

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

3/14/2022 – 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 – arrived late
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 - present

Jim called the meeting to order at 6:37pm. **Mike made a motion to approve the agenda for 3/14. Jason seconded the motion.** Phil had a question regarding the financials Tim sent and he wants to add it to the agenda. Tim said there is already an item for it on the agenda and Phil can ask his question then. **Everyone voted and the agenda was approved.** Jim asked about the minutes for 2/3. **Mike motioned to approve the minutes. Jason seconded the motion. Everyone voted and approved the minutes.**

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:

- Tim said he has been working to close out everyone's qualifications. He has some people he needs to go over with Phil. Tim asked for a status on Rob Tino. He knows we approved for him to come back and wants to know if we approved to wave his fee. Jim said we are not charging him a fee because he can only work a small amount of games. Phil said Rob agreed to pay if he gets up to the normal number of games of 8+.

Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Phil said coverage is still an issue. He was able to plug a couple of holes with some new guys he brought on in the last couple of weeks. He only has a handful of games he can't get anyone on. He has already talked to the schools regarding the issue with coverage and is trying to get them to move the games. Phil said he still has a lot of lower-level games that we are short at least one umpire for.

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- Phil said he sent an email a couple weeks ago about varsity games and some guys opened up their schedule and that helped a lot. Jim asked Phil if he got any kick back from St Monica when he told them he was going to charge them late fees. Phil said he did not. Both St. Monica and Muir apologized and said they would pay the fee. Phil sent the letter to Marshall Fundamental, and he hasn't gotten a response, so he hasn't made any changes to their schedule. There is nothing to do, he is just waiting on administration at the school to agree to pay the late fees. Phil said he should send the email to everyone. Phil said Monrovia emailed him Saturday and said they would pay any late fees for a game they need to add. Tim asked if Phil is charging them and late fee when the schools, like when that happened for the Monrovia game, they may have just had an oversight and forgot one of those games, do you charge them a late fee for that. Phil said at this point in the season he probably would not just because we just adopted the policy, and he really doesn't want to do an invoice for five bucks. If it is a major schedule change like the other 3 schools yes, if it is just an add on change or moving a date, he probably won't but next season he probably will. This year he is doing it on a case-by-case basis because some schools are scrambling to have games. Next year he will probably charge. He hopes it will be a deterrent to the administrators in our schools to get their stuff together and get schedules done ahead of time. Jason asked what is the fine and where does that money go. Phil said there's no set dollar amount in the Blue Book and there's no set rule as to who gets paid to or whatnot. He has always heard that other units that do this charge \$5. The only one that charges more is LA baseball he charges \$10. Phil said every other unit that charges a late fee, the assignor gets the fee because he is doing the work. Phil said initially, when we had talked about this subject couple years ago he was fully on board with giving that money to the unit Just as a way to make a few extra bucks but with the difficult season he is having right now, he isn't inclined to do that. Tim said maybe we need to revisit it, he thought the vote that we did we were really targeting those schools that are delayed in getting the schedules to Phil before December 1. His intent was not to charge schools in good standing who may have forgot a game to or needed to move. Phil said this year that's absolutely the way he sees it, playing out the rest of season next year, though he really feels like he can be more aggressive with schools and be a matter of fact, like hey, this is what it is. Phil plans to send out an email to the schools at the start of the next season letting them know. Jason said he agrees with Jim that the money should go to Phil.

Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:

- Kendall said he has the three-man clinic scheduled for the 26th in the morning. He doesn't have a location yet but when we do, he'll send an email out. It's going to be about an hour and a half, 8:00 in the morning, no later than 930 it's going to be very short and concise. Jason asked if the field clinic is for umpires working the playoffs or is it an extra field clinic. Kendall said it's for anybody that wants to attend and when we establish our list, we should strongly consider not considering umpires they didn't show up to this. Maybe umpires that do show up, if we were not considering them, maybe we do. We don't really have a three-man list yet so that's why it is open to everybody. It's voluntary and we'll see where we go with that. Jim said he agrees. It should be something we expect our playoff partners to attend. Jason said we are not scheduled to have an umpire playoff meeting until April. How are these guys going to even know that they should attend this meeting on the 26th. Kendall said we don't have a list of guys that are going to be on that playoff list so to him the umpires that are interested in doing playoffs would show up. There's going to be an instructional chair meeting with the State. It will be a three-man

