

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

2/6/2025

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 – present

Jack Johnson – 1st term –present

Eddie Gaxiola - 1ST term -present

Instructional Chair – Dax Villalta –absent

Assignor – Phil DiPrima -present

Louis called the meeting to order at **6:49pm**. Luis asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for 2/6. Will made a motion to approve the agenda. Eddie seconded the motion. No discussion. **Everyone voted and approved the agenda**. Luis asked if there were minutes from 1/21 to approval. Tim said he didn't have them ready but would have them for next time.

Open Forum:

- Nothing to report.

President's report – Luis Ortiz:

- Only thing Luis was going to mention, he will hold until the Executive Session at the end.

VP's Report – Steve Delgado

- Steve said we will be holding elections at the last general meeting which is 3/3.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett

- Tim said our bank balance is \$4,894.00. We have paid 1/3 of our unit insurance. He set up a payment plan. Our insurance went up 20% this year. We are paying an additional \$300. He said whoever is taking over the position next year, might want to look at new insurance. The total is \$1600. We still have a few items to pay which will equal about \$3400. We still have about 15-20 people who haven't paid dues. Tim said he hopes we finish the season with about \$2500-3000 in the bank. If we drop below \$2000, we have to pay a monthly service charge.
- Tim is still working on the accreditation. He is going to send it in with the current bylaws and constitution.

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Assignor – Phil DiPrima

- Phil said Rio Honda prep has a brand-new turf field.
- Phil is still waiting on Saint Monica's schedule. He received several changes from multiple schools. He also doesn't have Blair or Muir schedules yet.

IC - Dax Villalta

- Dax was absent.

Committee Reports – nothing to report

Discussion Items:

Luis ended the executive session.

1. **Constitution and Bylaws** – Jeremy said Louie had made some initial notes back in November/December. He has been taking notes in meetings. Jeremy emailed the board a copy of the document he created incorporating Luis's notes and his comments. Jeremy said the red lines are Luis's suggestions or it was something Jeremy noted that the board discussed. He said the comments were his notes.

- a. **Below are the locations of the changes. See the revised Constitution to see the actual changes.**

- i. Cover Page is updated. Couple changes.
 - ii. Article II Item 3 on page 2.
 - iii. Article II Item 5 on page 2 –.
 - iv. Article III section 1
 - v. Article III section 2
 - vi. Article III section 3
 - vii. Article III section 4 – Phil suggested adding a new section here with a detailed policy for how grievances are handled. Or add it to this section.
 - viii. Article III section 6
 - ix. Article IV Section 1
 - x. Article IV Section 2
 - xi. Article IV Section 4
 - xii. Article V Section 2
 - xiii. Article V Section 4
 - xiv. Article V Section 5
 - xv. Amendment III
 - xvi. Amendment IV Section 3

- b. **Below are the locations of changes in the Bylaws.**

- i. Article 1 Section 2
 - ii. Article I Section 3
 - iii. Article I Section 4
 - iv. Article III Section 1
 - v. Article III Section 2
 - vi. Article IV Section 1
 - vii. Article V Section 1

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- viii. Article V Section 3
- ix. Article VI Section 1
- x. Article VI Section 3
- xi. Article VI Section 4
- xii. Article VI Section 6
- xiii. Article VI Section 7
- xiv. Article VI Section 8
- xv. Article VI Section 9
- xvi. Article VI Section 12
- xvii. Article VII Section 1
- xviii. Article VIII
- xix. Article XIII– new section to be added – Harassment/Anti-Discrimination Policy

2. Executive Council Meeting – Phil gave a report from the meeting.

- a. The office gave a report that the number of ejections were down amongst adults, 5 to 10%, but they increased 5 to 10% from kids. They asked for every unit to continue to have their members submit anything and everything in writing through their portal.
- b. The playoffs have been adjusted. They're following the football model. There's going to be 9 divisions, instead of the previously published 8 divisions. Part of that is because Orange County Leagues shuffled their leagues around to move a lot of 6 team leagues to 5 team leagues. He said it's probably their way of trying to get more schools in the playoffs. Since there are 9 divisions, which means there will be 9 finals and 36 finals umpires.
- c. The Los Padres unit has folded. There's an associate unit from Kern County area covering the few schools that were part of the Los Padres Units coverage area. They did not mention if that associate unit would be included in final selections. Phil thinks they are not, since they're just an associate member.
- d. The office also reiterated their stance, asking for the best guys that we have for finals. They don't care if it's the same umpire every single year. They also said that all of the finals officials who worked the past 2 years did come from recommended lists from every unit, so they didn't skip over any recommended official to go get their own person that they like. They went off of what was recommended to them.
- e. Scott Tomlinson covered that for the past 2 seasons, there's been a nominal commitment to unit rankings, 1through 5 as we submit them. Not an exact commitment, but a nominal commitment to follow the rankings.
- f. The Secretary Treasurer the Executive Council asked for a head count from each unit based on where we're currently at, numbers for guidance and budgetary purposes. From in the information in Arbiter, Phil told him 52. That number is going to be lower, obviously.
- g. The fees committee, which was headed by Brad Claude, met with CIF gave a fees proposal and what was approved for the next 3 years is the following.
 - i. One man, varsity games will be paid time and a half. So basically, game and a half fee. One man varsity starting next year will be \$167, 2-man Varsity. The

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3-year commitment is \$111, \$114 and \$117 per game. It jumps to \$6 next year and then \$3 each of the years after that, for the 3-year contract.

