

# Board of Director's Meeting

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**5/10/2021 – Zoom meeting**

Roll Call

**Board Members:**

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

**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 – absent

**Phil DiPrima** – Assigner – present

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

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

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

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 7:35pm. **Mike motioned to approve the agenda for today 5/10. Will seconded the motion. Everyone voted on the 5/10 agenda and it was approved.** Jeremy asked for comments regarding the 5/2 meeting minutes. **Mike motioned to approve the minutes for 5/2. Will seconded the motion. Everyone voted and minutes were approved.**

**Open Forum:**

- Nothing.

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

- Nothing to report.

**VP's Report - Jeremy Hamlett**

- Nothing to report.

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

- Our checking account balance is \$4,327.00. Tim said most of the bills have been paid. Tim sent Bob McQueen a check for \$150 dollars for the CBUA membership dues and that check has not cleared.
- Tim reached out to Armando and he gave a quote for \$150 for awards. This is already budgeted for. Tim will move forward with getting trophies done.
- Tim sent out the attendance sheet. Only 2 umpires are not certified, Dennis Knight and Frank Rivera Jr. One has not worked in a game, Frank. Phil said he spoke to Kendall and Dennis Knight has completed everything but the concussion exam.

**Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:**

- Phil said the threatening email he sent out lit a fire under everybody's butt and everybody got just about everything done. Dennis and Kendall worked pretty hard on getting everything done this week. Dennis just needs to do the concussion certificate and that's why Phil didn't pull him off his games on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, or for the rest of the season. Phil said at this point he thinks we should just press Dennis to get it done because we've gotten him this far. We can ask him to get it done in the next day or two because Phil really doesn't want to lose him if we can avoid it. Phil said he is at the point now in the season and the schedule where there's very limited availability left for any day the rest of the

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season. Jack said it's a simple solve and Kendall made it easy. Dennis should be able to get it done in 20-25 minutes. Phil said he will contact Dennis tonight and have him get it done if everyone else is ok with that. Everyone agreed. Jeremy asked if when we discussed it early on as a board, did we say specifically that the Covid and Concussion exams had to be done to get you to the amount of hours. Jack said yes. Tim said yes, we mandated those 2 classes. Next year we need to do a better job of laying out what is required and how to navigate the site and get in and do the tests.

- Phil said last Monday Jack Bowden jr missed an assignment and he no call no showed at a jv game in Alhambra. Phil talked to him and he just missed it. It wasn't like he was not available to work it or wasn't like he was trying to be flaky or anything he just missed it. Jack said he forgot all about it. Phil said he cut him some slack on it because he knows him personally and I didn't think it was an egregious act. Phil said he told Jack if the school is not going to pay the one man fee then he would have to pay it and if there's anything else that needs to be done, Phil would let them know. In our constitution and bylaws Phil didn't see anything that addresses that particular instance, when an empire doesn't show up for an assignment. Phil said he doesn't see a need to make a big deal out of it at this point, he already talked to him about it and he said he would never do it again. Phil said he trusts him on that, he just wanted to let everybody know. Tim asked if we have anything in place when someone misses a game. Jack said we should just move on since it happens like once in four or five years.

### **Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:**

- Nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Nothing to report

### **Action Items:**

#### **Approve General Email to unit:**

Jeremy asked for feedback from those on the call. Everyone said the email was very good. There were a couple people on the call and those not on the call that still need to review the email. We will give everyone a couple of days to review it. Once we hear back from everyone and it is approved, Tim will then send it out as an official board email. Jeremy said he thinks it should come out through Arbiter, so it has the Board signature.

### **Finalize Playoff List:**

**Mike made a motion to finalize the playoff list. Jack seconded the motion.** Phil shared a list of officials and a game count for each game and each level they have either worked or are assigned to work for the rest of the season. It shows what level they're at as far as how many games they've worked, how many varsity games, and if they're eligible and if they're good enough for us to put on the list.

