



San Gabriel Valley Football Officials Association

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

North Woods Inn, San Gabriel, California

October 5, 2009

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

Also present: Liaison Joe Conte, Assignor Bob McQueen

The President called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 9/22/09 were amended. Mr. Klein made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Second by Mr. Brink. There was discussion about why results from the executive session of the board meeting were not included. The motion to approve the minutes passed 7-1.

Old Business

Mr. Reyes asked who was going to notify David Ocanas and Steven Craig of the board's decision on 9/22/09. The President stated that Mr. Miranda had met with all members who were in jeopardy of not qualifying. Mr. Winkley said that he would notify Mr. Ocanas.

Mr. Mulligan made a motion that the Board of Directors communicates all discrepancies of membership to all members of the Board of Directors. Second by Mr. Klein. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reyes stated that we need to give Steven Craig a deadline for his plan and need to have Mr. Miranda talk to us to let us know what is going on. The President responded that Mr. Miranda has the plans and has been asked to attend the board meetings but has been unable to.

Mr. Edwards asked what happened with the State Championship Bowl Games. The President responded that Mr. McQueen would be here later to explain. Mr. McEntarrfer stated that past assignors had given names to CIF without board approval. The President responded that the assignor's agreement states that the assignor is responsible to submit name, and that Mr. McQueen had asked to the board for help because he was on the list of eligible officials and did not want there to be a conflict of interest. When the board did not reach a conclusion, the President gave the list back to Mr. McQueen to handle. Mr. Reyes stated that we need to change the assignor's agreement. Mr. Winkley asked if we would have to cancel the current agreement and create a new one. Mr. Reyes suggested adding an addendum. Mr. Reyes made a motion that the Board of Directors approves all playoff, CIF finals, and state championship lists for 2010. Second by Mr. Klein. Mr. Mulligan stated that we were not allowed to discuss the issue. The motion passed 7-1.

New Business

Temple City-Arcadia Game

Mr. Conte reported that the SGVFOA, especially Mr. Winkley, hit the newspaper and that he has been on the phone with the media. He called a meeting with the crew of the game and Mr. McQueen and needs to give a solution to the situation to Rob Wigod from CIF. Mr. Conte stated that any disciplinary action will come from the board, but that the meeting that he had with the crew was not board business; he just wanted to find out what happened. At the meeting, Chris Herrera admitted to making a statement regarding overtime pay, shocking the rest of the crew. Mr. Herrera made the flippant comment at the end of the game when he was getting his clips.

Mr. Conte asked Mr. Winkley if he called the *LA Times*. Mr. Winkley responded that the reporter called him on his cell phone. Mr. Conte stated that Mr. Winkley's remarks to the paper were inaccurate. Mr. Reyes asked Mr. Conte if he talked to Mr. Herrera before the crew meeting, and Mr. Conte responded that he did not talk to any of the crew before the meeting. Mr. Conte said that we made a mistake, but he gives Mr. Herrera credit for standing up and taking the blame. Mr. Conte said that Mr. Herrera feels horrible and wants to turn back his schedule. Mr. Conte stated that this was a crew mistake, not an individual mistake, and that the schools have said that the crew was a good group that made a mistake.



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Mr. Conte stated that we need to support the crew and not have a witch hunt, but something must be done. Temple City and Arcadia will not see these officials this year or next, and that has been conveyed to Mr. McQueen. Mr. Winkley stated that he had already blocked these schools for football, basketball, and baseball. Mr. Conte stated that the crew was very professional and stood up to take the blame. Mr. Conte will not comment on disciplinary action and may not inform CIF unless it really wants it. Mr. Conte urged the board to use common sense and judgment when deciding upon disciplinary action.

The President asked Mr. Conte what the proper overtime procedures are. Mr. Conte stated the Rio Hondo League has overtime by agreement, but that it is not in the bylaws; overtime is prescribed by league bylaws during league play and that we need to ask before each league game to find out if that league uses overtime. The President added that we need to ask the athletic director before nonleague games. Mr. Klein asked if Ernie Dominguez asked the coaches before the game about overtime. Mr. Mulligan asked if overtime was just at the varsity level. Mr. Conte stated that overtime applies to all levels, not just varsity, but we do not ask lower levels. The coaches need to approach us if they want overtime at the lower levels. If either coach says no to overtime, there is no overtime. If both coaches agree to overtime, then the liability is on them.

Mr Edwards asked what CIF's climate on the issue was. Mr. Conte said that Mr. Wigod said it was a mistake, but Mr. Wigod trusts Mr. Conte to handle it. Mr. Conte said that the board should send a letter to the schools. Mr. McEntarrfer asked if the schools had the names of the officials who worked the game, and Mr. Conte responded that the names are easy to get. Mr. Conte added that we will come out clean since we made a mistake, but that if he or CIF does not like the sanctions that the board imposes, we will have to do more.

Mr. Conte said that the crew should be off the playoff list for this year, and that we need to make a strong announcement about not talking to the media. Mr. Edwards asked who made the decision to remove the crew from Temple City and Arcadia games; Mr. Conte responded that he did. Mr. Edwards if a letter would go out tomorrow (October 6, 2009) regarding overtime and speaking to the press, and the President said yes.

