

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

6/1/2022 – Zoom meeting

Roll Call

Board Members:

Jim De La Torre - President – absent
Jeremy Hamlett – Vice President – absent
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 – present
Louis Ortiz – guest - present

Tim called the meeting to order at **6:34pm**. **Tim said there were no minutes to approve**. Tim asked if anyone wanted to approve the agenda. **Jack motioned to approve the agenda. Mike seconded the motion. Everyone voted and approved the agenda.**

Open Forum:

- Nothing.

President's report – Jim De La Torre:

- Not on the call. Nothing to report.

VP's Report - Jeremy Hamlett

- Not on the call. Nothing to report.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Tim said he provided Mike with the financials for the audit. Mike may go into more details, so Tim didn't discuss. He did say our current balance is \$4,395.38. We did not have a banquet; we chose to forgo this so that money is still there. We will do something the beginning of next season. If we plan to give out awards at the first meeting, we have \$150 budgeted for that. Everything else is paid in full. Jack asked what our fixed expenses are for the year. Jack asked if it was around \$4,000. Tim said it's a little over \$5,000. Jack said he thinks we should try to do whatever we can to make sure we have one season's expenses in the bank. Tim said he agreed 100% - that is one of his goals. Mike said he looked back at some paperwork and it looks like the amount is \$5400 for our annual season budget. Tim said there needs to be more discussion because the budget is going to change because we were getting discounts during covid, and those discounts will be going away. We can talk more about the budget at our first meeting next season.
- Tim said CBUA is having a meeting on 6/13. It will be via Zoom. The link for the meeting has not been sent out yet. We will keep everyone updated on that, in case any of the members want to attend. Phil asked if the President or Vice President are planning to attend this meeting. Tim said

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he didn't know. Phil asked Tim if he would take the initiative to make sure that there's at least two of us, if it's not the Pres and VP, either Secretary Treasurer, the assignor or IC, incoming VP, on the call. Tim said he would do that. He asked Louis Ortiz if he had a problem attending and Louis said he could attend. Tim said he agrees we should have multiple people attend. When we get the information regarding how many people are allowed to attend, we will get the information out and figure out who will be on the call.

Assignor's report – Phil DiPrima:

- Phil said he wanted to do, just a summary recap, of the season, with the number of games and assignments and cancellations and one-man games. He hasn't got around to that yet so when he does, he will email that information out to the group. It will be just strictly number stuff nothing too important. Phil said to put in perspective, how short, we are on membership, quite a few guys doing over 40 games this year a couple guys went over the 50 game mark. Phil said we need to get some people back in the unit or we need to recruit new people to work games for us.
- Phil said playoffs went fairly smooth. First round games, he was able to give almost everybody on the playoff list an opportunity to work a first round game. A couple of guys that did not work it preferred not to work, were only available if we really needed them to. Second round we only had two games to cover, which made his job a little challenging because we have way more than six qualified umpires to work that game. Quarterfinals we had two games that he thought went pretty well everything he heard and saw the games went fairly smooth down at the Charter oak and Anaheim high school. For our semifinal we had four guys work at Estance high school in Costa Mesa. And Jason was selected to work one of the division one semifinal games. He worked first base at Huntington beach high school, which is a nice little nod towards our unit and then having three guys in the final was very nice. It's been six years since last time we had three guys in the final. Mike worked division seven at third base and then Richard I and Tim worked home and first respectively at the division three game. Phil thought we were well represented; we put on a good show and represented our unit well. Hopefully that bodes well for future playoff assignments. He said anything else that might have taken place through playoffs is issues or concerns he has or had with certain individuals that will remain with those individuals and he'll be working through that with them moving forward. It was a pretty good playoff season for us, and we had a good run as a unit.
- Tim asked Phil when he is going to send out bills for this past season and previous seasons. Phil said he started sending those out as of two weeks ago. Some guys have all caught up, some guys are still working it out and then there's several others who he has not sent yet. He hopes within the next week or so he can get it out to everybody, and then we can get everybody paid and caught up, and they can have a clean slate for next season.

