

Board of Director's Meeting

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11/15/2021 – Zoom meeting

Roll Call

Board Members:

Jim De La Torre - President – present

Jeremy Hamlett – Vice President - present

Tim Triplett — Secretary\Treasurer - present

Will Fortner – 2nd term - absent

Mike Martinez – 2nd term- present

Kendall McCarthy – Instructional Chair – present

Phil Diprima – Assigner – present

Jason Plourde– 1st term- present

Johnny Villegas -1st term - absent

Jack Johnson – 2nd term - present

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:40pm. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes from 9/20. Jason seconded the motion. Everyone voted and the minutes were approved.** Jim asked if anyone wanted to add anything to the agenda. It's the agenda from the October meeting that we didn't have.

Open Forum:

- Kendall asked the status of our Racial and Social injustice letter. Jeremy said he hasn't worked on it but can have it ready for the next meeting or before the season starts, either one.

President's report – Jim De La Torre:

- Jim received an email from Alan the CBUA president. There is a meeting going on tonight with all sports to make a recommendation for games fees, that includes baseball. They are making a pitch to do a \$10 increase over the next 3 years, this would be \$5 this year, \$3 next year and \$2 the next year. Jim and Ray Lombardo, the San Fernando President, recommended we double that amount due to the disparities in the different associations and the gap between umpires that are leaving and flipping to do college ball and high school ball. They pitched \$20 over the next 3 years. Some presidents felt \$10 was enough and some didn't. They are also making a pitch to increase the mileage limits and coverage. Phil asked if this would be for everyone or just the plate umpire as it states in the blue book. Jim said he didn't see anything about that. They actually recommend carpooling, which is not always possible, a lot of people come from work. Phil thinks the verbiage should be changed and this issue should be addressed. Phil volunteered to be on the fees committee, but no one ever reached out to him. Jim said another thing that was mentioned is equipment replacement costs which have gone up. Jim will let everyone know when he hears what has been approved and what hasn't.

VP's Report - Jeremy Hamlett

- Nothing to report.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Tim said our account balance is \$3,706.38. We have had 8 members pay so far. We should talk about sending out another notice.

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- Our directors and officer's insurance has been paid. It was \$552. Tim setup a payment plan for our general insurance. The first payment is due in December, the second payment is due in February and the third in March.
- Jim asked when Arbiter is due, and Tim said it is due in January. Tim plans to contact them but doesn't anticipate them giving us any discounts.
- Jason suggested sending a weekly email about dues until the first meeting or Kendall can send it out with his email. Phil said the information regarding dues is on the Arbiter announcement page. Jim said we should add it to the website as well. Tim will look to post the membership dues amounts and due dates on the website. Tim said he plans to talk to Phil when they have time about options for having our own hosted site and what cost savings might be available. Phil said it should be seamless to create a new website and use one of the free platforms that are available online and just pay the domain hosting fee. He thinks we can cut that cost significantly. Jason asked if we had money in the budget for a unit member to manage it. Tim said there is money there we just have to discuss if that's what we want to do. Kendall suggested offering that a member doesn't have to pay dues in exchange for them being the webmaster. Jim said what happens if we are unhappy with them, but they are a full fledged member. Phil said the Google domains allows you to basically use any other Google Apps that are free, so you can integrate a Google calendar. We should have a webmaster and a couple of people with rights as backups. Tim will make this an agenda item for next meeting.

Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Phil said he was selected to be the assigner for softball starting next season. He isn't sure how it will impact his personal relationship with Bob McQueen and his position with the CBUA Executive Council.
- Phil discussed issues happening with summer and fall leagues, off season stuff, and other units talking bad about our unit. Bob had asked for umpire's names and numbers and was calling them directly to work games. He started giving us lesser quality games. Phil said he was worried about Bob poaching guys from us. Phil was just providing information. He plans to talk to Brad and Dan and ask them for the varsity games or he isn't helping with the JV games.

Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:

- All instructional chairs had a meeting recently. The national office decided that for one man they don't want to emphasize angle over distance as much anymore. It makes sense because guys are trying more to get the angle, which is better than the distance but some of the complaints that were heard was it just looked bad like they weren't hustling enough. Kendall personally is not giving up on teaching angle over distance for one man, but he will emphasize distance as well. The consensus of all the instructional chairs, where one man is extremely difficult, and if we just hustle most coaches that are somewhat reasonable, they'll see that you're trying for them.
- Kendall said that of our 18 hours of training we have to have a field clinic. The blue book says scrimmages. Scott isn't putting a lot of emphasis on us doing scrimmages. Scrimmages are supposed to be part of the 18 hours.
- Kendall mentioned the new pitching rule that he has put in a weekly update a couple of times is that if anybody does softball it's exactly the same, you have to simulate if you know, taking a sign from the catcher it's a quick pitch. Jason asked if this was because of the wristband. Kendall said a high school pitcher can have a wristband it's just up to the umpire in chief, the rule says pitcher can't have anything on his hands or wrists that may be distracting to the batter. He doesn't allow anything on any hands. Some umpires don't feel it's distracting so they allow it. The rule was implemented to keep a pitcher from quick pitching a batter.

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- The study guide should be out in the next 2 weeks. Kendall will make it available as soon as he gets it. He will put it out weekly. It opens in December and closes January 28th. The classification exam opens January 31st and closes February 1st. They asked Kendall to verify this date.
- Kendall will start some impromptu in person clinics. Jason asked if we are giving hours for these clinics. Jim said they are voluntary.

Committee Reports:

Discussion Items:

1. **Unit meetings** - Email will be sent out to the members about the meeting dates. Tim asked if we are doing all in person meetings or hybrid. Jack said he thought we discussed in July doing it via Zoom. Jim recommends sending an email to the membership and ask how many want to meet in person. Tim thinks we shouldn't give them a choice. He thinks we should just do hybrid. Jim asked Phil to find out the requirements to have our meetings at San Marino. Phil said they already said we can meet there but they are moving us over by the bathrooms in the very west and the campus next the driveway that goes up to baseball and softball fields. Everyone agreed the season would begin with in person meetings. We will add this to the email that is going out. The email will include meeting dates, membership fees and the schedule for paying and that we are meeting in person with the option to go to Zoom if needed.

Action Items:

1. **Updated Racial and Social injustice statement** – Jeremy hasn't updated this yet. It will be for next meeting.

Next meeting will be on **Monday, December 6th at 6:30pm.**

Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:52 pm.