

Board of Director's Meeting SGVBUA

4/14/2025

Roll Call

Board Members:

Luis Ortiz –President – absent

Steve Delgado – Vice President -present

Tim Triplett — Secretary\Treasurer –absent

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 -present

Jeremy Hamlett -joined the call.

Steve called the meeting to order at **7:44pm**. Steve asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for 4/14. Jason made a motion to approve the agenda. Eddie seconded the motion. No discussion. **Everyone voted and approved the agenda**. No minutes to approve, Tim is out.

Open Forum:

- Nothing to report.

President's report – Luis Ortiz:

- Absent.

VP's Report – Steve Delgado

- Nothing to report.

Secretary\Treasurer report - Tim Triplett

- Absent

Assignor – Phil DiPrima

- Phil said he received phone calls from Mirror High School and Pasadena High School that the school district has advised them, based on soil testing done today that they cannot play or practice on any of the dirt surfaces on campus until further notice. So that's due to the fires. Those 2 schools have contacted him they've moved baseball and softball games already for this week. The AD at PHS told him that that could very well be the case for the rest of the season. We will just have to roll with the punches. Joe Federico at Marshall, he heard something about the article, and the local paper today. Didn't know there was anything coming down from the school district. But in the same boat

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there. Phil talked to the little leagues and the Presidents within the leagues from the leagues within the Pasadena Sierra Madre area, all told him that the city had tested their playing surfaces before the season even started, and they were all cleared. And we're just absolutely befuddled as to why the school district would render some type of decision at this point in time. Phil said we'll need to be accommodating and flexible. The Blue Book does allow for the home school to be responsible for the umpires, even if it's an out-of-coverage area. So as our varsity games get moved, we're going to cover those so and I'll make sure that the athletic directors at our schools communicate that to the ads at the other schools. Dax said Stangle has temporarily been affected by some water damage, so CV, they're supposed to get clearance by tomorrow. Should that not happen, he said Phil may have to accommodate CV taking some of their games on the road at schools that we would service, but that would be Pasadena and Arcadia.

IC - Dax Villalta

- Dax had a conversation with Executive IC Scott Tomlinson last week. He believes the CBUA Executive Council had a meeting Tuesday night wherein they would discuss what they were going to do moving forward evaluations wise for this year's postseason. As part of the conversation the reason he reached out to Tomlinson was to start to line up our ducks. He knows there'd been talks about having the finals candidates produce and submit a baseball umpire resume. He wasn't too sure that they were going to follow through with that. One of the big-ticket items for discussion was going to be going back to sending out evaluators on location. Dax said to what extent, starting what round, he doesn't know. It seems like all the decision makers were in favor of doing that. It was only a formality before they voted on that, he hasn't heard yet. It might be worthwhile as Richard Elizare is listed as our representative on that Executive Council, that either Steve or Luis call Richard to see what we should prepare for. If they will be sending out evaluators in the playoffs then it behooves us to know which rounds they're going to do that in, and it behooves us to really put our best foot forward so that we are not impacted by things that we shouldn't be doing. Steve said he would talk to Luis and one of them will call. Dax said Scott mentioned if there's somebody who has Rich Shears ear it's Brad Claude. He said Claude's been somebody who's been highly critical of our unit. As we're starting to look at this situation moving forward, we really have to put our best foot forward. Dax said there are people in the decision-making chain of command who do not look upon us favorably and will look to do us 0 favors.

Committee Reports – nothing to report.

- **Grievance Committee** – Jack said the grievance form was forwarded to Tim for the website. He has not checked the website to see if it's there or not. He has not had any grievances come his way. Dax asked if there have been any measures taken to inform our umpire staff that we have such a form even available. Or are we just assuming that people will know, because they'll make a phone call, and somebody will let them know

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that there's a form. Steve said he doesn't think any correspondence has gone out saying that there's a form. It is in the bylaws on the Constitution. He asked Jack if anything had gone out and what his intention on it was. Jack said not to draw attention to it and deal with it when it comes up. Jack checked the website and said the form had been added. Dax asked do we just want to leave it there and hope nobody needs to use it. Or for the sake of transparency, should our umpire staff know that this is a tool that is available to them, should they have agreements to file. Steve said they should be informed. He thinks it should come from the President. Steve said Jack should talk to Luis and make him aware its there and send out an email to the membership and how to use it.

