

Board of Director's Meeting

SGV BUA

12/21/2020 – 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– absent

Luis Ortiz –absent

Jack Johnson – present

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. **Will motioned to approve the agenda for today 12/21. Jack seconded the motion.** Jeremy wanted to add a discussion about a Super Bowl fundraiser to the agenda. **Everyone voted on the 12/21 agenda with the one added item from Jeremy and it was approved.** Jim asked for comments regarding the 11/30 meeting minutes. **Mike motioned to approve the minutes for 11/30. Jack seconded the motion. Everyone voted and approved.**

Open Forum:

- No one had anything.

President's report – Jim De La Torre:

- Jim mentioned that he attended the President's meeting for CBUA. They discussed if there isn't a season, will the membership still need to pay the \$3 for membership. They took it back to the executive council who met and voted to still keep the \$3 membership regardless if there is a season or not. Everyone will be required to pay. Jim thinks this will come up again that the next President's meeting. He said he is going to request a meeting with the Executive Council. The President's feel that since the CBUA has a \$46,000 nest egg they shouldn't require members to pay. Jim said that once the Southern Section announces there won't be a season, there will be no need to continue general meetings. Jack asked Jim if he was asking the board's input on this matter. Jim said he was looking for SGV's opinion on it. Jack said we should tell them SGV would like a one year's prudent reserve. If they are sitting on 45,000 and they tell us that their yearly expenses are 25,000 until they are down to that 25 grand, they have to eat this as much as we do. Tim asked what their driving point is for charging the units. Jim said just to charge dues to say they are a member of CBUA. The Presidents are not happy with the response and are planning to bring it up again next month. The other item from the meeting was that the Executive Council is voting to allow plate umpires to wear skullcaps when they umpire. Jim doesn't agree with it and thinks it is only for bald umpires to help keep sweat out of their eyes. Mike said it is a safety issue. Phil said if someone has a skin condition and for him to have to take his helmet off his head and expose his skin to the sunlight is unacceptable because we're not going to allow a do rag or skullcap or whatever you want to call it. Phil doesn't understand why this is a big deal.

VP's Report - Jeremy Hamlett

- Nothing to report.

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Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Tim said all his information has been sent out. He talked to Jeremy and he still needs to calculate the 10% pay back to the unit in his next financial statement.
- Tim hasn't paid the insurance yet. He needs a new bill from the insurance carrier so we can have what the amount that needs to be paid, and then we can have the schedule payment plans. Everything was explained in the email he sent to the unit. Arbiter also gave us a discount. Tim will be making the payments tomorrow. Jim said other units have reported that Arbiter agreed to give a discounted prorated rebate back if there is no season.
- Jim mentioned that some other units, San Fernando Valley is number one, are not having general meetings over 90 minutes, and they are having more meetings. They are also requiring their members to go to the NFHS website and take the 7 online courses regarding rules and officiating. They are giving an hour credit for each of the seven quizzes taken associated with each course. They are also giving members credit for doing the study guide. Kendall said maybe we can give credit for answering the questions he sends out on Friday's. Will said he doesn't see why we can't use those as time for the unit. Kendall said everyone could start sending the answers back to him and he can document an hour. Jim said this would also help Kendall know who might need help. Phil has the links to the NFHSLearn.com website, and he can send it to everyone. Softball is going to vote on giving classroom hours for members taking those courses on the site as well. Tim said we need to document everything – are we having more meetings, giving credit for these courses, how much credit, etc. Tim asked if this falls under Kendall or who. Jim said we should get the info to Kendall and he can get back to us. Kendall will look it over and put together an email of what he proposes and send it to the board for a vote. Kendall feels the test results should be forwarded to the board. Tim will continue to maintain attendance and credits.
- Jim said in regard to Tim's financial report that he feels we maybe should ask for more than 10%, he doesn't think that is enough.

Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

- Nothing to go over for committee reports.

Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:

- Kendall said he wanted to address the field clinics. He said he would like to start out small, maybe 5 guys at a time. We could do like softball, meet at a park, bring your own chairs and social distance. He attended one and said it was one of the best he has been too. Jim feels there might be some people willing to do it in person but he would not be willing to. Kendall asked how the board felt about sending something out to see if anyone wanted to do in person. Those who don't want to he would do Zoom.
- Kendall said he heard from Scott Tomlinson that he should have the study guide tonight or at the latest tomorrow. He doesn't want to send to the unit just yet. He wants to wait until he finishes covering the entire rulebook – in about 2 weeks. He can send the study guide to the board if they like. Jim asked if it would be online or if we have to try to get it online. Kendall said Scott wants to try to get it online. Jim asked if we could load a copy of our study guide on our website. Phil said yes.

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Action Items:

