

CBUA SGV Board of Directors
February 26th, 2024
South Pasadena High School
8:00 p.m.

Agenda
Board of Directors

1) Call to Order

Jeremy called the meeting to order at 7:50pm.

2) Roll Call

President--Jeremy Hamlett - Present
Vice President – Luis Ortiz - Present
Johnny Villegas – 1st term - Present
Jason Plourde – 1st term - Present
Jack Johnson – 2nd term - Present
Steve Rose -2nd term – Present
Will Fortner –1st term - Present
Instructional Chairperson - Dax Villata — Present
Secretary\Treasurer - Absent
Assignor - Phil DiPrima –Absent

3) Approval of Agenda – February 26th, 2024

Jeremy asked if there was a motion for the Agenda. Johnny Villegas made a motion to approve the Agenda. Jack Johnson seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

4) Approval of Minutes – January 22nd, 2024

Jeremy asked if there was a motion for the Minutes. Steve Rose made a motion to approve the Minutes. Will Fortner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

5) Approval of Minutes – January 30th, 2024

Jeremy asked if there was a motion for the Minutes. Steve Rose made a motion to approve the Minutes. Will Fortner seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion was approved 5-0-0.

6) Open Forum

None

7) President’s Report

Jeremy shared that everything he wanted to discuss is on the agenda as a Discussion Item.

8) Vice-President’s Report

Nothing to report

9) Secretary-Treasurer’s Report

Absent

10) Assignor's Report

Jason Plourde forwarded emails from Phil DiPrima regarding JV game at Arcadia versus Damien. Damien HS removed team from the field. Dax Villata shared that the plate umpire suggested that the coaches to walk off the field instead of playing. He offered three options...add a mat, play the game or pull the kids off the field. Jason shared a second email report from Arcadia versus Ayala game. C Wells and M. Nitzani. Ayala coach emailed Nick saying both were bad. Nitzani was on the game because no one else was available. Phil relayed that no one else was able to umpire that game. Via Jason, he said that in hindsight he could have put Donald De Grazia on the game.

The question was asked why Nitzani was on the Arcadia game if he is an alumnus. Dax said he was available to work the game. Steve Rose also said he was available. Dax expressed that it's a conflict of interest. Johnny Villegas asked what can be done. Jack Johnson asked if we should redline him from Arcadia games. Dax felt that for the time being, these are the only two schools complaining about his ability. Dax said we can't keep floating guys to cover games and we can't keep making exceptions for umpires to get qualified. Dax feels we need to set standards and parameters that umpires don't have a choice to meet. They either meet them, or they don't work for our unit. Jason shared that he agrees but that'll will make covering games that much harder.

Patrick Keagan will not come back due to needing to pay dues. Blad Blackmore appreciated last minute changes to Dave Moore tournament. Phil covered games at Burroughs and late adds at Muir and Arroyo. San Fernando teams have been reaching out to him to cover games. Phil typically would call SFV Assignor Kirk West verifying that he could cover games. Will Fortner was on the game and said that the Burroughs coach was appreciative of the SGV covering the game. Dax shared that he knows Kirk West very well and that is how he operates his business. Village Christian got in trouble for getting non sanctioned umpires at their games. Jason remembers covering a game at Bonita a couple years ago. Dax expressed that this is a CIF liaison issue in case the schools want to not assign games and ask us to cover games. Jason asked if we should tell Phil. Dax suggested that the next time a SFV school contacts Phil to cover a game, that Phil should contact Chris McNeese and the Board.

Rob Tino worked a Monrovia game and Brad Blackmore complained. Via Jason, Phil shared that March assignments would be out by end of this week and then he would be pressing on until April is done. Jason shared that at this point he has blocked out dates at the end of March since assignments weren't out yet. Via Jason, Phil shared that former Athletic Directors are still showing up as current Athletic Directors. Phil will contact Arbiter to check in on the status.

1) Instructional Chair's Report

Chris Caron submitted seven certificates. Briones submitted four to Phil. LaFranchi submitted four NFHS. Fred Carillo worked with Steve Rose. Jack said that Andy Angelo also worked a game and did a thorough pre and post-game. Jason asked about Fred Carillo and Dax said he was at the cage clinic. Jason said that we make this across the board and not case by case. Johnny asked about working with someone and also getting credit for hours. He doesn't like it but at this point we need to get hours. Johnny expressed frustration with the process. Dax said that LaFranchi is putting in the effort. Fred Carillo is a great guy, but he hasn't put in the time to get certified. He has little sympathy for people getting in the hours at the last minute and is shows the lack of commitment to umpire for our unit. They need to show commitment to our unit.

Luis Ortiz worked with Ray Briones on Friday. Briones suggested that Dax told him he would kick him out of the unit and if they want to leave then leave and not come out just because you are doing a favor for Phil. Dax shared that Phil felt him and Tim Triplett were sending negative emails, when they were actually just doing their job. Luis agreed that the emails we're good. Jeremy Hamlett stated that we need to hold people accountable. Dax again expressed his feeling that some umpires haven't committed to the Unit. Dax is going to review overall attendance and submit to the Board. Not doing playoffs shouldn't matter. Misapplication should stop regarding certification. Dax shared he was part of a subcommittee to change the testing to earlier so that umpires are certified for that season. Jack asked how many umpires will be certified. Dax said if 60 are there, at least 3 should be removed. From 57 down another 5 who are missing assignments, and that will get us to around 52 serviceable umpires.

2) Committees Report

3) Discussion Items

1. Attendance Sheet Review – Discussed above.
2. Dues for associate members – Dax expressed that Paul Cohen needs to pay dues like anyone else. Dax feels that if an umpire went to umpire school than those hours count. Dax said Macareno is on a call up list for MLB. Board agreed that they should have to pay.
3. Hours for observation of games - Board agreed that working a game with a Board member will count as hours.
4. Banquet – Jeremy said he will work with Stepen Delgado to check availability for The Kitchen on Monday, April 29.
5. Awards – Jeremy said we should start thinking about this and discuss during an upcoming meeting.

4) Action Items

None

5) Announcements

The Board discussed having the April 9 Board meeting in-person with food. Jeremy said he would discuss it with Tim.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, March 18 via Zoom

6) Adjournment

Jeremy adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm