekend, don't forget to go cheer for our Pinto teams here in town.

If you are interested in other leagues, please check with your coaches to see when and where they are playing.

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