

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

10/3/2022

Roll Call

Board Members:

Jeremy Hamlett – President – present

Louis Ortiz – Vice President - present

Tim Triplett — Secretary\Treasurer - present

Kendall McCarthy – Instructional Chair – present

Phil DiPrima – Assignor – present

Will Fortner – 1st term – present

Jason Plourde– 2nd term- present

Johnny Villegas -2nd term - present

Jack Johnson – 1st term – absent

Steve Rose –1st term - present

Tim called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. Jeremy is driving and asked Tim to get things going. Tim asked for motion to approve the agenda. **Jason motioned to approve the agenda. Steve seconded the motion.** No discussion. **Everyone voted and the agenda was approved.** Tim asked if there was a motion for approval of the minutes for 9/19. **Jason made a motion to approve the minutes for 9/19/22. Luis seconded the motion.** No discussion. **Everyone voted and approved the minutes.**

Open Forum:

- Nothing.

President's report – Jeremy Hamlett:

- Nothing to report. He just wants to discuss instructional calendar.

VP's Report – Louis Ortiz

- Nothing to report.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Tim said 5 members have paid dues so far.
- Kendall asked if there are any expenses that need to be paid now. If so, do we have money to cover it. Tim said the only thing coming up is the BOD insurance and we have plenty of money to cover it. Our account balance is close to \$5,000. We are in a good place for paying our bills.

Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Phil said the Rio Honda League has voted to confirm change of their schedule. The second and third round games in which they play each other, which will be towards the

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

back half of the season will be played on Mondays and Thursdays. This is to help alleviate the stress of not having enough officials on Tuesdays and Fridays. Three of those schools will definitely want three men. Phil is trying to get all five of them three man. Tim asked if it is going to be three man for all the league games. Phil said that is what was discussed. A lot of schools are for it and some are still trying to figure it out. Tim asked if it is all or nothing or do they vote. Phil said all 5 schools had to agree on it. Freshman teams will play Wednesday and Saturday. Phil doesn't think it affects varsity, but maybe JV.

Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:

- Kendall received the 2023 study guide. Almost every question he has looked at in the guide he has covered every single one of them in the weekly updates.
- The IC's meeting is on October 18th. He is in contact with Scott but he doesn't tell him everything. He will know more after this meeting.
- Kendall said he has contacted everyone that signed up online as a new member. Only one, the phone number and email don't work. There have been 5 people who signed up on the website.
- Jason asked about the rule books. Kendall said he won't have those until October 26th. Kendall said he would have them by the 2nd meeting. Jason asked if there are a lot of changes. Kendall said yes, there are a lot of changes. Jewelry is the main one. There are also 8 new mechanic signs between umpire to umpire that the federation wants us to include. The other big change is pitching position.
- With the Jewelry rule, according to the rule book, will now be placed at the discretion of the individual umpire. If the umpire thinks it is unsafe, they can't wear it. Kendall said he is going to give his opinion in our unit meeting with the criteria for how to handle this. Jeremy said it needs to be an all or nothing. Our parent organization needs to tell us what each unit is doing because if not, we are going to run into trouble. Kendall said we need to know what jewelry you can't wear but the new rule leaves it all up to the umpire to decide what he thinks is unsafe. Tim asked Kendall what the rule says in the rule book. Kendall said he doesn't have the new rule book yet. He will have it for the 16th. Tim said we need to read that rule and see what it says.

Committee Reports – none. Jeremy said we haven't assigned any yet. Tim said we should probably get those committees appointed and started soon.

Discussion Items:

- **Assigning Fees** – Will asked to add this item. He would like to increase assigning fees to the assignor this year. Tim asked if there was a reason behind this, more background. Will said he heard we are getting a \$7 a game raise. He feels if we are getting a raise, we should increase the assignor's fee by at least \$1 if not \$2. Johnny asked what are we getting this year. Phil said it is \$92 for 2 man varsity games. Tim said it is \$105 for one man varsity. Tim asked Phil if lower divisions went up. Phil said it went up and is

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

currently with varsity level. Tim said he thought there were issues with increases for the lower division games. He will confirm that. Steve said he didn't think \$1 increase was asking to much, even if the lower level doesn't get the \$7 increase. Jason said he was ok with it to. **Steve made a motion to increase the assignor's fee by \$1 to \$6 per game.**

Jason asked if the lower division doesn't get the increase could we just raise the varsity games the extra \$1. Will and Steve both said it should be for all games regardless.

Johnny said the new games coming in are making more than we made when we started and he doesn't see it as an issue. Will and Johnny both agreed it really should be \$2 more. Johnny said Phil hasn't even charged the majority of us the last years. Phil said many of the guys have not paid anything because he hasn't invoiced them since 2020.

