

## Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

3/19/2025

Roll Call

### Board Members:

**Luis Ortiz** –President – present

**Steve Delgado** – Vice President -absent

**Tim Triplett** — Secretary\Treasurer –present

**Will Fortner** – 2<sup>nd</sup> term – present

**Jason Plourde**– 2<sup>nd</sup> term- present

**Johnny Villegas** -2<sup>nd</sup> term – absent

**Jack Johnson** – 1st term –present

**Eddie Gaxiola** - 1<sup>ST</sup> term -absent

**Instructional Chair** – Dax Villalta –absent

**Assignor** – Phil DiPrima -absent

Luis called the meeting to order at **7:49pm**. Luis asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for 3/19. Jack made a motion to approve the agenda. Jason seconded the motion. No discussion. **Everyone voted and approved the agenda**. Luis asked for approval of minutes. There were a number of minutes. Tim sent 2 emails, one was Board Meeting minutes that get posted on the website. The other was Executive Sessions that do not get posted on the website. Tim said he can't post any minutes until they are approved. He said there are a few more minutes to come, there have been so many board meetings it is taking time to do them all. Luis asked for a motion to approve all the minutes Tim sent. **Will made a motion to approve all the minutes. Jason seconded the motion. Everyone voted and the minutes were approved.**

### Open Forum:

- Nothing to report.

### President's report – Luis Ortiz:

- Luis said he received a call from Amy, from the board insurance just to follow up and see where we were at. If anything's happened. If we've been served or anything. Luis said he told her no. He did mention to her that Nitzani was paid a visit by the police of Arcadia and that he was no longer welcome at the campus, and that he would be arrested if somebody called the police and told them that he was there. She said that was good. She also said she's going to keep the case number open for 45 days, and if nothing happens, she said that she'll close it out. But she did add that if after 45 days, there is some kind of serving of a lawsuit, or whatever that she'd open it up again.
- Luis shared a letter written to him from Steve Delgado.
  - Hello, members, now that we are heading into the second half of the season. I would like for all of us to begin utilizing the plate-based umpire ratings form that can be found within our SGVU website. I would also like for us to begin using this form as a tool for improvement and idea sharing, but more importantly, as a tool to help the rating and

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evaluation committee to start putting forward comprehensive ratings to each of us. These ratings help our assignor, and our board get an idea as to each of our ability and areas for improvement. These evaluations can be especially helpful to the newer members. and those members trying to improve and get assigned higher quality games. Although these evaluations will not be mandatory. It is highly recommended to complete. The form itself is self-explanatory and easy to fill out. You need to know that only yourself, your game partner and the Ratings and Evaluation Committee Chairperson will receive a copy of each ratings form. Luis did not finish reading the letter.

- Luis stopped reading and said Phil does not want to receive these evaluations because he still feels we need some kind of training. He said Phil would not be getting a copy. Tim said Phil works for the unit. If we want him to get them, he gets the emails. The board needs to make that decision. From the last meeting, Tim said we talked about not doing the forms and Steve wasn't at that meeting and he isn't at this meeting. He said we did not vote, and he is not sure what is going on. Luis said we can decide not to vote on it until Steve is present to walk us through it. Tim said he doesn't think it's fair to vote on this without him present. Luis asked if this could be voted on via email. Tim said we passed years ago that we can conduct business electronically, but he thinks this is something that Steve needs to talk on. Tim said there was discussion about shutting this down all together and now to have a letter and no discussion from the person in charge of it, He doesn't think it would be fair. Luis said in the last membership meeting Steve told them he wanted them to start filling out these forms. Tim said Steve did say that but the Assignor and the IC, key people who said no, shouldn't do that. Tim feels a discussion needs to be had. Jack said we need to just decide, are we going to shelf it or make a decision and move on. Luis said we don't know if the membership is filling out the forms. Jack said they are not. Luis said he thought Darren was supposed to fix something on the form. He said it seems like its not ready and we should just shut it down. Jack suggested shelving it and have it as a point of emphasis for our closing meeting and we get it resolved so we can start next year. Luis said he will let Steve know the letter is fine but since he wasn't present, we are tabling it so we can come up with a game plan. Jack said to make it the lead item in our closing meeting. Luis will send the letter to everyone.

#### **VP's Report – Steve Delgado**

- Absent.

#### **Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett**

- Tim said the current balance is about \$5,300 in the bank account. We still have about \$2,500 of expenses that are still out there, he did completely pay off the liability insurance that we have for the unit. Normally he makes 3 different payments, but he just paid the last 2 payments to pay it in full. He said the \$2500 still to pay includes the banquet, and his and Dax's salary. He said it could be more like \$2,800. We have about

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47-48 people that are paid. We're a little down in our dues collection. He said he will probably turn over about \$2,500 to Jeremy when he takes over. He is not sure yet though.