- **Jose Andrade** - he's a late to the game, as far as joining coming back to the unit this year. He did scramble to get everything done to get certified. Kendall did confirm with Scott Tomlinson that he would be eligible for playoffs he just would not be able to work a semi or final. So just looking at his game count and his work, Phil think he's a playoff official. **AGREEMENT**
- **Andy Angelo** - Andy is really slow out there he's not very mobile, but he still does a good job on the field. He's probably not going to want to work playoffs, but Phil would like to have him eligible, just in case he needs him. **AGREEMENT**

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- **Ray Briones** - came back to the unit this year because Phil asked him to and he was looking for games, because he wasn't getting what he wanted out and foothills citrus. We got him certified. Ray does a good job on the field he only has seven varsity games so as long as that's enough to get him qualified Phil would like to have them on the list. **AGREEMENT**

Phil asked do we have a limit on a minimum number of varsity games somebody can work. Mike said it was 10. Will said we changed it last year. Phil said it was six or eight, but he wasn't sure. Tim said with this year with the number of games it shouldn't matter. Jeremy said we have quorum tonight to make the adjustment to get through this year. Phil said he is looking for a bottom number of 5 just to get as many guys eligible as we can, not necessarily that they are going to get assigned a game, but at least they'd be eligible. **Jeremy made a motion for the 20-21 season we will reduce the number of varsity games to five to be eligible for playoffs. Will seconded the motion. Everyone voted and it passed.**

- **Fred Carrillo** - he's only done six varsity games this year, either he's worked or was assigned to. He doesn't want to work playoffs but he's willing to help out in the early rounds if the unit needs it so Phil would like to have him eligible if possible. **AGREEMENT**
- **Jim De La Torre** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Brandon Degrazia** – he has done a pretty good job this year. Worked a lot of varsity games. Phil hasn't heard a single complaint from his partners or any schools. He'd like to have him on the list. Mike said tell him to get a new pair of pants. Jack said his mobility is limited. **AGREEMENT**
- **Don Degrazia** – he has done a good job this year. He did miss the 2020 season, but he did work. He did some varsity games that year, but we couldn't get him qualified. He's been in the unit for like eight or nine years now, and with almost full varsity schedule and his improvement on and off the field. Phil would like to have him playoff eligible. **AGREEMENT**
- **Steve Delgado** - he worked finals in 2020. He didn't want his name submitted for one of our five finals this year. Said he would help out the early rounds of playoffs but didn't want to go deep in playoffs. Phil wants him eligible. **AGREEMENT**
- **Will Fortner** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Tony Frisina** – he has a lot of mobility issues. He tends to be a little flimsy behind home plate but seems to still call a good game. Don't hear any complaints about his work behind home plate it's just all about mobility for him. He doesn't get competitive games. Phil just wants him playoff eligible in case he has no other choice. **AGREEMENT**
- **Jose Galvez** - has been Phil's workhorse this year. Never says no and does whatever Phil needs. This would be the first year he would be playoff eligible. Anytime Phil gives him an important matchup it's always on the bases. Mike said he has a good attitude. **AGREEMENT**
- **Eddie Gaxiola** - we got him on playoffs in 2019 for the first time. Nothing but positive reports on his work. Phil would like for him to be on the list. **AGREEMENT**
- **Juan Guzman** - one of our top officials. Unfortunately, due to work he has very limited availability. This would be just a numbers thing, early rounds, Phil needs people he can get to come and work. He would be a guy Phil would seriously consider putting on the finals list. His body work is in that realm of discussion every year Phil just doesn't think it's fair this year to put him on that list. **AGREEMENT**
- **Jeremy Hamlett** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Edard Hayes** - mixed reviews. He's a good guy. Have heard some people say does a good job, others say he's lost out there sometimes. He doesn't look the part as far as the uniform goes. He would probably be the last few guys Phil would look at putting on the field for a playoff game. Mike said he had a big question mark. He likes him, he's got a good attitude and everything, but

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he doesn't know if he would want to put them on the field in the playoffs. It's a numbers thing. Will circle back if short with numbers.