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meeting going over what they're looking for. Kendall said he may have to do another three-man with just the guys on the list. Jim asked Kendall if he wanted to postpone the three-man until after the state meeting. Kendall said he has a call into Scott. Tim said maybe we just say it's highly recommended if you're going to work deep into the season. He thinks we should just continue with it and just let them know it's highly recommended it. Kendall agreed and said if a second one is needed, he will just do it. Mike said have to really make sure that the participants in this three-man know it's not guaranteed, even though you make the play list it doesn't mean that you're going to get a playoff because they may say, well, I went to the playoffs three-man and I didn't get a playoff game. Kendall said he is going to put out that it's voluntary. In years past, whenever we were deciding who was going to be on the playoff there were a couple guys that were borderline, and we ended up leaving them off. This would be a good criteria to apply as to whether who we should keep on or it not. Jason said his issue with that is you say it's voluntary, it's his first year and he doesn't think he will get playoffs but he shows up. He would have a lot of questions not having ever worked a three-man game and maybe that would take away from some of the instruction that the guys working the playoffs would need to know. Kendall said that makes him think he should definitely go ahead and do the clinic to cover what might be considered poor questions. Then when we narrow down the actual list of people that were considering, because he is going to have to do a secondary clinic those so called silly questions are answered and the person that asked that may feel much smarter and more comfortable with doing three-mans. Phil said he wants to make sure that we're not making it mandatory for our playoff officials to attend a three man field clinic on top of the three man meeting that we always do. Kendall said it is voluntary, he was only saying that if we have situations where we can't decide if someone should be on the list or not, we can use this as a deciding factor. Jason asked if the second three-man clinic will be mandatory for playoff umpires and Kendall said yes. Jim asked is it possible to make the playoff meaning for the playoff umpires and the clinic the same day. Phil said its totally doable but, it would need to be on a Saturday or Sunday or at night at one of our parks with lights during the week. Jason said he has written down that the general playoff meeting for those who made the list is on April 20 at 6:30pm. Kendall said the state asked all the IC's to put together some rules that they're concerned with that they'd like to have the state look at and change or get rid of. Kendall sent it out to the membership In an email only got one response back and that one response was kind of weak. He asked if anyone has any rules that they want the state IC to look at a reconsider. He has a list that he's putting together that he's going to be submitting before the month ends. Technically he has until May 1 but he is going to send it in before April 1. Jim said he wished they would reconsider the jewelry rule. Kendall said he will submit it.

Committee Reports:

Discussion Items:

1. **Budget update** – Tim said he sent everyone a copy of the budget. Our current balance is \$5,749.38. Tim said what still needs to be paid is highlighted at the bottom and it will total \$2513. This is one more insurance payment of \$459, salaries for the secretary\treasurer and instructional chair, the domain and website, miscellaneous, banquet and awards. Anything not spent, comes back into the kitty. Typically, we pay CBUA \$1375 -we only had to pay \$314 this year. Tim went over the payments and deposits. There is still one member that may need to pay. We may have to give a refund to one member, he paid twice. Tim is going

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to contact them to see if they want to just have a credit for next year or what they want to do. Jim said so at the start of next season we should have about the same beginning balance, Tim said yes, could be a little more or less. Jason said we decided we were not having a banquet per our notes. Tim said he left it on because it is a discussion item for tonight.

- **Phils questions** - Phil said he thinks we should reword the line that says super bowl poll fundraiser to super bowl pool donation. He said it could look like we ran a fundraiser. Jim said we can run fundraiser. Tim said it is gambling so we should change it to donation. Tim will put anonymous donation or something like that. Phil said for next year, the arbiter renewal, he thinks we need to look at that payroll feature that is built into the arbiter because we pay \$100 for that. That feature is really designed for associations, like Phil, where he needs to keep track of people's payrolls and create pay sheets and payroll records. Basically, since we're not paying any of our members for game fees, he thinks we could look into getting rid of that particular function in the arbiter everything should still remain as normal, with every other feature, we have we just get rid of that feature and save that hundred dollars a year. Tim said he will research that and if it has nothing to do with us he will reduce it.
2. **Awards** – Jeremy asked if we are going to do awards this year. If so we can start talking about what awards and who will get them. Jason asked what awards we have. Jim said rookie of the year, most improved and the Roger Smith award. Tim said he still has the awards for 2021. We need to make sure we let them know we are giving out awards for two years and when we give them out, we specify if its 2021 or 2022. He thinks we should give out awards. Jack asked if the people who we nominated for awards last season are still in the unit, Tim said yes. Jason asked who won awards last year. Jim said we are not saying because they should be recognized when the award is given out. Jim asked who we wanted to give awards to this year. Jack said he thinks it is too early in the season to determine. Jim asked if we are discussing it at the playoff meeting. Several members agreed that is the best time. It will be discussed at the playoff meeting.
 3. **Banquet** – Jeremy said we should try to do something. He is not sure if we want to do it to the level of banquet or if we even could right now. He was thinking if we just did something at a park and just got people together and either got sandwiches and or a grill and barbecue. He thinks it might be something worthwhile to do. Jason said he looked at the notes from the last meeting and Jeremy said he was ok with not doing one. He asked if things changed. He said he was ok either way. Jeremy said he is good either way. Probably not a gathering at a restaurant but a park or something like that. Mike said he has been to an indoor sports banquet and whoever wanted to wear a mask did, so things are changing. Jeremy said he thinks that could be a lot of work for 30 some people and only half of them show up and the other point is that would just be more money. If we just did something at a park, it's more about the gathering just to try to get guys together that haven't been together, aside from if they were partnered up during the season. Jack offered his backyard. He his backyard has a great view and he could do tri tip, chicken, beans, salad and bread for a very reasonable price. He is happy to do it. Tim said he would like to get together but he would like to just close out the season this year not doing anything. Then at the beginning of next season have a Barbecue and we could give people credit for coming out. If we do

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something in the beginning, we can kind of get a lot more people together, because towards the end of the season, people are just like done with the season. Tim would like to do something at the beginning of the season like we used to do years ago. Jim agreed because we already decided not to have it and he said some people won't be able to make it because they will be working games for him and Phil. Jason said to have a regular meeting the guys don't have to come to give guys three hours credit for a Barbecue, talk baseball do some awards, he's all for that. He said we talked about streamlining the process anyway and doing our instruction how we want. Jeremy said if we do a park end of season it wouldn't be expensive, we wouldn't use the whole \$600. He wants to do something the beginning of the season regardless. He wants to get back to that. This next year we want to start off with a bang.

Action Items:

None.

Playoff meeting is on **April 4th at 6:30pm.**

Jim adjourned the meeting at 7:42pm.