



San Gabriel Valley Football Officials Association

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Domenico's Restaurant, Arcadia, California

July 26, 2009

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

Also present: Assignor Bob McQueen, Instructional Chairman Mario Miranda, David Reyes

The President called the meeting to order at 4:28 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 6/10/09 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Mr. McNeese; second by Mr. Mulligan. Motion passed unanimously. In the future, Mr. Winkley will email the minutes to board members for review prior to the board meetings to save time.

Appointment of Vice President

President Torres proposed that he appoint an interim vice president to fill the current vacancy. There was discussion about whether the appointment should be for the full three-year term (one as vice president and two as president) or just until the October election. Mr. McNeese stated that he was opposed to filling position and would rather have the position remain vacant until the membership elected a new vice president in October. President Torres said that the constitutions states that the president "shall" appoint members to fill vacancies on the board. Mr. McNeese argued that the constitution did not say that the president "must" make the appointment. Mr. Winkley stated that he would vote against anyone who would be appointed to the position if it were to be a three-year term, but he would support the appointment of an interim vice president. Mr. McNeese made a motion that the appointment for the position of vice president be an interim appointment until the elections of October 2009, at which point the association elect a vice president to serve one year as vice president and two years as president. Second by Mr. Mulligan. Motion passed unanimously.

The President appointed David Reyes to serve as the interim vice president. Mr. Mulligan made a motion to approve Mr. Reyes as the interim vice president. Mr. McNeese asked to amend his prior motion for the vice president position, stating that the term should end on December 31, 2009, rather than upon the October election. Second by Mr. Edwards. The amendment passed unanimously. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion by Mr. Mulligan. Mr. McNeese stated that he had nothing against Mr. Reyes but would vote against anyone who was appointed because he felt the decision should be left to the membership. Mr. Mulligan asked for a roll-call vote, and it was approved. Mr. Reyes was approved to serve as the interim vice president 4-1, with Mr. Torres, Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Edwards, and Mr. Winkley voting yes, and Mr. McNeese voting no.

Mr. McNeese stated that there was a policy against having board members serve as instructors. Mr. McNeese made a motion that the association allow Mr. Reyes to serve as interim vice president and as an instructor for the 2009 season. Second by Mr. Mulligan. Mr. McNeese asked for a roll-call vote, and it was approved. Mr. Torres, Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Reyes, Mr. Edwards, Mr. McNeese, and Mr. Winkley voted yes, and the motion passed unanimously.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that everything was in place for the meeting at Occidental on 7/28, including SOS, who would be selling equipment.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the unit had a balance of \$4533.68. Expenditures included the renewal of the Arbiter and insurance for the Board. There were 52 officials who had paid their dues, and 31 who had not yet paid.

Mr. Winkley made a motion to be able to use PayPal to pay dues with a \$5 surcharge to cover fees. Second by Mr. McNeese. The motion passed unanimously.





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Old Business

The assignor's agreement was discussed. Mr. Torres had requested that a July 15 deadline for publishing assignments to the Assignor Review Committee be added to the agreement. Mr. Torres also requested that the clause "with due cause" be added to section 9 of the agreement. Mr. McNeese stated that "with due clause" should not be added to the agreement because it places too much restriction on both parties to end the agreement. Mr. McNeese also requested that Mr. McQueen publish this season's games as soon as possible. Mr. Edwards made a motion to approve the assignor's agreement with the July 15 deadline with the caveat that the deadline not apply until 2010. Second by Mr. Reyes. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Costantino was not present, so his sponsorship agenda item was postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. Mulligan presented his mentor program and stated that there would be one mentor per new person.

Mr. Edwards reported on the scrimmages/clinics at Occidental College. Oxy was pleased with all of the help that we gave them and will be having two more scrimmages on 7/28/09 at 3:30 and 5:30. Azusa Pacific will be starting practices on 8/8/09. APU will have 4 practices and 3 scrimmages. The scrimmages will be reserved for current NCAA officials; the practices will be open to any varsity officials. Oxy will be starting up again on 8/23/09. Oxy will continue with the camps next year, possibly extending it for two more weeks. Mr. Torres asked about making the scrimmages at Oxy mandatory. There was discussion about possibly counting the Oxy scrimmages as a meeting next year. Mr. McNeese suggested that we write a letter to Oxy thanking them and inviting them to our banquet. Mr. Mulligan suggested searching for other high school camps that we could work in addition to Oxy.