- Tim said he completed the accreditation. Our accreditation is only for one year and it's typically longer than one year, but the State CIF office is trying to get all the units aligned to redo all their accreditations at the same time. So, because of that, they only gave us a year. Our accreditation is good until 2026 when Jeremy takes over next year. It's a lot easier to do now. Tim thinks they're going to do their accreditation like every 2 or 3 years after they get all units aligned. Tim offered to assist Jeremy if needed. Tim suggested doing it early.
- Tim will complete the audit before he leaves the position.
- Tim said the website is up to date. There are 4-6 people who are missing information to be certified to work this season. Jim De La Torre is one. Jason proxied an exam, hopefully he gets that done. Also, he doesn't know if Jim did a scrimmage. We did waive it for Steve Rose. Tim said maybe we should wave it for Jim too because of health issues. He said if we did it for one, he doesn't see what we can't for Jim. Jack said he will not vote for that. Tim said maybe this is something we should have discussed early on. He knows we waived it for someone else. He is just putting it out there. He doesn't know if he attended one or not. He said he thinks Phil is trying to get Brandon Degrazia certified. He is not sure what's going on there. At any rate, the site is up to date.
- Tim said Danny reached out to him regarding the banquet. He needs to have a conversation with Danny, are we trying to do something similar to what we did with the lady getting food and having it catered. Or is this something totally different that we are trying to do. This is all up to Danny. Tim said he would reach out to Danny and give him whatever information he needs. Tim said he is really going to be a stickler to stand on budget this year and not go over. Jack said we also shared the cost with softball. Tim said if we do that again, Softball should pay for the whole thing, and we pay them back. It took them almost 7 months to pay Tim back the money that he paid out of his pocket. He paid softballs share from his own money so we could close our books. Tim said he won't take 7 months to pay them, but he doesn't want to chase them down again, we can just reimburse them this time. Tim said if softball wants to split it again, he will let Phil know that they should pay for it all and bill us our half.
- Will asked how many people are umpiring this year that did not take the classification or did not pass the classification because most have been in the unit too long and know it has to be taken in a timely fashion. Tim asked what the certified period is, from when to when. Will said he thought it was season to season. Jack said he thought it was when Dax submitted the signed documents. Tim said Dax doesn't submit any signed documents. There was discussion about the classification time period, and no one was sure. They will need to find out and talk to Phil. Tim said the board would have to make a decision. Tim said this could probably be settled through emails. We need to find out

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what the certification period is and then we make a decision before we start pulling schedules.

- Jack asked if the grievance form is on the website. Tim said he wasn't sure, he asked Jack to send it again and he will get it posted first thing if it isn't there already. Luis said he was going to send Tim the uniform policy and asked for it to be on the website as well.

### **Assignor – Phil DiPrima**

- Absent.

### **IC - Dax Villalta**

- Absent.

**Committee Reports** – nothing to report.

### **Discussion Items:**

- **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**– Jeremy and Eddie are not at the meeting. Will need to be tabled until next meeting.
- **Ratings and Evaluations** – Steve is not here so table until next meeting.
- **Status of Noncompliant Umpires** –Luis said we just discussed this. The two people are Brandon Degrazia and Jim De La Torre. We need to follow up and see what is happening with these two.
- **Status of Recruitment** - Dax asked Luis to put this on the agenda. Luis asked Jason for an update since he is the committee chair for Recruitment. Jason said Glendale College has a job fair, and Phil said previously he would pick up the tab because we tried to do this last year. We found out that the entry fee is \$200 or \$250 entry fee. They checked to see if there was anything if we're nonprofit, but we're not nonprofit status. Jason said he will be going to Glendale College. It's not until April; he hasn't received anything yet from the lady that does it at Glendale College. Jason said Dax came up with a fancy. QR code. He asked what we are supposed to do with that QR code. And ask if there are any other suggestions. Luis said Eddie mentioned business cards and using the QR code on that. Jack said he ran into someone recently and he had to have the guy text him and he put him in touch with Phil. We don't have our phones with us on the field so he is all for business cards or something we can take with us on the field. Jason doesn't want to hand out business cards, he thinks it doesn't look professional. Jack said we have to come up with a plan. Jack said we need to look at recruiting women. Jason asked if we could send something out through Arbiter to schools recruiting umpires. Tim said that is a Phil question, he doesn't communicate with the coaches and ADs. Tim said we used to meet with coaches, and we should probably bring that back and that might be a good time to bring it up. Tim said Phil communicates with the schools so we would have to ask him. Jason said we need to get some younger guys. He suggested lowering dues for them because they would have to buy all the equipment and uniforms. He asked how everyone felt about that. Luis said it is work looking into. He said at the Executive Council meeting they

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created a Recruiting Committee. He suggested emailing them and asking what the plan is and maybe we can get some ideas from them. They are aware all units are having trouble recruiting.

- Jack, Tim and Will said they are game for anything. Jason said he will talk to Phil and ask about the possibility of sending stuff to the schools. Jason asked if we could charge the younger recruits \$55-60 for dues. Tim said we can do whatever we want to do, if we get 4-5 people on top of what we already have, it won't be a problem. If attendance drops another 5-6 and we put in 4-5 as replacements for those we lost, then we have a problem. Luis suggested Jason send out an email to the Executive Council and just to get some ideas from them. Luis and Phil both attended the meeting, and Jason can mention their names and say that it was mentioned a recruiting committee was created. Tim said Richard I is on the Executive Council. Tim told Jason he should probably reach out to one of the equipment guys or equipment companies that we get equipment from to come up with a package that you're going to charge new recruits so they can know exactly what's entailed to be an umpire. Tim said come up with a package price, equipment cost, the fee and insurance, so they know exactly how much it will be. Jason said he would do that.

Luis said to summarize Jason will reach out to the Executive Council for recruiting ideas. Luis will send Tim the uniform policy for the website. Jack will send Tim the grievance form also to be posted on the website.

**Next meeting is Playoff Meeting, Monday, 4/21st at 6:30pm at South Pass.  
Luis adjourned the meeting at 8:51 pm.**