

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

1/22/2023

Roll Call

Board Members:

Jeremy Hamlett – President – present

Luis Ortiz – Vice President - absent

Tim Triplett — Secretary\Treasurer –absent

Will Fortner – 1st term – present

Jason Plourde– 1st term- present

Johnny Villegas -1st term – absent

Jack Johnson – 2nd term –present

Steve Rose –2nd term – present

Instructional Chair – Dax Villalta – present

Assignor – Phil DiPrima -present

Jeremy called the meeting to order at **5:34pm**. Jeremy asked if there was a motion for the agenda. **Jason made a motion to approve the agenda**. Jack seconded the motion. Jeremy asked if there was any discussion. There was none. **Everyone voted and the motion was approved.**

Jeremy asked if there was a motion for the minutes from 12/18. **Jason made a motion to approve the minutes**. Jack seconded the motion. No discussion. **Everyone voted and the motion was approved.**

Open Forum:

- Nothing.

President's report – Jeremy Hamlett:

- Jeremy got a call from Chris McNeese regarding his role as liaison. He asked schedules and assignments. He asked Jeremy to follow up with him after tonight's meeting with an update on assignments.

VP's Report – Luis Ortiz

- Absent – no report.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett:

- Absent – no report

Assignor – Phil DiPrima

- Phil said he needs to know from Dax, the list of guys that he recruited into the unit who's actually staying on board, so Phil can add them into the arbiter. He said based on the list we may go over the license available in arbiter. Phil said he already talked to Tim about it. Phil said he will pay for licenses as needed and submit to Tim for

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reimbursement. Jeremy asked if there was anyone we could delete. He suggested freeing up a spot if we can before paying. Phil said he already did that. He deleted himself as an official as well.

IC - Dax Villalta

- Dax said he sent Phil the information for the 2 guys that have confirmed that are going to stay on. We lost 3 guys, and the third is going to see if he can still accommodate. See what he wants to do. Jack asked how many people we have on Arbiter. Dax said 54. Phil said it is an inflated number. There are people on the list we have not heard from yet. Jason and Jack asked Phil for some names they could reach out to and see if they are still planning to work.
 - Will -Fred Spears, Andy Angelo, Fred Carrillo, Teddy Rodriguez
 - Jason – Jonathan Huff, Theo Lai
 - Jack – Robert Curiel, Dominic Machado, Sean Corrigan
 - Phil – Robert James
- Dax asked who's reaching out to these people who are filling out these information cards that want more information. He knows that he and Phil get notified when someone submits a request. Jeremy said he is copied on it. He reached out at the end of December to each of the people who submitted, and he copied Tim. Phil told Dax that he needs to work with Fred on his hours. Phil talked him into coming back and he needs opportunities to get his hours. He will need help getting online and doing the test and everything. Jason asked if all the guys wouldn't be in the same boat. Phil said yes, the guys we haven't heard from that we are reaching out to we will need to work with them to get their hours and get certified. Phil said David LaFranchi will be able to umpire at the start of the season. He has not been able to attend meetings yet due to his job and he won't be able until February. He asked Dax to work with him to get him his hours and whatever he needs. Dax suggested that a statement from the Board be sent out specifically to them to the entire umpire staff would go a long way, stating that if you have not met certification, or if you have not started the certification process yet then it's a safe bet that we're going to have to get creative with some of these measures. And it's going to be up to them to adhere to some of these creative measures. Phil agreed. Dax said he feels it should come from someone other than the assignor and the IC. Jack suggested it come from the VP Luis. And then if needed Jeremy can step in. This way it goes through the proper chain. Jeremy said he would reach out to Luis to send something out to the unit. Dax asked if we wanted to set a timeframe because time is of the essence right now. He can get creative and meet guys somewhere, but the majority will probably have to come from online stuff. He can maybe do a couple of Zoom sessions. Dax asked how far we are going to bend when it comes to overextending ourselves and trying to get guys certified at some point. We have to draw a line in the sand and say we are good with you guys coming on board and doing this, but you have to be good with the bare minimum requirement requirements. Dax asked if our unit had

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a minimum number of hours an associate member needs to attend in our unit. Phil looked at the constitution and bylaws and it just states 18 hours of training. It doesn't specify an amount in our unit. Dax suggested we amend the bylaws just to protect the integrity of the certification process with our unit. Requiring that associate members attend a minimum hour, a minimum number of meetings that would go towards their certification with us. Most other units, it's 3 meetings that they must attend. Steve said he thinks that is too much on top of 18 hours. He thinks an 1-2 hr meeting is enough. Dax said he wasn't saying an additional 3 meetings (9hrs). He is saying 9 hrs of their 18 hrs should be in our unit. Trying to find balance between being firm and accommodating. Dax said we are up against a timeline with certification requirements. The certification exam is Feb 1-10. Dax will put out a guideline within 48 hours.

Committee Reports – none

Discussion Items:

- **Assignment Update** – Phil said he entered a couple of schedules into Arbiter. He identified a handful of schools today who have not sent their schedules. He asked Tim Dow from the softball group to reach out on his behalf for both sports. Tim started today and successfully got a couple more schedules. Tim has experience with Arbiter so he is going to continue to help out. He is still waiting for Muir, Gabriel, Schurr, Bosco and Monrovia. Jeremy asked Phil if he could give an ETA on when schedules will start going out to umpires so he can report back to Chris. Phil said no he has no definitive date. He is doing the best he can.
- **Study Guide and Classification Exam** – Dax said 30 guide certificate, key Service study guide review session will be tonight, starting at 6 30. He has some other materials that he intends to cover. He received an email from the Executive IC saying do not send out the answer keys to the certification. There have been too many 100% results. Dax will cover the information, but he will not give out the answers.
- **Field Clinic** – workouts this Saturday at South Pass. Varsity Junior Varsity double header. Dax will take on 20 umpires this weekend. He will be announcing tonight.
- **Super Bowl Pool** – Jeremy said there has only been like 8 or 9 squares. Jeremy said it is usually him and Tim doing 50% of the squares. Need others to participate.
- **Uniform update** – Jason asked if patches are being worn this season. Dax said patches are mandated for the post season, and beyond. So not mandated during regular season. **Jack made a motion that the default will be not to wear a patch but be in compliance with your partner. If one of your partners has got a patch sewn on, you've got to be able to wear a patch that game. Johnny seconded the motion.** Jeremy said he is fine with it but we need to give a timeline to the unit for when we are moving away from the patches. Jack said start day 1. **Everyone voted and motion passed.** They will mention patches at the meeting tonight.

Action Items: none

Next board meeting is Tuesday, 1/30 at 5:00pm via Zoom.

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 6:27 pm.