Mr. McNeese made a motion to approve Joe Conte Sr. as an instructor for the 2009 season. Second by Mr. Reyes. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Assignor report

Mr. McQueen stated concern about the scrimmages on 7/28/09 because of the association meeting at 7:00. Mr. Mulligan stated that we were already obligated to work the scrimmages. Mr. Edwards stated that we needed to establish and keep goodwill with Oxy. Mr. Edwards stated that we cannot do everything that Oxy asks for, but we will cover the scrimmages on 7/28/09. Officials working the scrimmages will be Mr. Mulligan, Mr. Edwards, Jeff Klein, and about 5 other veteran officials. The officials working the 5:30 scrimmage may be late to the meeting. Mr. McQueen said that we do not want to spread ourselves too thin next year with the same people each meeting.

Mr. McQueen stated that he would be finished with assignments on 7/27/09 or 7/28/09 and would publish them on 7/28/09. One of our heavy nights will be Thursday, September 17, when we have 22 games requiring a total of 79 officials and we only have about 80 officials on our roster. Mr. McQueen reported that the San Fernando Valley Unit would be covering 12 of our games this year. Mr. McNeese asked if the games were early or late in the season, and why our liaison is not moving games so that we do not have to give them away. Mr. McQueen said that the 4th week of the season is particularly heavy and that San Fernando has already assigned those games. Mr. McNeese asked if we could get any of the games back. Mr. Torres said that we would ask for games back from San Fernando if we could get the schools to move game dates. Mr. McNeese said that we gave the games away too quickly—we should have waited until closer to the game dates to see if we could cover them ourselves. Mr. McQueen said that so much is done in advance that schedules are hard to move. Mr. McNeese said that he was criticized for giving away games when he was the assignor. Mr. Torres stated that Joe Conte Sr. was invited to the meeting, but could not attend due to illness. Mr. McNeese said that once we give away games, we should not pull them back as we would be "burning bridges". Mr. Edwards said that we need our liaison to be proactive in getting the schedules starting on May 1. Mr. McNeese said that we need the liaison to be proactive starting now.





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Mr. McQueen said that Dan Novak, Mario Miranda, and Ernie Dominguez might be working some games on the flanks while giving newer officials opportunities to work as white hats. Mr. McQueen may do the same thing with the umpire position.

Mr. McNeese asked if there would be any mixed crews between SGVFOA and any other units. Mr. McQueen said not yet. Mr. McNeese asked if we had a sub-assignor yet. Mr. McQueen said that he would have one by the next board meeting.

Mr. McQueen stated that we have 6 zero-week varsity games.

Scrimmages

Mr. Miranda said that he would assign scrimmages after the zero-week games have been assigned. Mr. Torres asked if we would be asking for donations for the scrimmages. The consensus was that it does not hurt to ask for a donation. Mr. McQueen has a list of scrimmages. If an official is not assigned a zero-week game, Mr. Miranda will be assigning him/her a scrimmage. Officials who are unable to work a scrimmage will need to come to a board meeting, and the board will consider each on an individual basis. Scrimmages are mandatory for all officials. There was a question about whether we would be covering a scrimmage at Cathedral High School even though it is not in our area. There was concern that we would be impeding on the unit that covers that area. La Salle will be having a scrimmage on 8/28/09. Mr. Reyes suggested that officials who cannot make the assigned scrimmages be allowed to work the Cathedral and/or La Salle scrimmages.

Agenda for 7/28/09 General Meeting

1. We will start handing out kits at 5:45.
2. The meeting will be called to order at 7:00
3. President's welcome/thanks/introduction of board members
4. Secretary-Treasurer announcements
5. Mr. Mulligan will present the mentor program and introduce white hats
6. Mr. Edwards will report on the summer camps and clinics
7. Assignor
8. Instructional Chairman
 - a. instructors/helpers
 - b. curriculum
 - c. rule changes
 - new members will be released to the first year instructors at this time
 - d. 50/50

Mr. McNeese left the meeting about 6:40.

Mr. Reyes left the meeting about 7:00.

Business cards

Mr. Edwards proposed that we make business cards available for officials to purchase in order to improve our professional image. Mr. Edwards will be printing out cards to be given to timers and chain crews. Mr. Winkley stated opposition to the idea of business cards saying that this is not something that D-I or other college officials do and that we do not want to barrage coaches with five business cards during the pregame.



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Committee Reports

Instructional Chairman Review

Mr. Edwards asked what the committee needed to do and by when. Mr. Torres stated that the committee needed to survey the association about the program and present the information to the board at the end of the season

Social

Mr. Winkley said that he has secured Bill McCabe, former WAC referee and NFL replay official, as the speaker for the banquet.

The next board meeting will be at 7:00 PM on 8/25/09 at Mr. Mulligan's office.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Edwards. Second by Mr. Winkley.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Winkley
Secretary-Treasurer, SGVFOA