



San Gabriel Valley Football Officials Association

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

100 West Broadway #970, Glendale, Ca. 91204

June 10, 2009

Board Members present: Vice President Henry Torres, Secretary-Treasurer Darren Winkley, Mickey Edwards, Darrel McEntarrfer, Chris McNeese, Jim Mulligan, Mike Wylly

Also present: Assignor Bob McQueen, Instructional Chairman Mario Miranda, Ernie Dominguez, Anthony Monteverde, David Reyes

The Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:12pm and passed out the Instructional Chairman's agreement, the Assignor's agreement, and former President Ron Ainsworth's letter of resignation. The Vice President indicated that, as per the constitution, he would be filling the vacant presidency and serving 1 ½ terms as such. This would leave the vice presidency open. President Torres said that he would not appoint a vice president, but would appoint another board member-at-large. Mr. McNeese recommended that the Board sit as 7-member board until the elections in fall, and then elect a vice president for a 1-year term.

The meeting went into executive session.

The meeting returned to public session.

Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes from the April 20 board meeting. The meeting was taped, and the Secretary-Treasurer will try to get the tape and type up the minutes.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that he met with the previous Secretary-Treasurer the day before and got paperwork from him. The current balance of the association is \$5167.82. The Secretary-Treasurer reported that he tried to open new bank account but could not without a Taxpayer ID Number for the association. He would try to get that taken care of in the next couple of days, as well as insurance for the Board. There is no budget as of yet. The Secretary-Treasurer will be collecting copies of proof of insurance for each official and keeping them on file.

Old Business

The first meeting was tentatively moved from Tuesday, July 28, to Saturday, July 28 at 9:30 a.m., and would include a barbecue. Bob McQueen stated that a barbecue costs about \$3-\$3.50/person. There was discussion about where to have the meeting and about doing a potluck versus barbecue. Live Oak Park was an option, but there was concern about it being crowded. Dan Novak's church was brought up as another option. The preferred option would be Dan Novak's church, and Live Oak Park would serve as a contingency. The remainder of the meetings will be September 1, 8, 22, 29 (makeup), October 6, 20, and 27 (makeup).

The banquet was moved from Wednesday, November 4, to Sunday, November 8, and it will be at Mijares. There was discussion about the possibility of Bill McCabe as a speaker.

Working agreements for the Instructional Chairman and Assignor were discussed. Discussion ensued about whether scrimmages would be required for officials who work zero-week games. There was discussion about the length of the term for Instructional Chairman.

Motion by Mr. McNeese to change Article VII of the bylaws:

(A) The Instructional Chairperson shall be appointed to three-year terms and shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and the Instructional Review Committee. The instructional chairperson position shall be opened up to applications every three years.





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(B) The Assignment Coordinator shall be appointed to a three-year term and shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Directors and the Assignor Review Committee. The assignment coordinator position shall be opened up to applications every three years.

Second by Mr. Wyly. Motion passed unanimously.

There was more discussion about the Assignor's agreement and the deadlines it contains. The President would like to see the agreement contain language requiring the Assignor to inform the board if a game cannot be covered by the association and will be covered by another affiliate. Mr. McNeese would like to see language about a sub-assignor. The President would like to see playoff assignments prepared by the assignor in conjunction with a playoff committee. Mr. McNeese stated that if we have confidence in the assignor during the season, we should have confidence in him during the playoffs. Mr. Wyly noted that having a playoff committee might reinforce the notion that some association members have about board members being disproportionately given playoff assignments.

Motion by Mr. McNeese to accept the current working agreement for the assignor, excepting that it be for three-year agreement and that there be a sub-assignor. Second by Mr. Mulligan. Mr. McNeese added a friendly agreement adding that the agreement could be terminated by either party with ten days written notice. Motion passed unanimously

Motion by the Secretary-Treasurer to accept the working agreement for the Instructional Chairperson. Second by Mr. Wyly. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Assignor report

Mr. McQueen said that he is still waiting on four schools to give him their schedules and hopes to have them by Friday, June 12. He will be sending out an email to everyone telling them to update their information and availability on the Arbiter.

Mr. McNeese asked about cut-off dates for members who have not paid their dues. The Secretary-Treasurer and Assignor will be communicating with those who have not paid their dues to ensure that they pay by the first meeting.

Mr. McNeese asked about the possibility of working crews. Mr. McQueen indicated that he might group some people together, possibly a referee/umpire pairing if possible.

Mr. McNeese asked about the Assignor's policy about contacting the Liaison to move games on heavy nights. Mr. McQueen said that there are no more league meetings. Mr. McNeese said that Mission Valley, Rio Hondo, and Almont leagues would move an entire week of Friday night games to a Thursday night as long as we could inform them of our needs early enough. The President said that we need to be proactive; go to the schools, and let them know that we need to get the schedules by May 1, rather than the June 15 that is happening now. Mr. McNeese will inform Mr. McQueen of the schools that moved dates for us last year so they won't have to move again. Mr. Wyly recommended that we contact the Liaison to get on the schools next year for earlier schedules.

