

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

1/26/2022 – 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 - present
Mike Martinez – 2nd term- present
Kendall McCarthy – Instructional Chair – present
Phil Diprima – Assignor – present
Jason Plourde– 1st term- present
Johnny Villegas -1st term - present
Jack Johnson – 2nd term - absent

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:34pm. **Will made a motion to approve the agenda for 1/26. Mike seconded the motion.** Jim asked if anyone wanted to add anything to the agenda. **Everyone voted and the agenda was approved.** Jim asked about the minutes for 1/19. Will said on page 2 of the minutes, where Kendall says he's talking about the new rule about the pitcher must simulate the sign. The last sentence, that rule is to prevent a quick pitch and that is resolved by pitcher simulating taking a sign from the catcher not the pitcher. **Jason motioned to approve the minutes with Will's change. Will seconded the motion. Everyone voted and approved the minutes.**

Open Forum:

- Nothing

President's report – Jim De La Torre:

- Jim said Kendall is going next because he has another meeting.

Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy (out of order for tonight's meeting):

- Kendall said at last night's meeting Ken Allen spoke for 22 minutes and he was not open to any questions.
 - Ken wants us to be aware of excessive celebration and to just listen and feel the flavor of the game. Don't let it get to a point where we have to step in and something major happens. If you hear trash talking, we want to nip that in the bud asap.
 - A live ball any other time other than being stuck in a mitt is an immediate dead ball. If the ball is stuck in the mitt, it is the only time that lodged ball is live. Jason asked a question, he said years ago he was doing a High School game and they went over the ground rules. There was a flyball that was hit the left field, and they had a quagmire, like a it wasn't a puddle, but it was like a soft area where the sprinkler had leaked, and the left fielder missed the ball and it stuck in the ground. They called time and Jason was the base guy and went out there and looked and they're sitting right at the ball, the left fielder and center fielder were pointing at it. The ball wasn't lodged completely encompassed by the field, but like they could have easily picked it up and threw it in. What is the correct ruling on that. Jim asked what they called. Jason said a home run

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

because it wasn't lodged in any equipment, and it was still in the playing field. Kendall said if it was in a puddle, it is not a lodged ball. You can play it.

- Kendall said they also want us to mention sportsmanship at the plate meeting and stay on top of it. They also talked about how we conduct ourselves, how we speak to players and coaches. It will have a bearing on how they speak to us, so our tone, our body language, the words we use, we need to be cognizant of how we speak. Tim said he disagrees; he doesn't think how we talk to coaches will affect how they talk to us. Kendall said he disagreed. He said all the arguments that he got into, a lot of times he had to get in the last word, or some smartass remark and that puts the coaches in a corner, when you do that. We don't have to have the last word, we don't have to say a smart remark, because their players hear it and it's embarrassing to them and it's disrespectful. In that respect, what we say and how we say it has a big impact on a coach and what he's going to say and how he's going to act. Jim said Allen does believe this. He thinks we should take whatever anyone gives us and just brush it off. Tim said he agrees somewhat but certain coaches that is just the way they are. Tim said he agrees. He isn't the type that needs the last word. He understands less is better. He knows the more you say the more it's going egg them on. He only answers questions and responds if he has to. He isn't going to bait a coach to do something that he shouldn't do, but he still gets that same response from the coach regardless of how good he handles the situation, they still fall into that same category.
- Kendall said next they brought up the DH rule. We had almost zero problems with the new rule.
- Kendall said after this year they are doing away with the jewelry rule. They are resending the jewelry rule and the reason is they virtually had zero incidents where injuries occurred from wearing jewelry. Jim said he disagreed with this. Will said he thought it was a great idea. This change will be in 2023.
- If anyone wants to submit a rule change it is open from Sept 2021 to May 2022. Submit it to Ken Allen at the CIF office and they will consider it.
- The vault website - CIF state.org. Is for coaches and umpires. It will have any new news for coaches and empire.
- There is no mask mandate.
- The new rule change is that the pitcher can take a sign from anywhere he wants, but he must simulate or take a sign while on the rubber from the catcher. The coach can yell out the sign, dad in the stands can yell out what the pitch is but the pitcher must while in contact with the rubber, with the proper pivot foot take his sign from the catcher or simulate taking his sign from the catcher. This was changed to match the rule in softball. Jim asked if that is not happening, what is our protocol, what's the penalty. Kendall said it is an illegal pitch. Kendall said it is a judgment, whether you think the pitcher simulated taking a sign from the catcher. The definition of a quick pitch is the pitcher delivering the ball when the batter isn't reasonably ready in the box. Jim asked if we give a warning first or call it right away. Kendall said call it right away, it's an illegal pitch.
- Kendall asked Tim if he could update the list of those who participated in the field clinic. Tim said he will add the information Kendall sent him.
- Will asked if there are any updates on the study guide. Kendall said no.
- Kendall called Scott Tomlinson to discuss our pitchers. They are doing what he calls the Kenley Jansen move. With the non pivot foot they're coming set, 123 sometimes four times and then they're coming set. They are there rocking with the non pivot foot. The rule says from set position, the pitcher must come set without interruption and in one continuous motion. What