Instructional Chair report – Kendall McCarthy:

- Kendall said he first wanted to thank everybody. He was happy with the entire season. There are always things that come up but overall, he was really happy with the season. The board has worked pretty hard, special thanks to Phil. Congratulations to those who worked finals.
- Kendall said he has some proposals for the next season but will save them for the new board. He wants to tweak the instruction for the next season, and already has it planned out for the most part. He stopped sending emails on Fridays to give everyone a break, but he will be sending it

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out on Fridays again, maybe once or twice a month, not every single Friday just to keep us doing it, maybe four or five questions. Jack said Kendall did a phenomenal job. He could always call him and get a straight answer really quickly. Phil said he agreed. It was a lot of effort put into getting guys certified this year and he appreciated Kendall.

Committee Reports:

Audit Committee:

Mike gave the audit committee report. Mike said Juan Guzman and Jose Andrade are part of the audit committee and they reviewed the audit report that he received from Tim. We started out with the balance of \$3,418.38 cents, with total deposits we had a total of \$4,820. As TIM said, we had a withdraws though of \$3,843. Our current balance right now is \$4,295.38. Total expenses for this season was \$5,975. Tim sent Mike all the numbers of all deposits, board of directors insurance, unit insurance, arbiter, CBUA and the breakdown, because we did get some discounts, payouts for the IC and Secretary Treasurer. Mike went through everything with his board and they only had two questions to Tim that were clarified. One was Raul Ruiz had two payments, but Tim clarified it on the email that he sent back and Mike and his board were satisfied with it. And then the other one was a typo error, Mike said he can understand how that happened because Tim is so busy. There was nothing else so the board approved the budget. Mike said he would like to have the budget that was sent to him by Tim be approved because he and his committee approved it. Mike would like the board to approve it, so we can move on and Tim can start the new budget and season next July. Jason asked what the ending balance was. Mike said it is currently \$4,395 38 cents, when we start meetings in July, with the new board. Mike said that is a pretty good balance, he has never heard of anything like that before. Jason said he asked because he has been on Mike's review committee the last couple years and we've never had that much left over at the end of the season. That's a good starting point to next year. Jack said a lot of this is because of Jeremy's fundraising ability that we're at this point. What we really should do in his opinion, as Tim said our fixed expenses are about \$5500 a year, so if we can get to that number, then, if we need to sponsor young umpires or whatever we have the ability to do it. We're really close to that because in the past we were paying like \$5 a month because we were under \$1,000 in our account, couple years ago we were less than \$1,000 so we made huge strides. Jack thinks we continue to build on that and with the excess cash we have we really want to try to promote younger umpires-new empires get them gear, whatever we need to do to get more men or women involved in the organization. Mike said to go off what Jack said our 2019-20 year our balance when we finished the season and were going to go into the new board was only \$1,197 and today, we're starting with \$4,295, so it's a big difference. Jack said that is a big difference and it gives us the ability to buy equipment, donate equipment, train guys, whatever we can do to help get more guys in the unit. Jason asked about fundraising and if it was possible to do fundraisers with a restaurant, we discussed it once before in a past meeting. He asked if that was something Jack could help out with. Jack said yes we could do it. He said we could also do like a small tournament here, in Lacanda or Pasadena, where we have like 15 teams and all the umpires donate their time for the games and we charge \$400 for it, we guarantee three games and stuff like that and it's a Saturday Sunday tournament and we donate our time and we could definitely generate \$4000- \$5,000. We'd have talked to Phil about the proper weekend to do that. There was an email from Paul Pillsbury and they are doing 900 games in 10 days. Mike said we jumped off a little and these are great ideas, but he needs the board to approve the audit report so we can move forward and be done with it. **Jason approved and Jack seconded.** Jack said he is doing summer smash little league games in LaCanada from June 10 through the 12th if anybody wants to do games reach out to him. Mike took it back to