- **In Person clinics:**
 - Jim said Kendall brought up doing in person clinics. This would be optional not mandatory. Jim said he personally would want to see things in Zoom. Tim mentioned he forgot to include the IC report in the agenda. Kendall's report added above
- **CBUA Membership dues**
 - Jim said we discussed this already.
- **SGVBUA member credit:**
 - Jim said we will wait on Tim's financial report. Tim said he didn't think we had to wait. If there is an amount that we wait to save, we can go ahead and set an amount. So if we're looking at \$200 and we want to try to save that into our kitty, he will work the math to come up with some figures and where we need to be at and get a percentage. Jeremy said we can figure out what number we want to get to and then just work backwards like Tim said and that's what we plug in. Jim asked if there is \$28 left over after our hard costs, we would deduct \$4.88 and then each member would receive a credit of \$24 and change. Jeremy said yes and this is at 50 members. Jeremy said there are some things we can't forecast like some of the members stayed on the call last time and decided they would forfeit any credit given and put it back towards the unit. Jim said we can use 20% as the starting point. Anyone not accepting credit, would just be extra, but we won't count it right now.
- **Phil's Assignor contract:**
 - Jim discussed the proposed agreement. Phil said the changes are acceptable. Jim asked Phil if Tim's version of the contract is something that he would feel comfortable signing. Phil said no but it is acceptable. Phil said he doesn't like it, but he will sign it. **Jim made a motion to remove line item number one entirely and just go with the last paragraph line item in the general agreement that states that any changes to the contract be approved by both parties by both the assignor and the board of directors and then be signed. Mike seconded the motion. Everyone voted yes except Tim. Tim voted no. Majority vote, motion passed.** We will remove the last item and send it to Phil to sign. Mike asked if the board would get a copy of each of the signed contracts, Assignor and IC. Jim said yes. There was discussion about how to get a signed document from Phil. **Jack motioned that we accept a signed scanned signature from Phil. Will seconded the motion.**
- **Elections:**
 - Jim said we need to decide how we will handle doing elections this year. Normally elections are done by secret ballot and then counted by the Vice President with assistants of his choice. Jim said there are some apps like election runner that would allow us to vote online. There may be a small cost involved. Tim said he was reading too and survey monkey has a couple ways to do it. He will read up and see what the options are and if there is a cost. Mike said football used Survey Monkey for their voting. Jack asked if all we are doing is to reup again for another year. Jim said we should be holding an election every year. Will, Richard, Luis are second term and should come off this year. Jack and Mike are 1st year. Will said he was going to suggest that the 2nd terms just stay on an extra year and vote when we are back. Jeremy said if we want to extend terms it is a constitution thing and the unit has to vote on that change. Jim asked if this is something we want to propose to the membership. **Jack motioned that we go to the general membership and propose that the people that have terms that are up are going to serve one more year and people that are only have another year to go obviously just going to stay for another year. Will seconded the motion.** Tim said he wants to know how this is going to work. We have 3 members coming off the board this year. If they stay another year, then everybody is coming off. We have the possibility of having a completely new board without anyone knowing what was going on. Jeremy said we are early enough we could possibly do elections during a meeting. We don't have to make a decision tonight. Phil suggested that if we agree to extend terms for a year, we should extend everybody's term for a year. This way, we don't run into the scenario that Tim described to everyone, where you're having everybody, but

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Jeremy come off the board. Jim said the general membership would have to decide that. Phil said if everyone who is a 2nd year now expires in 2022 and the 1st years now expire in 2022 – all board members will expire the same year. We should try to avoid that. If you are going to extend the 2nd years, then extend everybody, except Jeremy, so that doesn't happen. Tim said he agrees with Phil, extend everybody or just hold elections. Jeremy said we could do a Zoom poll, he is verifying if the poll would be anonymous, if it is, we could just do that. Tim said he would be able to see the results. Jeremy said he has Zoom webinar and you can do an anonymous poll in there. Tim said that would work but he would be able to see the results, but it might be the way to go. Jeremy said we have enough time to decide this. He would rather schedule an election night than do what we are trying to do tonight. Tim said he feels we should just move elections up instead of trying to go through the process of changing the constitution. If we don't have a season, people will be ready to take their position in June. Jim proposed we have nominations on the next meeting and elections the following meeting. Jim rescinded his motion until we decide what we're doing with the general elections. **Everyone voted on Jim's motion and everyone voted yes but Jack voted no. Motion did not pass. Jim motioned to hold nominations on Jan 12 and elections on Feb 1. Mike seconded the motion.** Phil read the constitution regarding elections. Phil said we will have to change the constitution if we move election date up. Jeremy said that if the season is cancelled, we should still continue to have meetings as scheduled and keep members involved. We can then have elections at the scheduled time. He said Is if we do it this way, and if there's members that think we suck, because we're still charging them even though there's not a season, even though we're trying to keep as Jack would say a prudent reserve and if they think our credit sucks then volunteer and nominate yourself to be on the board and come help us fix this. If we don't, it is going to look as this as if we're self serving or like we don't trust our membership or that we don't want to get anybody else involved. Just keep having our meetings. Phil said he agrees with Jeremy. If we continue with meetings and following the constitution and by-laws, people will not be able to complain unless they attend the meetings. Jim said we need to figure out a method to handle the elections, it needs to be anonymous. Tim said we should table it until the next meeting when he has more information. This will be an agenda item for next meeting. Phil brought up the fact the people would probably not sit through a 2-3 hour zoom meeting. Jim said we can give 3 hours credit for a 1-hour meeting if we want to. We don't have to show proof to anyone how long our meetings are. We just have to be able to certify our people.

- **Fundraisers:**

- Jeremy said he thought it would be cool to do a Super Bowl pool for the unit. He has done one before. If we do it, there would be 100 squares. If we did a \$20 per square pool, there'd be \$2,000 in the pot, we will let everybody know up front that \$5 is going to go towards the unit. So it would be \$500 and then there's still be \$1500 dollars in the pot, which you would spread out based on final score, halftime score or whatever you wanted to do. Jeremy said he would run it. We just have to be sure that people know that \$5 goes to the unit. Whoever runs it will be in charge of the money and then write a check to the unit.

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Next meeting will be **Thursday, January 14th at 6:00pm.**

Jim adjourned the meeting at 8:00pm.