



San Gabriel Valley Football Officials Association

Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting

Cienega Valley Estates, San Dimas, California

January 28, 2010

Board Members present: President Henry Torres, Vice President David Reyes, Secretary-Treasurer Darren Winkley, Karl Davis, Ernie Dominguez, Mickey Edwards, Jim Mulligan

Also present: Assignor Bob McQueen, Instructional Chairman Mario Miranda, Dan Wilson

The Vice President called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Davis; second by Mr. Winkley. The motion passed 3-0-2.

Secretary-Treasurer Report

The secretary-treasurer reported a balance of \$9235.47 in the checking account and presented the 2010 proposed budget. He reported that our general insurance policy is in effect through the end of August, and that he will renew it.

Mr. Edwards made a motion that a notice be sent out through Arbiter advising members that proof of insurance must be provided to the secretary-treasurer by June 1, and that no games shall be assigned until proof of insurance is show. Second by Mr. Reyes. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Mentor Program

Mr. Mulligan reported that 38 people came through the mentor program and that there was an average of 14 contacts between each mentor and mentee.

Assignor/Assignment Review

Mr. Reyes reported that he surveyed the athletic directors on Mr. McQueen's performance as assignor, and they all said that he did a good job. In a survey of the officials, all but one official also responded that Mr. McQueen did a good job. Some areas of concern were: the use of certain individuals, especially in playoffs; Mr. McQueen worked seven games, however his name was removed from Arbiter after the game; Mr. Torres worked five games when the association was given four rounds. Mr. Reyes suggested that we develop a system by which the assignor assigns playoff games and a more efficient way of getting games out. Mr. Reyes cited a lack of a ratings system as an obstacle for the assignor. Mr. Wilson suggested that we use Arbiter for doing our ratings. The cost is \$99.

State Finals List

Mr. Edwards made a motion that the Assignor's Agreement be amended to read that, "The assignor shall present names of officials eligible to work the State Finals and his recommendations to be approved by the Board of Directors by August 1." Second by Mr. Dominguez. The motion passed unanimously.

Azusa Pacific

Mr. Edwards reported that Azusa Pacific would be starting practices in March and would like to have officials on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout the month.

New Business

Cathedral High School Scrimmages

Mr. Dominguez reported that Sports Link is a company that has ties to the NFL and runs 7-on-7 contests. Coach Pearson at Cathedral is working to set up a 1-day event, most likely during the first weekend of June. Mr. Dominguez asked the board if we would be interested in providing officials (without compensation) and tying it to our instructional program. Several questions and concerns arose regarding the format—tackle vs. flag, tournament, etc. Mr. Reyes asked Mr. Dominguez to bring more information about it to the next board meeting.

APU Scrimmages

Mr. Edwards stated that Azusa Pacific will be having scrimmages this spring and would like the IC or assignor to send out emails to get officials to work on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



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Member Issues—Dan Wilson

Mr. Wilson voiced his concern that the runoff election for the member-at-large position should have been held the same night as the general election rather than at the banquet.

Mr. Wilson also stated that he was told that the reason why he did not get a playoff game was because he was a new member to SGVFOA. He reported that neither the bylaws nor constitution state that new members are ineligible to work playoffs.

Banquet

It was suggested that a questionnaire be sent out to the membership requesting suggestions for the banquet.

Executive Council Meeting

The President reported that he, the secretary-treasurer, and the instructional chairman attended the executive council meeting on January 10, 2010. The following items were discussed at the meeting:

- Pay scale—We will probably not be getting much if any raise for the next three years, possibly \$1-\$0-\$1 or \$0-\$0-\$1.
- Website—The CFOA is considering a website similar to the CBOA that would cost \$15,000 to set up and \$5,000/year to maintain. Arbiter will have the same functions in a few years but is focused on NCAA right now.
- Online testing and study guide are in the works.
- Steve Strimling is the IC for the CFOA.