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

they are doing is interrupted and not one continuous motion. Kendall asked if everyone agrees with this. Jim said no, as long as there's no delay, because some do delay to where they come to just a momentary stop and then continue something else. He said as long as in his mind there's no deception and there's no delay, and he comes to a full and discernible stop, he's okay with it. Jason agreed. Kendall said Scott took the same position and said there no advantage to either side with the pitcher doing that. Kendall said he disagrees. Jim said if there is deception or delay, he will call it the other way. Kendall said the deception in his mind would be as a runner, how would you know when it's time to steal when he stopped because he's actually starting and stopping two or three times. Scott doesn't want Kendall to enforce it, and a guy in another unit not enforce it, so the position he is taking, and he wants us all to take, not enforce what the book says. Jason said it is a rule you can submit for change.

- Jason said he and Johnny were talking about the general meeting we had on the 24th and they feel we should have a breakout session for the first-year guys. Kendall said absolutely. On February 5th, we're going to have another field clinic at 2:00pm and Phil's going to choose the field. Jason asked about the meeting on the 31st. He said first year guys aren't going to understand the rules and stuff so can we do a breakouts session. Jim said they don't need it in a classroom setting they need it on the field. Jason said they do need it on the field, but he still feels they should do a breakout room with a session for them. Kendall suggested using the makeup meeting on the 8th as one of those sessions. Jason asked what happens if the first-year guys already have their hours and don't come to the makeup meeting. Jim said first year guys have to come to that meeting, it isn't makeup for them. They must attend because they have to complete more hours than we do. Jim said he would do it on the 8th because that way it will primarily be those first-year guys. Any vets can be put in a separate room, and we can have someone else covering something. The new guys can also come to the field clinic on the 5th and they can see it face to face. Jason suggested for future we require first years to attend 2 field clinics. Jim said it is something we can bring up.

President's report – Jim De La Torre:

- Jim said next Sunday is the Executive Council meeting. Jim will be attending with one other board member. We should find out the result of the pay raise for us for a new 3 year contract and some other information.

VP's Report - Jeremy Hamlett

- Jeremy said superbowl squares are selling. We're in the low 40s.
- Elections will be at the next meeting. Monday we'll do nominations and then the following meeting which should be the 7th will be the actual elections. This is the year of the VP and then two board members who will be coming off. Mike Martinez and Jack Johnson will be coming off.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Tim said he hasn't updated the financials or the attendance because he had to rush to get the minutes out. He will get that updated. We are in good standing with financials.
- Jim asked if Tim had the number that had passed the study guide so far. Tim said no. He will have that information for the next board meeting. Jason asked when is the last day for the study guide. Jim said tonight. Jason asked if there is any way we can send out an email to everybody. Jim said we already sent one out. There have been several reminders from different people, and it has been posted. Tim said the number is more than the 14 reported last time, it's closer to 35.

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Phil said he got a few more schedules in. He hopes to put out everything he has by Sunday night and work from there as things come in. Jim asked if they are having the Dave Moore tournament again. Phil said he hasn't heard, he texted Brad and hasn't heard anything.

Committee Reports:

Discussion Items:

1. General Meeting agenda –

- **Elections** - Jeremy already covered. He said he will make the announcement next meeting and open it up for nominations. Secretary\treasurer position is up too. Jim asked when Jeremy wants to do it and he said after the regular announcements and then turn it over to Kendall. He said we will do the same thing for elections. Do our regular stuff, do elections and then turn it over to Kendall. Jim asked if we are doing elections like a couple years ago, where Tim sent out a survey and everyone checks off the names that they want to vote for, and it will go into accounting, we did the vote by Zoom. Jeremy asked Tim if he was going to do that again and Tim said yes we can. Tim said once we have the names, he will create the ballot\survey.

Action Items:

None.

General meeting is at **6:00pm** on the **31st**. The makeup meeting is on **Monday, Feb 7th**. Jason said we should send an email to the new guys letting them know they have to attend the meeting.

Next board meeting will be on **Thursday, February 3rd** at **6:30pm**. Kendall will send a reminder to the first-year guys about the makeup meeting, and also about the field clinic on the 5th. Jim said he could get a field in Glendale if needed. Phil said he has a 1:30 JV game that day and he may just use that.

Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.