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the audit report, no discussion. **Everyone voted and approved.** Tim said Jeremy has been giving us some additional money with the super bowl but that hasn't been our biggest cost savings that we've had. The CBUA not charging us what they normally have in the past, about \$1212 to \$1400 to the CBUA for our kits. That is our biggest expense. In the last two in the last two years, I think we probably paid somewhere close to \$400 compared to about \$2800 that we should have paid. That's been our biggest savings but it's eventually going to come back. Another thing, as a unit we've all as a board and as a unit have been pretty frugal with our spending. It's just been a team effort. Tim said when he first came into this position, he got a check for 1200 dollars and that's where we started, and that was right when the season was starting where we still had to pay expenses. Jason told Tim he has done an awesome job.

Jason asked Kendall if he received any feedback on the rules, he had submitted that needed to be changed. He said he is sure they will need to change the rule book if rules change. Kendall said he is sure they're going to change a lot of rules, he knows we're going to need to buy new rule books. Kendall submitted about 10 rule changes. He hasn't checked it, they were all due by May 1. He hasn't hounded Scott about them yet. He is going to give them a little time because he doesn't, they have met yet to go over the rules. Jason said he assumes if there are big rule changes then everyone in the unit will need new rule books. Tim said yes, we have to purchase new rule books for everyone in the unit next year. Jason asked if that means our costs to CBUA will go up. Tim said he already had to submit a projected member count for next year, he told them 45 members. Jack asked Mike if it was \$5.50 per member. Mike said it was \$25 per person times 55, but it would have been \$1375 we pay, but it was \$3.14 this year, only because, like Tim said earlier, it was because of everything going on. Jack said let's say they raised it to \$60 and let's say we have 40, so that's 3200 bucks. Tim said it won't go that high, but it will be higher. We are going to pay for a rule book for each member in our unit, those people who are transfers and stuff like that we don't need to pay for them and, those who are not a full member we don't need to provide a rule book for them. Jack asked if that included the mechanics book too. Kendall said he is checking with Scott, there must be a new mechanics book because he changed three men mechanics. We had a printout of the four-man mechanics but there has to be a new mechanics manual since they changed so much. Tim said he would have this information for the next meeting. It might be part of the discussion at the Executive Council meeting on the 13th. Jason said we need to make sure we have people there. Tim said he agrees, and we need to have people there and speak up for our unit.

Mike said he has been on this committee for the last few years, a couple of members of the board now were not board members at that time. Mike said he wanted to thank Tim, he's worked with him really well and has given us very documented information regarding the budget. Next year and every year that Tim's done it, it's always improves. Tim has done a lot of work for this unit and getting us where we're at today in our finances. Tim came along, it was a whim, we needed a new secretary treasurer, we made a phone call and he took the position and ran with it and he's done an excellent job with everything he's done with this unit. Mike said he is using the budget because he has worked with the budget with the unit and with Tim and he is not coming back as a board member next year, just a member, before he leaves as a board member, he wanted to say thank you to Tim for all the work that he's done with the unit and the Budget Committee with him, he just wanted to tell Tim so that everybody can hear it. Tim told Mike he really appreciated it.

Open Forum:

Kendall asked if one of the dates under item 2,-the in-person meeting, would be chosen today. Tim said he is ending with that if there are no additional items to discuss. No one had anything.

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Tim said of the dates Jeremy submitted for an in-person meeting, he is not available the 13th and 14th. Jack asked what month. Tim said July. Jeremy picked July 6th or 7th, or July 13th or 14th, so we need to try to pick one of those dates and we should probably discuss a location as well. Only Tim and Johnny have issues, Johnny is unavailable the 6th and 7th and Tim is unavailable the 13th and 14th. Tim said he would let Jeremy make the final decision on which date. Jack said the meeting can be at his house and he will make tri-tip, salad, bread and beans and bring your own beer. Tim will email Jeremy to let him know about the dates and location and tell him we need to confirm with Steve Rose.

Tim adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm.