

# Board of Director's Meeting

## SGV BUA

**4/6/2020 – Zoom meeting**

Roll Call

### **Board Members:**

**Jeremy Hamlett** – President - Present  
**Jim De La Torre** - VP President - present  
**Tim Triplett** — Secretary\Treasurer - present  
**Al Cone** - present  
**Will Fortner** - Present  
**Mike Martinez** - present  
**Darren Winkley**- instructional chair - absent  
**Phil Diprima** – Assigner – present  
**Richard Ilizaliturri**– present  
**Luis Ortiz** –present

Jeremy called the meeting to order at **6:08pm**. Richard made a motion to approve the agenda. Will seconded the motion. No discussion. **Everyone voted and motion passed**. Mike made a motion to approve the minutes. Will seconded the motion. No discussion. **Everyone voted. Motion passed but Richard I. abstained.**

### **Open Forum:**

- Nothing

### **President's report – Jeremy Hamlett:**

- Referenced the email he sent a couple weeks ago.
- Hope's everyone is well.

### **VP's Report - Jim De La Torre:**

- No report. Hope's everyone is well.
- Hates we have no season this year. Looking forward to getting back to it next season.

### **Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:**

- Tim wanted to discuss the Banquet and what we plan to do with the funds.
- The balance of the bank account is about \$2200. There are some expenses that still need to be paid. Before he pays anything else he wanted to talk to the board. We typically try to collect fees at the banquet so we can pay early insurance bills going into the next year. If we are not having a banquet, we need to think about where our account is going to be in the next fiscal year. Jim asked what hasn't been paid. Tim said the instructional chair, secretary\treasurer, the banquet, awards (which we aren't doing), and IT stuff for the website. Jim asked without the banquet and awards, how much would that leave? Tim said the account should be somewhere over \$1200. Mike asked if we could still put something out there saying if members want to pay around the banquet date, we can still offer a discounted rate? Tim said that is possible but given everything

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that has happened he doesn't think we should increase fees next year. It was asked if we stay at the same level and be ok if we don't increase it? Tim said we can make it thru we will just run light. Tim said we need to get to a point where we always have roughly \$1500-2000 in our account just in case something happens. We are about \$1000 away from that. Al asked what next years fees are? Tim said he thought still \$105 but the board must decide. When we start discounting, we take away from the money we are trying to build in our account. Jim and Al said they think we should keep it at \$105 and don't do discounts. Jim said we should table this until all this is over. Jim said we don't talk about increasing fees until Dec. Tim said if we are raising fees, we need to get that out sooner than later. Richard asked if that was something for the new board to discuss? Tim said yes we need to wait for new board but it should be decided in June.

#### **Assigner's Report- Phil Diprima:**

- Phil said he noticed some typos in the minutes from 3/2. Jeremy said if it's just typos we can make them. Phil shows as absent, but he was there. Also, for this report it says instructional chair instead of Assigner's. Says something about LaSalle games and that should just say Bishop LaMonte. These changes can just be corrected.
- All games for the rest of the season are cancelled. The state has recommended that all schools stay closed the rest of the school year.
- Phil has heard from a couple of heard coaches that they are looking into putting together a summer league for some schools to participate in against each other. Just to give the student athletes some closure on their season. He has not been approached about working with them or assigning umpires for them. Preliminary conversation.
- Assigning fees for the season, he will start working on it the next week or two. He is not going to put a hard deadline on anything. If it's ok with the board, he is going to let everyone work with him depending on their situation.
- Jeremy asked if there were any guys who didn't work enough games to cover membership and his assigning fees? Phil pulled a report from Arbiter and there are a couple of games that worked 4 or less games. If everyone got 2 games under the belt is should cover the dues and assigning fees. It might not cover insurance but that's good for the whole policy year. Will asked if anyone expected anyone to say they aren't paying anything because they didn't work enough of a season? Jim said we don't know yet because no one has been asked to pay yet. Phil has not sent anything out yet regarding assigning fees and no one has approached him about dues. Phil thinks there will be a few guys not in good shape financially and the topic could come up. Tim said he thinks people will probably comment why they are paying for the whole season when they didn't work a whole season. It might be a good idea to have a candid response prepared. Jim said that is right, but we incurred a full season worth of cost already. We will only save on the banquet because it probably won't happen. Jim said will need to respond that we already have incurred a season of expenses and we can't give any refunds. Tim said he feels bad and wishes there is something we can do. Mike said can let them defer payment? Maybe give them to late Nov or Dec to pay? Tim said he was asking if there is anything we can do for the members going into next year. Maybe the CBA helping? Richard said Jan meetings have been moved to Dec. Tim said if he could help Phil in any way to let him know, because he needs to get paid. Phil said thanks, he just needs to deal with each member directly as far as assigning fees. Phil isn't charging for anything after March 11, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> were all rained out anyway. Last

