

FEBRUARY 5, 2024
SECOND MEETING OF 2024 SFV FOOTBALL BOARD
Conducted via Zoom conference call

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Danny Vargas, President/Assigner
Jessier Tibana, Vice President
Andy Parker, Secretary-Treasurer
Wade McKenzie, Past President
Jim Atkinson, Instructional chair
Jon Stein, Assistant Instructional chair
Dwayne Finley, Board member; CIF-SS Liaison
Mark Hayes, Board member
Russell Nygaard, Board member

The second meeting of the San Fernando Valley Football Officials Association was called to order at 7:05 by President Danny Vargas. This was the first meeting of the board that was open to membership. Interested parties could email the secretary treasurer for a link to the meeting.

Danny Vargas recapped the agenda for the meeting: 7-person games in Mission league and 7-person training (overview of instructional calendar), discussing upcoming registration dues, and meetings at Alemany.

Sierra Canyon, Notre Dame are in for 7-person in league, Loyola on the fence and want to see a presentation. February 8 meeting for Mission league to discuss possible use of 7-person mechanics. Chaminade has not responded, but their head coach is interested in going to 7-person mechanics. Dwayne Finley has a good working relationship with Chaminade and will speak to them about this. Safety and communication are a large part of the pitch for achieving this goal. Notre Dame wants to be locked in with 7 officials for their non-league games.

Andy Parker gave an update on finances for the unit. We had an increase in funds from beginning of January 2023 to the end of the year from \$5860.62 to \$7225.85. Once we know more from CFOA meeting on February 18, we can discuss keeping registration dues where they are or even decrease given the current state of finances. Danny Vargas discussed ideas to raise money for the unit. Possibly a raffle of a television or another prize.

Danny Vargas said that Notre Dame is hosting 7v7 and 11v11 games in April-May with 4-5 schools a night. Great chance to begin 7-person training. Jim Atkinson agreed. Saugus HS, February 24, games from 8-3pm, passing league games for 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Danny and Jim will discuss.

Jim Atkinson discussed the instructional calendar and upcoming report on last season. Wants to begin instructional work in April. Meetings in the Fall will increase to 2 hours. Formal report is

forthcoming. Jon Stein, Jim Atkinson and Danny Vargas will meet to discuss instructional calendar.

Danny Vargas mentioned that any potential disciplinary issues as it pertains to specific members should be addressed in front of the board. Further discussion will take place in a closed-door session of the board.

Danny Vargas brought up the need for clarity on eligibility of officials as it reads in the bylaws. Wade McKenzie mentioned that the CFOA has well-written bylaws that could serve as a template, as well as other sources.

Jessier Tibana suggested that the unit adopt a tier or ranking system for playoff selection to be discussed at a further meeting. He referenced the NFL tier system and adoption of an evaluation system. Jim Atkinson mentioned a 1-4 system was used in the past, but we have moved away from it because of a number of factors including a drop in membership. Discussion of the creation of an evaluation board. Wade McKenzie suggested pulling officials off of their regular crews during the first five weeks of the season (prior to league play) to gel/mix with other crews for future playoff evaluation.

The general meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. Closed-door discussion was adjourned at 8:15pm.