Mr. Conte said that the officials on the crew are our brothers out there; the schools are not looking to bury the officials, and we do not need to chop heads. Mr. Conte does not recommend removing all games from the crew and said that we need to get over this as soon as possible. He will meet with Mr. Wigod on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. Mr. Conte said that a letter should be drawn by the President and signed by the President and the liaison. He said that this is a great learning experience—no other official will ever talk to another reporter. Mr. Conte reported that a similar situation happened in 1995 with Ken Mikolasko.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to go into executive session, with allowing Mr. Conte to attend. Second by Mr. Klein. The motion passed 7-0-1, and the board went into executive session.

The board came out of executive session.

State Championship List

Mr. McQueen reported that the list of officials recommended to work in the state championship games was due on 9/22/09. Mr. McQueen had turned the responsibility for choosing officials to the board because he had not assigned football for the last 23 years. The board did not give him enough direction, so Mr. McQueen did not submit any names for the state championship game. The President asked if CIF would have accepted a list of names if they were submitted late, and Mr. McQueen said very possibly. Mr. Mulligan stated that Mr. Klein and Mr. McEntarrfer were shafted because their names were not submitted.

Member Issues

Bob Ferrari

Mr. McQueen reported that Mr. Ferrari has limited availability and is a second year official who needs a lot of work. Mr. McQueen had assigned Mr. Ferrari six games, five of which were on Saturdays, and one of which was on a Thursday. Mr. Ferrari was a no-show to a Thursday Rio Hondo game but showed up on Saturday, which is when he thought the game was. Mr. Reyes asked if we have a written "No-Show Policy". The President stated



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that the assignor traditionally comes up with the policy. Mr. Reyes made a motion to charge Mr. Ferrari a game fee of \$67 because of the no-show. Second by Mr. Winkley. The motion passed unanimously. The President said that if Mr. Ferrari wants to appeal, he must pay the fee first. Mr. McQueen said that he would notify Mr. Ferrari with the board's decision. The President read the section of the bylaws concerning appealing board decisions. Mr. Winkley asked what the deadline for Mr. Ferrari's payment was, and Mr. McQueen suggested 10/17/09.

Larry Savala

Mr. Reyes reported that Mr. Savala was late to the Temple City-Arcadia game and the Cal-Schurr game and that Mr. Savala went straight to his car after the Temple City-Arcadia game without staying for the postgame. Mr. McQueen stated that Mr. Savala had introduced himself to him and had said that he would be quitting the LA unit. Mr. Klein stated that Mr. Savala was not there for the pregame for the Schurr game and arrived at the field 6:43; the crew started talking about 4-man mechanics at 6:30. Mr. McQueen said that he would demand that Mr. Savala give up either city section games or San Gabriel Valley games.

Bob Branson

Mr. Torres reported that Mr. Branson wants to be on the agenda for the 10/6/09 board meeting.

Adrian Rebollo

Mr. Torres reported that Mr. Rebollo needs to meet with the board. Mr. Winkley stated that Mr. Rebollo still owes his \$20 late fee.

Darrel McEntarrfer

Mr. McEntarrfer stated that he was going to be having problems coming to meetings due to his work schedule.

Outside Crews

The President asked Mr. McQueen how the crews from other areas were doing, and Mr. McQueen said that there had been no problems

Overtime

Mr. McQueen said that he would inform the membership about overtime. Mr. Reyes made a motion for the unit to reimburse Mr. McQueen to copies of the overtime procedure for everyone. Second by Mr. Klein. The motion passed unanimously.

Nominations

The President reported that Mr. McEntarrfer's and Mr. Brink's terms are ending, the secretary-treasurer position is up for election every year, and the interim vice presidential term is ending. Mr. Reyes referred to the minutes from 7/26/09 in regards to the presidential and vice presidential terms.

The President stated that he was being shorted his term in office, that he should be serving four years. He stated that there was precedent set with Joe Conte, Jr. when Art Uvas stepped down after serving as president for one year. Mr. Brink reported that our constitution and bylaws say nothing about filling vacancies. Mr. Brink referred to p. 570 of Robert's Rules, which states that it is ultimately up to the general membership to decide.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to follow the motion passed on 7/26/09 regarding nominations, which is that we elect two members at large, a secretary-treasurer, and a vice president to serve one year, and that Mr. Torres serve out the remaining two years of his presidential term. Second by Mr. Klein. The motion passed 6-2.

The President stated that elections have been very informal in the past. He suggested that members sign in to get a ballot, vote before the classification exam, put the ballots in a ballot box, and have the ethics committee tally the votes. Mr. Reyes stated that there had been questions about equity in the past and that we need to get a consistent count of how many ballots we get back. Mr. Winkley made a motion that members sign in to get a



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ballot, vote before the classification exam, put the ballots in a ballot box, the ethics committee tally the votes, and that we count how many ballots we get back versus how many are given out. Second by Mr. McEntarrfer. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. Klein. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Winkley
Secretary-Treasurer, SGVFOA