

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

1/13/2024

Roll Call

Board Members:

Luis Ortiz –President – present

Steve Delgado – Vice President -present

Tim Triplett — Secretary\Treasurer –present

Will Fortner – 2nd term – present

Jason Plourde– 2nd term- present

Johnny Villegas -2nd term – absent

Jack Johnson – 1st term –present

Eddie Gaxiola - 1ST term -present

Instructional Chair – Dax Villalta –present

Assignor – Phil DiPrima -absent

Louis called the meeting to order at **5:22pm**. Luis asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for 1/21. Jack made a motion to approve the agenda. Tim seconded the motion. No discussion. **Everyone voted and approved the agenda**. Luis asked if there were minutes from 1/13. Tim said Phil recorded that meeting and he didn't have the recording yet to do the minutes. He will try to have them for next meeting.

Open Forum:

- Nothing to report.

President's report – Luis Ortiz:

- Luis said he plans to mention in the general unit meeting that we need to show respect towards others. Mention the code of conduct for the unit. He said the purpose is to avoid any more letters like the one from Nitzani. Eddie said he thinks it should be addressed but he isn't sure if it should start the meeting with it. Dax asked if we have the code of conduct in our bylaws. He said Luis should read what is in the bylaws. The rulebook also mentions it as well. Luis said he had been in contact with Chris McNeese. He said we should not be responding in writing. To pull him aside with a board member who isn't antagonistic. Chris suggested Tim for that. Luis said if he shows up, he plans to pull him aside and discuss the letter. Dax suggested the whole board should be part of the meeting. Jack asked if we want to keep him in the league. Luis said we will discuss this particular issue later in the meeting.

VP's Report – Steve Delgado

- Nothing to report.

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Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett

- Tim said we have paid Arbiter, it was in the \$600 range. He is renewing the insurance in the next couple of days, it will be two payments. We have about 30 people who have paid. He is finishing the accreditation for the unit. He also paid the CBUA fee, it was close to \$1000. It went up because we had to buy new rulebooks.

Assignor – Phil DiPrima

- Absent. Phil texted Will that and said all schedules are in exception for 4 schools, Muir, Santa Monica, Blair and Southwest. Assignments will pushed out within the next few days.

IC - Dax Villalta

- Dax said we are going to have 2 less members. Daniel Olson moved to AZ. Alex Sanchez has decided not to be in our association. Last week we had 2 successful clinics. One was a last-minute opportunity and that went well. There were 6 umpires there. He has another opportunity that came up at Dunsmore, he will mention it tonight to see how many are interested. He said we have next Saturday planned if needed. He is worried that it's going to be like last year, there are people coming up wanting to umpire and they don't have their hours yet. Dax said he is pushing as much as he can. We can't assume people will sign up and show up. If we can't supply people with hours, they are going to have to get their hours somewhere else. Dax said Luis should remind the members to let us know if they are members of a different group so we can follow up with their IC and make sure they have hours. Tim said he will mention. Dax said the state commissioners and interpreters caucus is later this week and he will be attending.

Committee Reports –

Discussion Items:

For the first item, the board went into the executive session.

1. **Michael Nitzani** – separate notes

Luis ended the executive session.

2. **Constitution and Bylaws** – Jeremy was at the meeting. He is working on the Constitution and Bylaws, but he is not finished. He will have it ready for the 2/4 meeting. He had a couple questions. He said with everything going on, he didn't know if he should still do the Superbowl Pool. Everyone said yes, they want to still do it. He will mention it in the meeting.
3. **LA City Section** – Luis emailed Vicky Lagos, and she hasn't gotten back. He will send another email in Feb.
4. **Grievance form** – Jack provided a form he would like to use. He would like to have it posted on the website.

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5. **Membership Roster Audit** – Luis said the form is on the website. Eddie said what is on the website is updated as of today. Luis said he will mention to the unit that they need to check the website and take care of the items they need in order to be certified. Tim said he will address it.
6. **Status of the Schedules** – Luis said it was mentioned earlier. He texted the board. Luis asked if that should be mentioned in the unit meeting. Dax said the members should know and it should be mentioned. Tim said we cancelled our last meeting, are we going to make it up or just give people credit. We need to let the unit know how we are handling. Steve said he thinks we just give everyone credit, it would be easier. **Steve said he makes a motion that everyone gets credit for the last meeting.** Tim said he agrees because we cancelled it at the last minute. Dax said he isn't unsympathetic however we will be giving credit to people who just decided they want to umpire. It makes it one step easier for those people. He said he will go with whatever the board decides. Dax said he had a discussion with Scott Tomlinson on whether the certification window would be extended since our unit was affected by the recent situation more than any other unit. He said he didn't think it was necessary because you are giving people a reason to not do it on time. There is no conversation at the executive council level to extend the window. He said if someone is unable to complete it due to their circumstance, we will work with that. We just are not going to announce it. Jeremy suggested maybe hold off and see if someone comes up a meeting short and give them credit for it. Case by case. Tim said he thinks we just give credit. We know the core people and those who need hours are still going to need hours. **Steve made a motion that for the meeting we missed on Jan 8 due to unforeseen natural disaster, across the general membership we give credit for that meeting. Jason seconded. Everyone voted. 4 for and 3 opposed. Motion passes.**

Action Items:

Next board meeting is Tuesday, 2/4 at 5:00pm.

Luis adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.