Phil said there are some who are all paid up already. Phil gave out next years fees:

- **One man varsity \$102**
- **Two man varsity \$92**
- **One man lower level \$86 (\$2 increase)**
- **Two man lower level \$78 (\$3 increase)**

Phil said he isn't asking for the increase for this season, whatever the board decides. He said the amount of time and energy and effort he puts into the job, it's still not worth it to be honest for his time. Johnny said he recommends \$2 now and then after the third year go up again. If our fees go up, Phil's should too. Phil said for varsity level it would be fair but for JV level, any increase would go right to him which sucks for the umpire. Jason said some guys in the unit only work JV and it isn't really fair. Jason said he would suggest if we're going to do a two dollar raise, we make it only for the people that do varsity games. If we're going to do a one dollar raise, we do it for everybody across the board, and then we can revisit it again next year, where maybe we can do another two dollars raise for everybody across the board. Phil said creating invoices is his nightmare just because he is crunched for time. It doesn't either way, it's fine on his end. He recommends we bump for varsity games only, regardless of who the official is. If it's a guy like everybody here on the call, you're all varsity officials. If you work a varsity game, you pay the increase, and if anybody in the unit works a lower level game, then no increase this season, and then we can revisit it for next season, or the third year of the increase, and then go from there. Jason said that was fair. Johnny asked why we are kicking this down the road. He asked why we can't increase \$1 for everybody this year and then another dollar next year. Will agreed. Steve said he agreed, that was his motion. Tim said we should only be making motions for this season. The next board will need to decide this themselves; we can't make decisions for the next board. Tim said he thinks we need to have a chair of the assigning committee and that person should be making these types of recommendations. They work directly with the assignor, and they make these types if recommendations. In other units, that is where these come from. As a board if we want to increase that's fine. He feels that Phil is deserving of the increase. He also thinks Kendall deserves additional money. In Tim's opinion, these are items that should be coming from the Chair of that committee. Johnny suggested increasing the assignor fee by \$1 this year and then put a committee together who can prep and make recommendations for next season. Tim said that is a good idea. If we are going to do something we need to do it quick so we can inform the unit. **Jason seconded Steve's motion to increase assignor fees \$1. Everyone voted and agreed to increase the**

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

assignor fee for the next season for \$1 for all games for all levels across the board.

Jason said he will try to get bills done by our first meeting in December. Tim asked Phil if he needed help. Phil said if someone wants to volunteer, he will take it. Jason said he will assist Phil.

Action Items:

- **Changing the by-laws – Steve motioned that we change the one by law that specifically talks about the number of meetings we need to attend to hours of instruction received. Jason seconded the motion.** Steve said we are changing the wording from attend 6 meetings to say complete 18 instructional hours. New members, 1st thru 3rd year members, must complete 21 hours of instructional hours. **Everyone voted and it was approved to change the wording from 6 meetings to 21 instructional hours for members year 1-3 and 18 hours for all other members.** Tim will make the change in the By-Laws.
- **2022-2023 instructional calendar - Jason motioned to approve the 2022-2023 calendar and dates. Will seconded the motion.** Kendall wants to change one of the dates. He wants to change Monday 2/6 to Tuesday 2/7. It's a makeup meeting we don't have the time yet. Or Wednesday 2/8. Phil suggested for Monday continuity how about Monday 2/13. Jeremy said what about President's day. Kendall said to leave it on 2/6. He will change his other conflicting meeting because it will be easier. Jason said our first meeting is 10/16 and the second meeting is 12/5. That is a lot of time. Is there a way to do the 2nd meeting in Nov. Kendall said the problem with that is we only have one more mandatory meeting the rest of the season. If we do that, no in person meeting right before season starts. Jason said leave it as is then. **Everyone voted and the 2022-2023 instructional calendar dates passed.** Phil said he heard San Marino is charging a fee to use their classrooms. He hasn't verified that with the school. Phil contacted South Pass and they are willing to host us free of charge. Phil will talk to San Marino. If they charge, we have a backup plan with South Pass for free. Jeremy said if location changes, it can just be an amendment no need to be a discussion or action item next meeting.
- **Awards – Jason made a motion to discuss awards. Steve seconded the motion.** Tim said we have the rookie of the year. We didn't have any rookies last year. The most improved umpire award, Jason said we voted Jonathan Huff for this one. The Roger Smith award is the other award. It is for a veteran umpire. This umpire symbolizes the unit, everything that the unit stands for. There is no age restriction, nor did it have to be a certain number of years in the unit. Tim said there really is no criteria for this award, maybe we can come up with some for all the awards. Jason asked who has won it in the past, Tim said Phil won, Steve Delgado before that. Steve asked if there was a specific number of years someone had to be an umpire. Tim said no. Jason said he nominates Tim Triplett for the award. **Everyone voted and Tim Triplett will receive the Roger Smith award.**
- **BBQ meeting –** Tim asked if the plans for the BBQ were discussed. Steve said Jack was doing it and asked for a budget. Jason said last meeting Jeremy said the budget was \$300-500. Should only be about 30 people. Will said he would get ice cream donated. Jeremy said he would work with Tim and Jack offline to get everything worked out for the BBQ if the board is ok with it. Jeremy said he would work with Luis, Tim, Phil and

Board of Director's Meeting
SGVBUA

Kendall on an agenda for the meeting if the board is ok with that as well. Tim asked if we need a microphone, are we doing presentations? Jeremy said let's not do AV at Jack's and save it for when we are at the high school. Tim will talk to Jack, he can provide something if needed.

Steve told Tim that Western Trophy on Walnut in Pasadena if he needs a place for awards.

Next meeting will be Monday, 11/7 at 6:30pm, Zoom meeting.

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm.