

# Board of Director's Meeting

## SGV BUA

**3/29/2021 – Zoom meeting**

Roll Call

**Board Members:**

**Jim De La Torre** - President – present

**Jeremy Hamlett** – Vice President - present

**Tim Triplett** — Secretary\Treasurer - present

**Will Fortner** – 2<sup>nd</sup> term - present

**Mike Martinez** – 1<sup>st</sup> term- present

**Kendall McCarthy** – Instructional Chair – present

**Phil Diprima** – Assigner – present

**Richard Ilizaliturri**– 2<sup>nd</sup> term- present

**Luis Ortiz** –2<sup>nd</sup> term - absent

**Jack Johnson** – 1<sup>st</sup> term - absent

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:12pm. **Will motioned to approve the agenda for today 3/29. Mike seconded the motion. Everyone voted on the 3/29 agenda and it was approved.** Jim asked for comments regarding the 3/15 meeting minutes. **Will motioned to approve the minutes for 3/15. Mike seconded the motion. Everyone voted and minutes were approved.**

**Open Forum:**

- Mike mentioned that an official, Chris McNeese, asked him if it was too late to be certified for baseball. Jim asked Kendall if it was too late to ask Scott to open the exam again. Kendall said if the Chris pays Tim dues and has insurance, he will go through the hoops to get him certified. Jim asked if Scott would allow him to do the Study Guide and Exam through Kendall and pass. Kendall said he would be able to work our games but won't be qualified to work playoffs. Mike said since we are short officials, he has been talking to all the guys he works with in football to see if anyone is interested in joining the unit. Phil said he is working with some of his little league people to get them certified. They will only work lower level games and on Friday's. Phil said he needs extra bodies to cover lower level games. If he can't get people, it will either have to be one man or move the games which he really doesn't want to do. Phil said he has no problem using Chris, he would only get jv and freshman games because that is all that's available. Kendall said we should maybe talk to him and let him know that he would most likely get 8-10 games and they would be jv/freshman. If he still wants to do it, he can pay Tim. He already has insurance with football. Jeremy said Chris is a great umpire. He left because of disagreements with the board, not the unit or membership. Tim said he feels we need to have a date where we aren't accepting any more members and Jeremy agreed. Mike said he would call Chris and tell him if he is interested to pay Tim and he will also let him know he is looking at lower level games. If he is still interested Mike will give Chris Kendall's number. Phil said if there are games turned back, he could offer those to Chris.

**President's report – Jim De La Torre:**

- Nothing to report.

**VP's Report - Jeremy Hamlett**

- Nothing to report.

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### Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Tim said the current bank balance is **\$3,433.30**. We still need to pay our 3<sup>rd</sup> payment for unit insurance. It is \$366. This will be the last payment. It is due in April. We still haven't paid salaries for IC and Secretary\Treasurer. We also haven't paid the \$180 to CBUA. Jim asked how many total members we have now. Tim said we have 24 members who have paid, completed hours, and have insurance. Jim asked how many still have things to complete to be certified. Tim said we have 34 paid and a couple paid with no hours at all. Jim said he knows Rahman is one, he paid to hold his spot but is not working this season. Tim is still waiting on insurance for about 5 people. There are also handful of people who are not certified. Jim said we should send CBUA a check for 36 members. Tim said he will wait until the April 15 cut off date and then send the check.
- Tim said we still have to pay website fees and awards are still in the budget. Tim said at the end of the season if everything is paid, we should have about \$2600 in our account. Jim said if we have the money go ahead and pay the salaries. Kendall said he doesn't want to be paid this season.

### Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Phil said there are a few more games added at Rio Hondo prep. Some other schools are scrambling to add some freshman games. Phil sees more getting added but thinks they will be lower level.
- Phil said every game he has is in Arbiter now.
- We still have some people we are trying to certify.
- Jim said regarding getting the guys certified he thinks that we need to set a date to where we're going to just cut it off. He asked if we want to also use the April 5 date. Phil said we could go into the second or third week of April from his perspective, but he will leave it to Kendall because he is putting the time in with individuals. Jim said he isn't referring to those with payment plans. Phil said he needs to get guys certified to get games covered, so he thinks it should be a little flexible. Phil said we need a cut off, but it doesn't need to be a hard cut off. Jeremy asked if there is a point where it doesn't make sense to bring on somebody new for this season. Phil said when he has enough people and no game coverage issue, and he usually can't say that. Jim proposed we use the April 5 cut off date for certifying new people with the distinction that we approve or disapprove on a case by case basis. Jeremy said he agrees with Phil. For this year, we shouldn't put a date, keep it open and then next season set a date. Jim agreed we should table this for now.
- Phil left several lower level games open in late April/May just to give the newer guys the opportunity to get certified and so they get enough games.

### Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:

- Kendall said he is old school and feels his job as an instructional chair is to train the umpires. He doesn't want to get involved in setting a time limit, if the board decides there's no time limit and he is presented with an umpire in May, he is going to do what he can to train them. He isn't going to cut corners to train and certify someone. He just doesn't want to bother training someone who isn't going to pay Tim.
- Kendall has been getting out to games and evaluating umpires and emailing the feedback.
- The group discussed the rule in the rule book regarding inspecting the field prior to games. Kendall said it can be a legal issue if someone is injured and we don't walk the field before a game.

### Committee Reports:

- Nothing to report

### Discussion Items:

### Action Items:

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- **Ratings**

- Jeremy said he wants to send out to everybody their individual ratings that they got for last season and that will be their ratings for this season. Then he is going to refer them to our rating section on the website and let them know that that's where they go to do the ratings and get information about the ratings.
- Currently it has what the board agreed on last time we talked about ratings, Umpires at Varsity level for 2 level should be working 75% of the worked games, the evaluations are do 72 hours within the assigned game time and then all the partners automatically receive a copy. If you want to work playoffs, you must do 75%. Jeremy thinks we should start out with holding people to doing 75% of their evaluations of the season.
- Kendall asked regarding the mercy rule. How are we determining that if a coach just decides, well, I want to get extra work, and I know it's 13 to nothing, after the fifth inning but we haven't had many games this season, we want to continue to play, what criteria as umpires are we going to use. Jim said if the two coaches agree, we don't have a say in it. Jim said Almonte League, Mission League and Pacific are the only ones that have Mercy Rule.
- Jeremy will get all the ratings information out.

- **Covid Protocols**

- Kendall asked if anyone knew what the schools' thoughts in terms of protection for the umpires regarding covid. The recent issue with Marshall where the school had to cancel games. Phil is the one who took the ball and ran with it. Jim said that becomes a role that Phil has to take on as the assignor to notify us and let us know if he gets notified. He said it is the school's responsibility to let Phil know. Kendall said the school has more knowledge than Phil does as to who or when a player or coach tested positive and what umpires worked and what prior games may have been exposed. Phil said he found out someone tested positive and took it upon himself to let the umpires know. He said contact tracing protocols outlined by the CDC and the Department of Health whoever has been tested positive, it is the school's responsibility to let everybody involved with the school program know. So by the AD just contacting Phil, they were not letting Jack Johnson and Brandon DeGrazia know. Phil did that, he took it upon himself. Jeremy said he doesn't think the schools have incorporated officiating into their protocols. He thinks they're worried about the student athlete, they may be worried about the fans, and the administrators, but he doesn't think they're worried about the officials. He doesn't think we will be able to get the schools to add us into their protocols. We just need to figure out how we are going to inform our umpires. Phil will due his due diligence and notify umpires right away. Phil said we don't have anything in place for when an umpire has been exposed or may have the virus. If someone test positive, they have to quarantine at least 10 days and we will pull them off games. Phil said his question was if we have knowledge of somebody who could have been exposed to somebody who could potentially be carrying the virus, what do we do. Jim said we can ask them to get tested but we can't make them. Phil asked Jeremy if there is any mandatory testing at all other than the health questionnaire. Jeremy said athletes are the only ones that testing is mandated because they are playing, and it is a NCAA rule. Because of HIPPA laws you are not allowed to talk about it or ask anyone questions about it. Jeremy said the new CDC guidelines are if you've had both shots and your two weeks post a second shot and you're within three months of the shots which would be all of our officials for this season you don't have to quarantine.

- **Member Certifications**

- Tim said he thinks we discussed this earlier. Tim said he thought we decided earlier that if he, Phil and Kendall want to keep putting in the work to get people certified, that is the plan for this season. Jeremy said we are good for this season and we will keep it open.
- Tim asked if there were any 3 person games this year and Phil said he is still working on it.

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- **Master Schedule**
  - Jim asked for this to be added but had to leave the meeting early. Phil said everybody has access to it. They will ask Jim if he needs to revisit since he had to leave.
- **End of Year Event**
  - Jeremy said we will probably not be able to be in person, but we can do a Zoom event. If so, we need to start planning. Phil said he thinks it is a good idea. Phil suggested the **24<sup>th</sup> of May**. Jeremy will work with Phil. For now, we are looking to have the end of year event on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- **Awards**
  - Jeremy asked do we want to give out awards. Kendall said he thinks we should acknowledge some of the umpires and Tim agreed. Jeremy said he thought there was a committee. Will said in the past the board has decided. Richard said it has been done various ways. Jeremy said maybe we bring this back the end of April. We can make awards a part of the end of year event.

Next meeting will be **Monday, April 19th at 6:00pm**.

**Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 7:51pm.**