

Board of Director's Meeting

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1/14/2021 – Zoom meeting

Roll Call

Board Members:

Jim De La Torre - President – present

Jeremy Hamlett – Vice President - present

Tim Triplett — Secretary\Treasurer - present

Will Fortner - present

Mike Martinez - present

Kendall McCarthy – Instructional Chair – present

Phil Diprima – Assigner – present

Richard Ilizaliturri– present

Luis Ortiz –absent

Jack Johnson – present

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:07pm. **Richard motioned to approve the agenda for today 1/14. Will seconded the motion.** Jim added number 5-unit fundraiser. **Everyone voted on the 1/14 agenda with the one added item and it was approved.** Jim asked for comments regarding the 12/21 meeting minutes. **Mike motioned to approve the minutes for 12/21. Jack seconded the motion. Everyone voted, Richard abstained, everyone else voted yes and minutes were approved.**

Open Forum:

- No one had anything.

President's report – Jim De La Torre:

- Jim mentioned receiving an email from Allan the CBUA president. Updating the President's. letting us know there will be no more meetings until the CIF Southern Section announcement. They are also holding off on the Executive Council meeting until sometime in February.

VP's Report - Jeremy Hamlett

- Nothing to report.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Tim said he paid \$484 today to Arbiter. He also paid the first installment for the insurance. The board members should have received an email from the insurance company letting you know you are covered unless you are insured by another sport.
- Our account balance is about \$1100. We did have a handful of people pay, probably about 20% of the unit has paid so far. Jim asked how many more paid since last meeting. Tim said about 5. Total of about 14-15 people have paid.
- Jim asked how the search for an online election is going. Tim said he is still testing but there is a polling feature in the Zoom webinar that he thinks we will work for us. He said we may want to do a test with the members ahead of time. He thinks we should try to use what we have instead of paying for a new application. Jeremy said he hasn't really investigated other apps. He agrees that Zoom could work but you could not vote. We might have to stress to everybody that's on that night, that every single person needs to vote so that we can match up. How many responses came in versus how many people were physically there at the meeting. And we need to make sure we keep it anonymous. Tim said we need to verify that

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we can select how many questions you can vote for – meaning people. You can ask for multiple answers. He is afraid some people my vote for 3 even if you say vote for 2 only. We need to make sure they vote for the correct amount. Tim is still looking at survey monkey. Customizations cost money and you can't call customer service without having a paid account. Also, we would need to use a different meeting link to have people to vote. Tim will continue to research and have more for the next meeting.

Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Phil talked to a couple guys that were on the call Tuesday about staying or coming back. Fred Carrillo is going to stay for at least another year and Teddy Rodriguez is going to come back to the unit. He said he should have his fees paid by the end of next week. Phil hasn't received any schedules yet. There are a couple of new umpires on the zoom meetings that he needs their information to add them to Arbiter. Tim asked the name of the father and son that joined so he can send them to the website so they can fill out the application and then Phil will get an email. Jim said it was Frank and his son.
- Phil asked if Tim sent him the revised agreement to sign. Jim and Tim replied it was sent on the 31st. Phil asked if they wanted to execute the agreement even though there are several things that haven't been addressed and the TBD dates and times. Phil said if everyone is good with him signing it as is, he will.

Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:

- Kendall said he has not received a copy of his signed contract by Jim. Jim said Tim is waiting for Phil's signed contract and then Tim will send both to Jim for signature and then Kendall will receive his copy.
- Kendall said he talked to Scott this morning specifically about the mechanic that someone brought up and Scott said they are not even talking about doing it. Scott said unless they are forced to, he has no intentions of changing any of our mechanics.
- Kendall submitted to the board his list of dates and opportunities for members to get hourly credit. One option he submitted was doing the eight courses on the National Federation of High School site. Each course taken could be worth an hour.
- Kendall said the study guide is another 3 hours. Scott said it would be out tonight. As soon as he receives it, he will send it out to the membership so they can start working on it. It will take the place of the measurement he sends out on Fridays. It will open on Feb 12 and must be completed by the 25th. Members will get an hour credit for the classification exam. Kendall suggested also giving members an hour credit for the Friday measurements he sends out. The field clinic would also be credit.
- Kendall sent in some dates for field clinics. The first and only date in Jan would be Jan 29th. It would be for 2 hours. The times would be 8:00,10:00 and 12:00 with a maximum of 5 umpires. This would be voluntary only. Anyone not wanting to physically participate we could decide to do it over Zoom. Or one on one. He also proposed dates in Feb – Sat 2/6, Fri 2/12, and Sat 2/13. This will also be from 8:00, 10:00-and 12:00. If needed he can add more dates.
- Kendall said he was holding off contacting the coaches to see if we have a season.