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game we played was March 9<sup>th</sup>. Tim asked if he was only charging up to that point and not the whole season, Phil said yes. Everyone agreed that was more than fair. Al said Phil has handled this situation very classy. Richard said maybe the board could get together and discuss options to see if we can give a stipend to compensate the extra time Phil put in. Phil said he appreciates it and is not asking for that. Richard said maybe give the banquet fees to Phil. Phil said it can wait til down the road. We can wait and see what the members are asking for first. Richard asked if Arbiter apologized or offered any financial compensation for what they pulled? Phil said no they said they restored the last email conversations, we restored your assignments, and may have said we apology for the inconvenience. It was a cookie cutter blanket here you go. Phil said what they did was only thru March 28 – not the whole season. Phil said he gave up and entered April on his own using all the information he had. Tim said he needs to email them and let them know they didn't do what they said they would do. He wants something to give them something in case they send him a bill when it's time to renew the contract. They know we need Arbiter, but he wants to get in front of it. Phil said they did 3 weeks and a couple assignments thru March 28. Phil said he, Jeremy, and Tim already had filled in most of it. Arbiter only really filled in a couple holes and it was after what the 3 of us did. Tim said we can revisit this before we close out the books at the end of May, once we see where Phil is and see what the finances look like. Al asked if Arbiter could give a discount next season. Phil said they should have had a backup and been able to successfully restore it within a short amount of time but that didn't happen. Phil said he is good tabling this until we hear from members.

### **Instructional Chair Report - Darren Winkley:**

- Darren was absent.

### **Discussion Items:**

- Banquet – Jeremy doesn't think we should have an in-person banquet on May 4<sup>th</sup>. We should cancel the banquet this year. In the new week or so we should send out an email to the members letting them know it's cancelled and any other information we want to provide. Jim said we should just send now, don't wait. Richard suggested maybe doing something at the preseason, like at the first meeting. The first meeting could be Sat afternoon BBQ or something. Encourage and welcome the guys back. Jeremy asked if we want to add stuff about assigner fees, dues, etc in this email about the banquet. Everyone said yes. Tim said he is going to work with Phil and get a detailed email created. They will send to board for review before sending out to the members. The email also needs to be empathic and positive. Tim will try to get it out by next week.
- Awards – Jeremy asked if we wanted to still try to do rewards? Forgo for now. We can recognize Carlos and the other guys are the BBQ. We will have more people probably at the BBQ than a banquet. Everyone agreed. Tim said we have a lot time to prepare for it and can make it nice and show how much we care.
- Certification process - Jeremy asked if we had problems getting anyone certified – exam and study guide? Phil said the results were sent out 2 weeks after the cutoff date of the test. That is all Phil and Tim know. Darren will know. Tim can get it from him and update his records. Jeremy said the main question might be if anyone didn't do it. Tim said the President's need to discuss this. It's ridiculous that the units must get members certified, we must wait for our study guide

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information and quizzes, they want us to be prepared and have what we are going to do online for them, but they can't do it for us. The mother unit needs to be a mother to the rest of the units. This has been going on for a few years. Jeremy said there is supposed to be another President's call. Jeremy is going to try to have another call and will bring that up. Tim will work with Darren to see if there is anyone we need to work with regarding certification.

- Ratings\Evaluations – Jim said he replaced Carlos with Rahmand Williams. They are trying to get a video conference together to go over the ratings. Once they meet and go over the ratings, they will send it out to the members. Evaluations can be beefed up for next season. Phil thought Will did really good in the limited amount of time he did it this year. The guys liked it as well and Phil wants to continue it next season. Tim said he would like to volunteer to help with that as well as working. Al said he would be happy to observe some games too.

Next meeting will be **Monday, May 4th at 6:00 – 8:30pm** via Zoom.

**Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.**