Calendar

The President proposed the following dates for the 2010 calendar, noting that zero-week is 9/3:

7/27	1 st Meeting
8/31	2 nd Meeting
9/7	3 rd Meeting
9/14	New Officials Meeting
9/21	4 th Meeting
9/28	Make-up Meeting
10/5	5 th Meeting/Nominations
10/12	no meeting
10/19	6 th Meeting/Elections/Classification Exam
10/25	Make-up Meeting
11/7	Banquet
11/15	Playoff Meeting

Mr. Edwards stated that he would talk to Oxy to see about the first meeting and will try to get two rooms (one for the new officials.)

Committees

The President requested that board members email him with their requests for committee chairman assignments for 2010.

Occidental Clinic

Mr. Edwards stated that SGV did a great job at Oxy last year, and it would be even better if it were mandatory. There will be three-hour scrimmages on three Saturdays with four "super games". The clinic must be free, but officials can buy lunch and a T-shirt and/or hat. Mr. McQueen said that he could assign officials by quarters through Arbiter. Mr. Miranda suggested that officials who do not attend the clinic should not get zero-week games.

Instructional Chairman's Report

The IC stated that he wants the Occidental camp to be managed by instructors. Mr. Edwards disagreed, saying that CFOA and CIF are involved and that it will be up to the ICs of the other units as well. Mr. Miranda stated that the camp will not be mandatory since it is not just an SGVFOA event. Mr. Edwards stated that he opened it up to other units because we were unable to cover all of the scrimmages last year; this year, SGV will have one day, San Fernando will have one day, and Foothill-Citrus will have one day, and the ICs will meet to decide which day



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they will cover. The final day will be a "super scrimmage" with assigned officials. Mr. Mulligan stated that we need to have referees train referees, line judges train line judges, etc. Mr. Edwards stated that there will be classrooms for instruction before and after fieldwork.

Mr. Miranda reported that we will be using NFHS mechanics this year.

Mr. Miranda reported that there are different options for online testing:

- For \$25, we can do the study guide, take-home tests, and in-class tests online this year and print out the tests and results. All but the classification exam would be online.
- For \$125 total, if there are 8 CFOA units that participate, we can get testing that will show which questions were missed.
- In 2011, we will probably be using NASO.

Mr. Mulligan made a motion to accept both options as proposed by the IC. Second by Mr. Reyes. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Miranda stated that he has talked to head coaches about doing some seminars in mid-May. The seminars would be open to ADs and coaches from all levels.

Assignor's Report

Mr. McQueen stated that the CBUA also has online testing at CBUA.net and that he thinks it will be a couple years before Arbiter has testing. He voiced his confidence in Mr. Strimling as the CFOA IC. Mr. McQueen said that he would like the board to give him a list of officials eligible to work the state finals as well as its recommendations. Mr. McQueen reiterated the need for a good ratings system. He reported that he had asked all referees to submit ratings and only received three. He stated that the ratings requirement must have teeth to it.

Playoffs

Mr. McQueen reported that one official, Mr. Torres, worked 5 games, including an 8-man playoff game to which he was assigned because there were no other qualified referees available. To work that game, Mr. Torres was removed from a regular-season game. Six officials worked four games including a final because there were not enough qualified officials available to hold out for one round. There were a few officials who worked one, two, or three playoff games. This will probably happen again next year due to our numbers. We had seven first-round games—we will try for eight next year—five second-round games, 2 semi-finals, one final, and one stadium game.

Mr. Winkley asked if Dan Wilson was available to work. Mr. McQueen stated that he thought that it was policy that officials new to our unit do not get playoff games. Mr. Reyes stated that we need to get all of our policies in writing.

Mr. McQueen stated that he gave ten varsity games and seven lower-level games to San Fernando. He said that some people may have sat home when games went to other units because he did not have their names available to him on Arbiter until 8/1/09. He stated that he may have to give away games in the 2010 season as well. Mr. Mulligan suggested working split-crews with one or two of our officials on a game.

The President called the next meeting for April 25, 2010, at a time and place to be determined. Move to adjourn by Mr. Reyes. Second by Mr. Davis. The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Darren Winkley
Secretary-Treasurer, SGVFOA