- **Recruiting** – Jason said there is a hiring fair at Pasadena City College. It's May 4th or May 14th, he has to verify but he is going to get us a table there. Phil graciously said that he would pay the entrance fee for that because the board didn't have it in the budget for that to happen. The person at Glendale Community College that was doing the hiring fair last year is in a different position now, and it doesn't look like they're going to have one at least for the spring. There may be one in the summer. He is going to look at Citrus college to see if they're going to have any hiring fairs soon. Jason asked what the QR code is for. Dax said last time we discussed it; it was to put on our business cards that we could distribute at the fair. Eddie said also so that we can carry them around and hand them out and the QR code will take them right to our website. Jason asked if we have money in the budget to print business cards. Dax said that it hasn't been discussed yet. If somebody wants to make a motion to approve that, he volunteered to help Eddie with that. Jason said that is something that needs to be asked of our secretary/treasurer to see if we have the money in the budget. Steve asked Jason to get a quote on a couple hundred business cards. Dax said Staples will do it and it is about \$80 for 300 cards. Steve asked Jason to verify that and give Tim a number. **Jack made a motion that if we can have 250 business cards made up for less than a hundred dollars. We are giving carte blanche to move forward with that. Eddie seconded the motion.** Open for discussion. Jason said he doesn't think that we should be spending money that we don't know if we have it or not. The only person that knows that we have that money is not in this meeting. Discussion was back and forth about whether to amend the motion or not. Several members offered to donate to cover the cost. Steve asked Jack to restate his motion, so everyone is clear. **Jack motioned that if we can have 250 cards made for less than a hundred dollars, that we move forward with the approval to let the 2 people who volunteered go ahead and make that purchase. Everyone voted and the motion passed.**

Discussion Items:

- **Constitution and Bylaws Committee**– Jeremy said he hasn't had a chance to do anything yet. He asked Steve when the next board meeting will be. He said he will have it ready by the next board meeting for review. Steve said he doesn't want to table this and asked Jeremy to reach out to Luis and ask him to add as an agenda item.

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- **Recruiting Committee** – Dax asked regarding the hiring fare, who is going to be in attendance. He asked if we have anybody who's going to be in attendance. He asked what else we are doing for that. Is Jason going to be there. Steve said Jason as the committee chair is moving forward on trying to get us a table. Jason said correct and if he can be there in attendance, he will be. If he cannot be there he will reach out to the board and if no one on the board can sit, then he will reach out to some umpires that we trust, that would put in a good effort to be there. Jack said on the PCC website the job fair is the 14th from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Jack said he would sit with Jason if he needs company. Will said we should look into the business cards asap. Phil said since the fair is 3 days do we get to have a table all 3 days. Jason said each day is different trades and we don't really fit the other 2 days, but he will ask. Phil asked if we have any kind of advertising, any kind of pamphlet or signage. Typically, when you set up at these kinds of events you want to have something that says who we are and what we're about, whether it's a backdrop or a tablecloth or pamphlet to hand out. Jason said instead of doing the business cards, he was just going to take that QR code and put it in one of those upright glass frames that people can take a picture of. But since we want to get the business cards we'll go ahead and get the business cards, and then that way people can walk off with those. He was thinking about standing there in his base uniform. He was thinking of printing off, to put on top of the canopy San Gabriel Valley Baseball Umpires Association. Steve said if Jason reminds him tomorrow, he will try to get a hold of Armando Carlin, who used to have a bunch of our logo on a bunch of stuff that we used to use at our banquets back in the day. If he's got it sitting in his garage, maybe he can give it to us or loan it to us. The first one won't be perfect, and we will learn from it for next time. Jason said he was going to steal stuff from our website. Dax asked the cost of the fair. Jason said he is waiting to hear how much it is. Dax said the Glendale Job fair waives the fee if you are a 501C. He asked Jason to see if Pasadena does the same. Phil said his association is 501c3 and we can fly under his umbrella. Phil said what we would do is present that Phil is the president and assignment coordinator Jason is the recruiting chair, and Jack is the man at arms and whatever, and we're out there to recruit officials. Jason said he will call tomorrow to find out the price. Dax said Carlin has the digitized artwork for the CBUA, he asked Steve if he could ask for it. Steve said he would ask.
- **Evaluation Committee** – Steve said his committee is Rob Tino, Darren Winkley and himself. Steve showed the website and went to the Rate and Umpire tab. The pregame category arrival, on time, discussion duties that's basically just pregame. It will be explained later in an email to the general membership. He pointed out that something new shows up that has never been there before. Pregame comments. Now you have the ability, and it will be encouraged to use, and it simply states why you chose that rating good, bad, or otherwise. Steve said moving forward, even though we're towards the end of our season, he would like to implement these rating forms. If we go into our website, we can see that it's there for both the plate and the base, and it works the same way, choose an answer, and then you state why you chose the answer. He said next year we can build off this or create something different. Steve said we can create an email to send to the membership. Dax said there are multiple umpires that he is tired of having conversations with. He brings issues up and they continue to happen. Steve said it is

