

If any of you are having an initial reaction similar to mine, you are alarmed and a bit angry. I hope I can help your initial feelings subside by telling you that the City representative assured me that the plans are indeed preliminary and if approved by the City Council (the plans may make the agenda in the next 1 to 2 years) that the time frame for completion ranges from 10 to 20 years. He went on to say that he has informed me early on in the process since the plans have a significant impact on our club, and so that we could be included in upcoming planning sessions. He remembered the political pressure the club was able to put on the City Officials to reverse their hasty and ill-advised decision of a few years back to cancel the CST lease.

It is my feeling that the City is more in tune with the needs of our club and therefore I think we should trust the City at this point. It is important not to panic and to use this opportunity to be proactive about the future of the CST grounds. The City states in their plans, and all board and general members at the February meeting agree, that the current grounds were great when they were located on the outskirts of town, but the grounds are now located practically in the center of Cheyenne. The heavy traffic on Converse Ave, the nearby corner of Converse and Dell Range, as well as the increase in traffic as a result of the ball field expansion will make the current site even more awkward than it is now. The transition to a new site, or even evolution of the Club to exist, as most other clubs do, without our "own" grounds are just a couple of ideas tossed around at the February CST meeting.

This is an issue that the entire club needs to discuss thoroughly so that we can capitalize on our collective brainpower to reach the most positive outcome possible. Fortunately we have time to think.

CST and our 2004 Insurance Coverage

Our insurance is an issue that is urgent and has the potential to be devastating to our club. Our coverage is divided into two separate policies (General Liability & Property). The 2004 general liability policy premium is double that of 2003 (from \$800.00 to \$1600.00). If the property premium (due in August) follows suit, it also will double from roughly \$800.00 to \$1600.00. In essence, our total annual insurance premiums have the potential to increase from \$1600.00 to a whopping \$3200.00. As you can see, the overhead cost of maintaining the CST grounds has increased dramatically. We have the money in savings to cover the current general liability premium, but unless something changes, we won't have enough for the August property premium. The board is determined to find the most economical insurance policy available, and to present options to the club to solve the impending cash flow crisis. As always, all members are encouraged to forward or present ideas to help the club solve this dilemma.

Bearing all of this in mind, we must now consider the possibilities and options ahead with respect to these challenges that are now confronting us. Luckily, the City is including the club early in the ballpark expansion project, so we have time to be proactive and thoroughly consider our options. As for our insurance coverage, the time frame is much more constrained and thus we have no choice than to pay what we can now, and in the mean time, examine all of our possibilities. Whether we are able to purchase less expensive insurance, acquire more community support (i.e. donations), increase our membership numbers, increase our fees, modify the club so that we don't need our own grounds, or follow a plan that blends these things or includes ideas that have not yet been proposed, one thing is for sure, there will be challenges ahead that we must solve or the club's future is in peril.

Please contact the board member of your choice with possible solutions to these issues, or present the solutions yourself at the March meeting. We need your support, input and dedication to keep our legacy alive.

Though we didn't spend as much time as we would have liked on the routine items for the upcoming season, good progress is being made towards having another successful year. Hope to see you in March!

Phil Haberman, President, and the Board of Directors, 2004

February Membership Meeting Minutes
2/18/04

- Meeting Minutes:
- Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.
- President report: None
- VP report: None
- Treasurer: \$1,437.46, \$114 deposit to be made tomorrow, 2/19/04
- Secretary: None
- Horse Show: Brought up using local judges, non showing people. Heidi motion, Victoria 2nd, motion passed. Members can judge trail, but not show at that show.
- Easterwood: \$150 for prizes, tabled due to other financial matters.
- Executive Committee set: Heidi, Bonnie, Phil and Michelle.
- Show and Gymkhana: pre-filled forms and payment at the beginning of the event will receive a discount, details need worked out.
- Grounds: None
- Concessions: None
- Barrels: None
- Parades: We will not ride the Greeley parade. Will look into Burns, Laramie and Pine Bluffs.
- Drill: \$25.00 for Frontier Days practices, Heidi Motion, Victoria 2nd, passed.
- Audit: no report. The walk through will be March 21, at the library.

- Old Business:
 - Rules: Lisa/Phil will look into when the committee will meet

- New Business:
 - Insurance was \$3,200; ½ grounds and ½ general liability. Last year was \$1,600, 2002 was \$900. We need to raise funds for the Insurance. Barb proposed that we use the \$1000 CD for insurance. Heidi 2nd, passed. This will keep the club afloat until August.
 - City plans for the land: would like to move us in order to extend the baseball field. Plea to all members to help with this dilemma.

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Membership Meetings:
March 19, 2004
April 21, 2004

Horse Show/Gymkhana
Easterwood: April 24

#1 May 22/23

#2 June 5/6

#3 June 26/27

#4 July 17/18

#5 August 21/22

#6 September 4/5

Rain Dates: June 12/13 and Sept 18/19

Spring 3-D Barrels
Tuesday evenings beginning May 18