- **Jonathan Huff** - transferred over from foothill. He's been around quite a while and he's worked for Phil quite a while. He's a good empire, he knows what he's doing on the field. His attitude and game management has improved. Phil trusts him over some other guys we are making exceptions for. It's his first year in the unit and that was an issue in 2019 with members in their first year in the unit, regardless of their experience. That was the last criteria that was given to Phil to get guys qualified. We had to go through every other step, and if that didn't work and we didn't have enough people, then we could put that umpire on a playoff game. He thinks we changed that but just wanted to discuss it with everybody see how everybody feels about his work and putting him on the list. Tim said he didn't think we had changed the wording in the by-laws. Someone was supposed to work on it and it hasn't been done. Will has concerns about how friendly he will be with coaches etc. He likes talking to fans in lower level. Tim said put a question mark. Maybe he could be last on the list. Will circle back on him.
- **Richard I** - haven't heard anything bad about him returning to work. The last two years he's got a little bit of mobility issues still. **AGREEMENT**
- **Jack Johnson** - **AGREEMENT**
- **Albert Juarez** - **AGREEMENT**
- **Mike Martinez** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Kendall McCarthy** – he might prefer softball this year. **AGREEMENT**
- **Luis Ortiz** - **AGREEMENT**
- **Jason Plourde** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Albert Reyes** – he's done plenty of games this year. Almost all varsity. He's been around forever. Still does a good enough job on the field from what Phil's heard. Jack said he was really good in the field. He has the experience. Will said he gets upset at other umpires. **AGREEMENT**
- **Steve Rose** - been around forever and ton of playoffs. Phil would like to have him eligible for some lower level varsity games if we need him. **AGREEMENT**
- **Raul Ruiz** -battling back from back injury. He's been doing pretty good this year with his games and you can tell by his game count doing a lot of varsity games. As long as he's physically able to work Phil thinks he's ready for an opportunity, this would be his first year of doing playoffs. **AGREEMENT**
- **Al Sanchez** - told by his doctor to take it easy this year on the field, he turned back probably like five or six games. Just out slowing down he's almost 80. He's up there in age, but he's still working. He's done playoffs before he's got the experience. I'd like to be able to go to him if we need them. Jeremy said good guy, knowledgeable. Very calm cool and collected. Doesn't seem 80. Early rounds would definitely put him out there for sure. **AGREEMENT**
- **Alex Sandoval** - very good young umpire. Would love to have him work playoffs. Not sure he will because he's going to probably do LA playoffs. Would like to have him eligible. **AGREEMENT**
- **Rob Tino** - not going to do playoffs. Probably going to do long beach. Will said Rob told him he would work for both. Jeremy said without Rob do we have enough people to get to playoffs. Phil said he hopes so. Jeremy said no, he has to commit to one or the other. Phil agreed with Jeremy. **NO**
- **Tim Triplett** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Johnny Villegas** - worked playoffs for us first time in 2019. Does a good job out there. Would like to have him on the playoff list. **AGREEMENT**
- **Calvin Wells** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Darren Winkley** – **AGREEMENT**
- **Jeff Wong** – if he is not working volleyball playoffs, would like to use him. Jack said he's a REC ball umpire. He's terrible. Everything you see a rec umpire do that's what he does. Will said his strike zone is all over the place. Mike said he would put him on the list just not going too far. Jeremy asked if we are talking to him about this and putting it in his eval. Will and Jack both said yes. Phil

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said it's a numbers issue. He doesn't think he will get us in trouble on the right game with the right people. Jeremy said, discussion for another day, honest constructive feedback and mentorship is something that we got to work on. Everyone trust Phil on using him and his placement. **AGREEMENT**

Phil said that gives him 31 eligible umpires, the number he was looking for. He should be able to cover all the games. For wildcard, divisions 1,3,5 and 7 will be June 1 and divisions, 2, 4 and 6 will be June 2. For the first-round divisions 1, 3,5 and 7 will be June 3 and divisions, 2, 4, and 6 will be June 4. Second round everybody's playing June 8th. Quarterfinals baseball will run Friday June 11. Then you go to your semis and southern section finals from there.

Phil said the next thing we need to do is pick our 5 names to put on the list for CIF finals consideration which is due before May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Phil would like everyone's opinion if possible. Tim said maybe come up with a list of the top 8 or 10 umpires for us to discuss. Phil will send the list out that we went through tonight with highlighted names that he thinks should be discussed and considered for finals recommendations. After Phil sends out the list, we will review and then we will discuss it after the 7:30 playoff meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Jeremy asked if there was anyone who didn't approve the playoff list. **No objections passed unanimously.**

**Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 9:00 pm.**

Next meeting will be Playoff Meeting on **Monday, May 17th at 7:30pm.**