

March 11, 2024
THIRD 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

Meeting was called to order by President Danny Vargas at 7:05. All board members in attendance.

Wade McKenzie motion to approve meeting minutes. Andy Parker seconds. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

Andy Parker gave an update on the unit's financial situation and indicated that we are only purchasing 50 new rule books and case books for the 2024 season as there are no major rule changes this year. Savings of roughly \$2,000 this year from last season. Jon Stein proposed discussing moving to digital rule books in the future as a cost-saving measure.

Danny Vargas has indicated that the Foothill League will keep 7-person mechanics. Three Mission League schools have indicated they wanted 7-person mechanics (Notre Dame, Sierra Canyon, Loyola). Chaminade is hesitant about switching to 7 officials as they think it will mean more fouls. We are trying to indicate to them that this is about safety and protecting players, not about calling more fouls. St. Francis has indicated that they also want 7 officials for their games. This means roughly 56 officials per week will be needed to accommodate these games.

Jim Atkinson mentioned creating a targeted ad to run on social media to help with recruiting efforts. The unit will be doing that to help boost numbers.

Jesse Tibana mentioned offering an incentive for veterans and service members to apply to the unit.

Dwayne Finley mentioned that according to the Blue book (page 139), officials are entitled to pay for mileage over a specific number roundtrip (\$18 flat rate). We will need to be vigilant as a unit to get this additional fee.

Jim Atkinson stressed the need to bring the unit up-to-date on seven-person mechanics and will be incorporated into our training. A training report will be forthcoming. Five-person mechanics will also be stressed. Also mentioned flag football and its expected growth. David Musso will be the flag football instructional chair for the San Fernando Valley. Jon Stein stressed that the unit should hold fast in making sure we have at least 3 officials for flag football games. Dwayne agreed and emphasized the safety aspect of having at least 3 officials. Unit will try to push for 4 officials per game. Potential opportunity to recruit more female officials.

Danny Vargas brought up assignment reviews and how we assign officials for games. Possible proposal to mixed crews either early in the season or later in the season to help unit gel together and give other unit members more opportunities to work different and bigger games throughout the year.

Jon Stein referenced a proposal he sent to the board for the establishment of a ratings committee. An email was sent to the board for further discussion. This would be a committee elected by unit membership and overseen by a ratings chair. Further discussion will be held among board and will be voted on in near future. Decision expected next meeting.

Russell Nygaard mentioned his proposal to subsidize dues for new members and second year officials as a form of retention and to ease the financial burden facing new officials. This will be discussed later with a better idea of season's dues.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