- ii. The lower-level fees. One-man lower-level games are going to go up to \$99, which is an \$8 increase next year and then from there it'll go to \$102 and \$105 for one-man lower level. 2-man lower level will be at \$91 next year, which is a \$8 increase. Then that'll go to \$94, and \$96. Will asked why the JV one-man and two-man is not \$10 less the varsity like it used to be. Phil said the recent fee proposal, which was approved 3 years ago. The basis for the fees was founded on a \$35 an hour fee and then every sport and each level of every sport was computed, based on how much time they thought each of those contests would last and lower-level baseball was computed at 2 and a half hours. Which is the time limit. Baseball was computed at 3 or 3 ½ hrs which is how we ended up getting to \$105. Brad explained that the rate per hour which factors into the rate that they came up to was determined at \$37 an hour, \$38 an hour and \$39 an hour for the next contract. That's how that was implemented. The playoff fees went up to \$117, \$120, and \$123 over the 3-year period starting next year.
- iii. Phil said they did talk about fuel reimbursement, the mileage reimbursement. Nothing's changed during regular season. And as of right now, nothing has changed for the postseason. It's still applicable to the home plate umpire. The discussion was brought up, and both representatives from the CIF office believe what we all said is that that needs to change to incorporate every official on the crew, and they would take that information back and disseminate it however they see fit.
- iv. Phil said Scott Tomlinson kicked around information regarding the exam open February 3rd to the 22nd, 80% passing grade. It's done online. Once you start, you have got to finish, you can't go save it and come back later. You just have to go, or it's not going to save. He also talked about the finals, about not just the unit rankings, but he did put out there that there are no formal observations being done. Currently, there hasn't been. There isn't going to be for the time being. In softball there are formal observations done in the quarters or the semifinals, but that's not the case for baseball. Instead, they have trusted advisors for input from multiple sources from every unit. That doesn't always mean it's the assigner or the instructional chair. They just said it's a trusted advisor in that the selection is made by the office. Rich Shearer is the one that makes the decision based off of the rankings we submit, and obviously feedback from trusted sources.
- v. Phil said they talked about the whole 3rd to first not legal. Everybody in the room felt that it was dumb. Ken Allen's interpretation is the one that we all have to follow, which is what we've been talking about for the past couple of months now. The interpretation has been kicked up to Elliot Thompson/Hopkins - somebody at the National Office. He is the final say so. When Elliott takes the information he's given and makes a ruling, that will be that. And Scott said that we should have that decision and information to us before the start of the season. As of now, there's still nothing different from

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what Dax covered in our meeting a couple of nights ago. Phil said the way that Scott described it made it very simple. When you're on the rubber, when your pivot foot is on the rubber. If you fake, fake, it's a balk. If you fake and throw, it's not a balk. If you step behind the rubber, you've disengaged and then it's status quo.

- vi. Phil said there was a discussion about the rule books and the case books. The plan is still okay to buy new books every other year. For odd years our units have to buy books, but for even years it is optional for units to buy books. The reason behind that is because there's very little rule change every year. The Executive Council, and this has been in place for a couple of years now, reiterated that it's not mandatory to buy books every single year. That doesn't necessarily mean the cost of our kits or our membership fees are going to change. It's just information regarding rule books and case books.
 - vii. Phil said there was a discussion about the CCA Manual. Orange County did a bulk order and collaborated with a couple other units on that bulk order. They offered it again moving forward for next year. Phil tried to do it at one meeting, and only had 2 people respond, so he didn't do it.
 - viii. Phil said another item that was discussed was moving the Executive Council meetings. The meeting we just had is considered the 1st one of the year and since the season is starting earlier now than it has and all of our units are meeting earlier than before. We start meetings in November or December. They are proposing that the Executive Council move their 1st meeting to November. As far as the Second Executive Council meeting, the CIF office has made one of their big conference rooms available to us, which has been the case in years past. The June meeting will either be held in the office or it'll be held on Zoom.
3. **Uniform Policy** – Luis asked if everyone received the document he created and emailed regarding the uniform policy. He said it will be posted on the website so any new officials or anyone who needs to reference it will be available there.

The board went into Executive Session.

Next board meeting is Tuesday, 2/18th at 5:00pm.

Luis adjourned the meeting at 9:49 pm.