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something we need to look into and see what we can do as a board. He will read the Constitution and Bylaws and see if there is a process regarding bringing this to the board.

- **Banquet Committee** – Danny Savage. He is not on the call. Steve said he has talked to Danny. Danny doesn't know his budget or the day we want to do it. He said Danny is looking at doing it at Elk's Lodge again. He also mentioned 3 other places he is exploring because he doesn't know his budget. Steve asked Luis to reach out to Tim and ask him to give Danny a budget number. Dax asked if we are going to continue to share it with Softball or do our own thing. Phil said that he coordinated it all between both sports and softball is willing and wanting to do it again this year. As far as budgets go our bill last year was close to \$1,100. That was divided equally amongst the 2 sports, baseball may have absorbed slightly more. Phil said he thinks we are safe with \$500-600. Phil said softball would like to do it Monday, May 12th. Steve said we would start there.
- **Playoff Umpire Selection** -
 - The board went through the member roster and rated umpires based on 3 man umpire ability. The following were selected for the Play off list, those with finals ranks are what was submitted for the Finals List:

FirstName	LastName	Playoffs	Finals Rank
Allen	Alvarez	Yes	
Carlos	Astorga	Yes	2
Ryan	Atencio	Yes	
Justin	Bumgarner	Yes	
Joshua	Coppenbarger	Yes	
Donald	Degrazia	Yes	
Stephen	Delgado	Yes	4
Will	Fortner	Yes	
Jose	Galvez	Yes	5
Eddie	Gaxiola	Yes	Alt 1
Curetha	Goodman	Yes	
Juan	Guzman	Yes	
Jeremy	Hamlett	Yes	1
Jack	Johnson	Yes	
Richard	Lamas	Yes	
Dominic	Machado	Yes	Alt 2
Mike	Martinez	Yes	
Luis	Ortiz	Yes	
Jason	Plourde	Yes	
Joe	Rodriguez	Yes	
Danny	Savage	Yes	
Robert	Tino	Yes	3
Tim	Triplett	Yes	
Dax	Villalta	Yes	
Calvin	Wells	Yes	

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Darren	Winkley	Yes	
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- Phil will forward the list to Tim so he can fill out the paperwork and send it in. He said we also need to advised these officials they have been selected and give them the playoff meeting date and the contest dates.
- Dax said the Playoff meeting must be in person, the film room at South Pass on 4/21 at 6:30pm.

Next meeting is Playoff Meeting, Monday, 4/21st at 6:30pm at South Pass.
Luis adjourned the meeting at 10:49 pm.