

Tri-Valley Youth Football Conference
Meeting Notes

TVYFC Representatives: Greg Bell, President
Joe Roderick , Carpinteria Chapter
Chris Versola , Santa Ynez Chapter
Karen Takeuchi, Santa Barbara Chapter
Mark Workman, Ojai Chapter
Kathy Espinosa, Treasurer
Shawn Bland, Nipomo Chapter
Scott Kennedy, Director of Officials Northern
Section
Barbara Nelson, Secretary

Absent: El Rio Chapter

Sunday, March 9, 2008
Harry's, Santa Barbara, CA

1. Meeting began at 12:40 pm. The above mentioned league representatives have agreed to officially form the ***Tri-Valley Youth Football Conference*** (TVYFC) with Greg Bell serving as President. He will serve one 2 year term and then depart.

Greg Bell suggested that the Executive Council should consider limiting Executive Board positions so that no member serves in the same office for consecutive terms; changing positions or electing new members will bring an infusion of fresh ideas and prevent burn-out. This topic will be discussed at a later date (Bylaws Part II, Article II, Section B).

2. The TVYFC can operate under the Athletes For Life Foundation 501(c)(3) for the first year; TVYFC board must find a CPA for the new league as soon as possible to begin incorporation proceedings. A web address for TVYFC has been obtained and is under construction.
3. Greg Bell again outlined associated concerns/costs incurred with the new TVYFC:
 - (a) \$400-\$600 annual payment from each league is insufficient to fund the proposed TVYFC. Likely annual payment is \$1,200.
 - (b) TVYFC website creation approximately \$2,000 - \$3,000
Annual costs approximately \$1,000. This website would be comprehensive for all team information including links to each team's individual websites.

- (c) Each team representative/executive board member that attends a monthly TVYFC meeting will receive \$100 for travel reimbursement to cover gasoline, meals, depreciation, member's time, etc.
- (d) TVYFC would be responsible for the contracting for services and payment of items such as the Jamboree, Super Bowl facility, officiating, etc. Greg Bell needs a complete and total cost breakdown (patches, trophies, officials) of the Super Bowl ASAP.
- (e) Cost of the insurance policy, pro-rate contributions and policy coverage, exclusions and waivers.
- (f) Addressing disparity in costs of officiating between the Northern and Southern leagues, and number of officials at each game.
- (g) Jamboree: Greg Bell needs the average budget costs associated since there will be 3 Jamboree's at once. The conference needs to look at the income potentials for advertising in the YFC program.
- (h) Under no circumstances should one league ask to borrow money from another league.

4. Proposed Bylaws discussions

- (a) Exponent Placement Table was discussed. The unlimited weight option has been deleted. The Executive Council voted and passed 5-1 in favor of the proposed chart. Greg Bell did bring up that 9th graders are allowed to play in YFL Seniors division.
- (b) Discussion on having the Athletic Director as Vice-President of the Executive Board. The Board agreed to search for an A.D.; requirement for the position is the A.D. shall be well versed in TVYFC and YFL rules and may be required to pass a knowledge test.
- (c) A request from the Board should go out to representatives of the officiating teams to attend TVYFC meetings.
- (d) Article III, Section A-Eligibility (4 &5). Felony convictions, misdemeanor convictions and related concerns regarding this section need to be taken back to the individual leagues for clarification. Also the insurance binder may limit persons eligible for coverage under certain clauses.
- (e) Article IV, Section B – All balls shall have stripes.
- (f) Article IV, Section C – Conference or league to certify equipment? Greg Bell says that each league should furnish a proof of certification that their equipment meets YFL standards. A form can be created if needed.
- (g) Article IV, Section C – Footwear – Re-write to say “Steel top screw-in cleats prohibited. Absolutely no baseball-type shoes with metal cleats allowed.”
- (h) Article VI, Section A: Greg Bell is responsible for creating schedule.
- (i) Article VI, Section B: Back-up scales for weigh-ins strongly encouraged.

- (j) Proposed bylaw review stopped on page 23 and will continue at next meeting.
- 5. Coaches Clinic education will come from TVYFC. Tentative clinic date: first week of June. Parent education will be through AFL sources.
- 6. Next meeting is scheduled for March 30th.
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.