Committee Reports:

- Nothing to report

Action Items:

- **Elections:**
 - Jim said we sort of discussed this earlier. We are still checking into the possibility of using Zoom. Skipping this for now.
- **SGVBUA member credit:**
 - Jim said we finalized in the last meeting that the final number we want to shoot for is \$200 as the amount we want to have so start building a reserve account. This is based on 50 members. **Jim made a motion that we go with the 30% retention for prudent reserve for 2021 and then if we do not have a season,**

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then the balance remaining from that will be credited back to the unit members after our hard costs are met and whatever that balance remaining is that will be credited back to them. Jim said he is recommending the 30% in case we end up with only 40 members because then the amount will be lowered. **Richard and Jack seconded the motion.** Jeremy said he thinks the optics for the 30% doesn't look good and we should stick with 20%. **Everyone voted and all approved except Jeremy. Motion passed.** We will go with 30% to build our reserve.

- **IC recommendations:**

- Kendall recommended lessening our meeting times and adding some additional dates and credit for completing the study guide, classification exam and completing courses on the NFHS website. Kendall proposed dates for Jan and Feb. If we have a season, he will add dates in March/April. The clinics will always be on Fri and/or Sat at 8:00, 10:00, and 12:00. We did talk about reducing meetings down to 90 minutes. Our next meeting is the 25th for the 1,2,3-year guys.
- Kendall said Richard has already organized a field clinic and has a location and 5 members signed up.
- Phil said that if we give credit for all the NFHS courses and Friday segments, no one will need to attend our meetings.
- **Jim motioned that we accept Kendall's recommendations for additional hours of credit for certification purposes for the NFHS. Members will get credit for the NFHS exams, for the study guide exam and certification exam, for attending meetings, and one form of field clinics. And Kendall can use the measurements to assist someone with getting additional credits if they are short, only after all other credits are met. Richard seconded the motion.** Phil asked how many hours we are giving for meetings. If it is 3, members could just attend meetings and get 18 hours and not do anything else. Jim said the NFHS courses are mandatory. Field clinic is also mandatory. Phil said with the courses and study guide and classification exam we are at 15 hours. A member could attend one meeting and they are done, they would have 18 hours. Phil asked if this is what we want to do. He suggested we give them the eight hours for the courses, give them an hour or two for the test and the study guide, give them an hour, a couple hours first for the field clinic and then still have them come to class. Others agreed with Phil. Jeremy said we might be putting ourselves in a more liable position if we are the ones mandating that our members must read and review the NFHS information. Jim repeated his earlier motion, which was eight hours of the NFHS exams, three-hour credit for the study guide test, an hour for the certification, two hours for the field clinic and then the classroom credit hours. **Everyone voted. Everyone voted no but Jim who voted yes.** Phil recommended that we give members one hour for completing the concussion protocol test on the NFHS website, and it's mandatory. We give them two hours for completing the study guide, two hours for classification exam, three hours for field clinic. Also, one hour for the COVID test on the NFHS website. This would leave 9 hours to get from meetings and courses on the NFHS website. The six zoom meetings and makeup meetings equal an hour and a half credit for each. Kendall's measurements and the other NFHS courses can be 30 min credits when additional hours are needed to meet the 18 hours. **Richard made the motion to go with Phil's recommendation. Jack and Mike seconded the motion.** Tim said he didn't agree. We have already had meetings and given people 3 hours credit and now we are trying to go back and take it from them. He said we are already into the season and we should keep things the way they are. If we want to require the Covid test and the concussion test that's fine. Tim thinks it will cause more problems changing it now. **Richard motioned 30 min for concussion exam, two hours for study guide, one hour for classification exam, two hours for field clinic, 30 min for covid test, and the remaining hours will be from scheduled meetings and makeup meetings to equal the required 18 hours to be a qualified umpire. Zoom meetings will be three hours. Mike seconded the motion.** If members are short hours, Kendall can use the measurements or the NFHS courses to get 30 min credit for each to reach the hours they need. **Everyone voted. Jack no, Mike yes, Will no, Richard no, Jeremy no. Motion didn't pass. Jack made a motion to keep everything the same, but you don't get two hours credit going forward for any meetings that we have that lasts only an hour and a half. Basically, changing three hours classroom instruction to two hours. Richard seconded the motion.** New members still have to get 20 hours.

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- Before voting again, Tim asked for the final break down.

The current motion on the floor:

- **30 min for concussion protocol exam**
- **30 min for Covid exam**
- **2 hours for study guide**
- **2 hours for certification exam**
- **2 hours for the field clinic**
- **Going forward 2 hours for future Zoom meetings and makeup meetings. Will retain the 3 hours given for previous meetings.**

Everyone voted and it passed. We will present to membership at the meeting 1st.

- **Fundraisers:**

- Jeremy will keep the super bowl pool under the radar for the board. He already has coworkers who have reached out. He will send the info to the group and anyone interested can do it. He will give Tim a \$500 donation at the end. It is \$20 a square but \$5 of it goes to the unit.

Next meeting will be **Thursday, February 4th at 6:00pm.**

Tim asked Kendall if we only have 25 members attend the meeting, do we need to break up into 2 groups. Kendall said no, we can just break up Richards group. So, for now, everyone will stay in the same room except for Richards group.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.