



San Gabriel Valley Football Officials Association

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Rosemead High School, Rosemead, California

September 8, 2009

Board Members present: President Henry Torres, Vice President David Reyes, Secretary-Treasurer Darren Winkley, Steve Brink, Mickey Edwards, Jeff Klein, Jim Mulligan

Also present: Assignor Bob McQueen, Instructional Chairman Mario Miranda, Ernie Dominguez

The President called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM. Mr. Winkley was running late, so Mr. Reyes took minutes until Mr. Winkley arrived at 5:40.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 9/1/09 were amended to read that Mr. Brink served only on the Constitution and Bylaw Committee, not the Ethics committee. Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the amendments. Second by Mr. Brink. The motion passed 5-0 with 2 abstentions.

Billy Edis

Billy Edis came to the 9/1/09 meeting for one hour and can miss two classes from school. The President asked how we could accommodate Mr. Edis to allow him to make up two meeting worth of instruction. Mr. Reyes stated that Mr. Edis already has nine hours of instruction and only needs three more to be certified. Mr. Reyes stated that Mr. Edis is a freshman-level official, not a playoff official, and that we need to work with him to get him certified. Mr. Klein agreed. Mr. Edwards asked if we would be setting a precedent by working with Mr. Edis and what we would do if he did not attend the meetings. Mr. Reyes stated that he would not be qualified if he did not make it to the meetings. Mr. Edwards stated that Bob Edis has to leave every meeting at 8:50 due to work obligations. Mr. Mulligan stated that we work with people on financial situations and that we should work with them on this issue as well. Mr. Mulligan said that we would not be setting precedent because every situation is handled on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Brink suggested that Billy Edis go to varsity games to observe and do a detailed game report. Mr. Edwards suggested that Mr. Edis do five varsity observations. Mr. Reyes asked if Mr. Edis had all of his games taken away and stated that he is qualified as of this moment. The President agreed that Mr. Edis should attend and report on five varsity games. Mr. Mulligan suggested that he work as a fourth man on a three-man game. Mr. Winkley suggested that Mr. Edis attend and report on varsity games as well as work as a free fourth man. The President suggested that Mr. Edis also study with the instructional chairman on a Monday evening. Mr. Reyes made a motion that Billy Edis meet with the instructional chairman one night to do rules study, observe and report on three varsity games, and work one game as a free fourth man. Second by Mr. Klein. The motion passed unanimously. The President asked Mr. McQueen if all of Mr. Edis's games had been taken away. Mr. McQueen stated that all but four had been taken, but he should be able to get him up to seven or eight games.

Secretary-Treasurer's Report

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that the association has 102 paid members and 13 unpaid. Forty-seven members have shown proof of insurance, and 68 have not. There are 32 new members.

SGVFOA Shirts

The President suggested that we let Mr. Edwards create polo shirts and allow Larry Martinez to do t-shirts. Mr. Torres stated that we would need to get our logo to Mr. Martinez. Mr. Reyes stated that he would contact Mr. Martinez regarding the shirts.

Constitution and Bylaws

The President stated that section one of the bylaws says that the Board needs to meet a minimum of three times in the offseason. He suggested that we add to the bylaws that the first offseason meeting be held by March 1. Mr. Winkley suggested that the date be February 15. Mr. Mulligan suggested using March 1 so there would be some leeway. Mr. Reyes made a motion that Article 1, Section 1 of the bylaws be changed to state that the first board meeting shall be held by March 1. Second by Mr. Klein. The bylaw change passed unanimously.

The President suggested that Article 2 of the bylaws be changed so that quorum would be 50% plus one. Mr. Winkley said that the wording should not be "50% plus one" because it would not be possible to have 4 ½



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members if there were 7 members on the board. He suggested that the wording be "greater than 50%". Mr. Mulligan made a motion that Article 2 of the bylaws be changed to say that quorum shall be more than 50% of the membership. Second by Mr. Brink. The bylaw change passed unanimously.

The President suggested that Article 14 of the bylaws be changed such that Robert's Rules of Order serve as a guideline rather than governing, as currently stated. Mr. Reyes said that it cannot be a guideline; it must be used as a rule. The President said that we should be run by the constitution and bylaws, but we need to use common sense and not go to Robert's Rules to solve all of our problems. Mr. Mulligan stated that the reason why we have Robert's Rules is that previous boards have ignored guidelines and that it is a shame that we have to use it. The President said that Robert's Rules is too restrictive and gave the example of not allowing proxy votes. The President said that we should not get rid of Robert's Rules, but we should use it as a guideline. Mr. Brink stated that we needed a word other than "guideline". Mr. Winkley stated that one person's "common sense" may not be everyone else's common sense and that we should keep Robert's Rules as a governing tool. Mr. Brink made a motion to table the discussion. Second by Mr. Reyes.

Assignor's Report

Mr. McQueen stated that La Canada was being used as a Red Cross shelter and therefore did not have enough practices to have their first game. The President commended Mr. McQueen for handling all the problems with games due to the fires.

Mr. Edwards asked whom should be contacted in the event of an ejection if the liaison was unreachable. The President said that we should contact Mr. McQueen.

The President stated that we needed to come up with the State Championship recommendation list and that there were specific rules on who is eligible. Officials must have worked a final in the last three years, must have 10 years varsity experience, must not have worked a State Championship game in the last three years, and must have worked 50% of the games this year at the recommended position. The board determined that the only officials that were eligible to be recommended were Mario Miranda, Karl Davis, Bob McQueen, Chris Herrera, Richard Keller, Darrel McEntarrfer, Steve Brink, Mark Yoshikawa, Jeff Klein, Bob Beran, and Bob Bailey. The President stated that we would only get one official on the State Championship game. Mr. Mulligan stated that there are exceptions to the eligibility rules every year. The President stated that we needed to choose our recommendations by the next board meeting.

Mr. Reyes made a motion that we allow written or email votes in a board meeting having to do with any board dealings. Second by Mr. Klein. Mr. Mulligan said that we should not allow proxy votes for something that happens at the same meeting. The President stated that the motion is allowing the board to vote when it is not together through email or any written form. Mr. Reyes amended his motion to allow for proxy votes only to be accepted outside of board meetings. Second by Mr. Klein. The President stated that the motion would only allow proxies when business came up and there was not meeting. Mr. Reyes withdrew his motion. Mr. Brink made a motion that we decide the State Championship recommendations by email or telephone vote. Mr. Mulligan said that it should not be over the phone. Mr. Brink amended his motion to exclude telephone vote. Second by Mr. Klein. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brink made a motion to adjourn.

Committee Reports

The President appointed Mr. Reyes to take over Mike Wyly's committees. Second by Mr. Mulligan. Mr. Reyes was unanimously approved.

Mr. Winkley made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Brink. The meeting adjourned at 6:48.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Winkley
Secretary-Treasurer, SGVFOA