Mr. McQueen indicated that San Fernando, Foothill-Citrus, and Long Beach units would be helping us as needed this year. Mr. Torres stated that we need to have San Gabriel Valley games cover San Gabriel Valley officials. Mr. Wyly stated that we need to be sensitive about which games are given away. Mr. McQueen will brainstorm and present to the Board at the next meeting what he will do to avoid giving away our games.

Instructional Chairman Report





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The first instructors meeting was held on May 18. More meetings will be held in August. Because Dario Barron is not returning, the IC would like to have Dario replaced with Phil Novak. The instructional staff for 2009 will be Bob Beran, Joe Palacio, Dan Novak, David Reyes, Freddie Landinguin, Alex Castro, Ernie Dominguez, Dick Loggins, Jon Crowley, Phil Novak (pending approval), and Phil Detro. The substitutes will be Mike Wyly, Mickey Edwards, and Darren Winkley.

Motion by Mr. McNeese to approve Phil Novak as a replacement instructor for Dario Barron. Second by Mr. Wyly. Motion passed unanimously.

During the season, instructors will be meeting at 6:00. Everything, e.g. sign-in sheets, 50-50 will be ready by 6:30 for the 7:00 meeting. All 50-50 sales will take place before the meeting starts so there will be no classroom interruption.

Last year there were eight zero-week games. All of our scrimmages were also on those Friday nights. We were able to cover all scrimmages at all levels at five different sites. Most sites had two or three levels. We need to let the schools know that we will do what we can to accommodate them, but we can only do what we can do. Mr. Miranda suggested that the board go to the schools and ask for donations to cover the scrimmages. If a school donates, we cover its scrimmage; if it does not, we may not be able to cover them. We may not be able to cover all levels, but we will try to cover varsity scrimmages. Mr. Miranda suggested that it should be the duty of the board to collect the donations, not the instructors. Mr. Miranda asked if the scrimmages were required and what happens if people are unable to make it to the scrimmage. Mr. McNeese also asked if scrimmages were mandatory. Mr. Miranda replied that the instructional staff believed that it would be very difficult to mandate scrimmages. Mr. Torres cited the Constitution saying that the minimum number of required hours of instruction is twelve, which includes classroom AND fieldwork, thus fieldwork is mandatory. Mr. McNeese asked about officials who worked a zero-week game and therefore could not work a scrimmage. Mr. Miranda asked if we could count attendance at the summer clinics on June 13, 20, and 27, and working zero-week games as "fieldwork". There was more discussion about whether camps and clinics could count as fieldwork. Mr. Wyly suggested that officials who cannot work a scrimmage go to a Junior All-American scrimmage for fieldwork. Mr. McNeese noted that if we count all the summer activities as fieldwork and do not have enough officials for scrimmages, the schools would be less likely to move games for us. There was discussion about whether officials need to attend meetings if they have already met the twelve-hour requirement. Mr. Miranda stated that twelve hours was the minimum required by the constitution, but everyone has to abide by the board-approved curriculum even if it requires more than twelve hours. The President said that we would continue discussion on this topic at the next meeting.

Mr. Miranda said that the mentor program should be tightly knit with the first year class. The mentor program should be fully explained at the first meeting and needs to get officials out on the field. Mr. Mulligan stated that we need to have a fourth man on three man games, and the mentor should be on the field with the mentee. Mr. Mulligan also said that we need to have junior white-hat program and develop all of our first through fifth year officials. Mr. Miranda stated that although Mr. Mulligan is running the mentor program, he does not need to be in the first-year classroom every meeting.

Mr. Miranda stated that the instructional program would be a four-pronged approach with on-field instruction, video, supplemental summer training, and testing. The new officials will meet six Tuesdays in a row, from September 1 to October 6.

SGVFOA Football Officials Camps

Mr. Edwards reported that 52 officials signed up for at least one session. The question of liability was brought up. Mr. Edwards stated that the event was sanctioned and covered by Eagle Rock and Occidental College. There would be medical personnel on the field. Five new officials would be attending. Mr. Edwards asked if it would be acceptable to have the new officials on the field. Mr. McNeese said that





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the problem with using new officials is that they do not have insurance and they are not trained. It was decided that the new officials could be on the sideline but not work on the field.

Committee Reports

Recruitment—nothing to report

Ratings

Mr. Winkley stated that he would work with the assignor to get a ratings system on the Arbiter.

Ethics/Grievance—nothing to report

Social—nothing to report

Constitution/Bylaw

Some things are being worked on.

Mr. McNeese moved to adjourn at 9:48. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 14.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Winkley
Secretary-Treasurer, SGVFOA