

Tri-Valley Youth Football Conference  
Meeting Notes

Attending: Joe Roderick , Carpinteria Chapter  
Chris Versola , Athletic Director  
Karen Takeuchi, Santa Barbara Chapter  
Brian Wadsworth, Ojai Chapter  
Kathy Espinosa, Treasurer  
Shawn Bland, Nipomo Chapter  
Richard Cabral, El Rio Chapter  
Greg Bell, President  
Barbara Nelson, Secretary

Guest: Mike Shaw, Football Coaching Academy

Sunday, April 20, 2008  
Boys & Girls Club, Carpinteria, CA

1. Official meeting called to order at 12:10 pm by Greg Bell.
2. Old Business:
  - a. Board meeting minutes will be posted on website in the near future to meet the goals of transparency and openness to all parents and interested parties. **By the next Board Meeting, TVYFC's by-laws need to be approved, schedules completed, head shots taken and webmaster paid, so that all relevant material can be posted online.**
  - b. Finances – Greg Bell and board members discussed various issues covering the financial aspect of funding TVYFC. Greg reemphasized that the budget he has proposed was based off of last year's expenses and that hard numbers for actual costs can only be determined after all of the leagues had registered their players. The most important aspect is to remember that each of the leagues already pays to the conference the expenses on the proposed budget. TVYFC wants to fund the expenses at the front end of the season by fundraising, incorporating into registration fees, etc. By changing to this business practice, it will negate leagues operating in the red, borrowing money and/or not having additional funding to take care of unanticipated expenses. It is important to charge each player the base cost of their league participation, estimated for this year to be approximately \$63 dollars.

**Insurance binder will be reviewed by Greg.**

TVYFC Board understands they can operate under Athletes For Life 501(c)(3) status until Jan 1, 2009, of which TVYFC must have its own tax id number and file its own taxes.

TVYFC is looking for an attorney that would be willing to donate their time and fees to handle incorporation paperwork. This could save the conference approximately \$5,200 in start-up fees.

Board member may decline travel time expense offers.

A Board Vote will be taken at the next meeting regarding payment of monthly dues (Between \$400 - \$500 per month – Greg will calculate and pass along that information).

### **BOARD VOTE ON PROPOSED BUDGET: 6-0 (Passed)**

- c. Raffle Ticket sales – will come in books of 25 tickets per pack/\$5 per ticket. **Greg will have 30,000 tickets available for sale on May 1<sup>st</sup>.** Each league will earn \$3 for every ticket sold until they meet their league defined sales goal; conference receives \$2. If a league surpasses their goal, they will earn \$4 for every ticket sold afterwards; conference earns \$1. If each league meets their primary goals in ticket sales, their expenses to the conference should be paid in full, barring unforeseen circumstances. Players who are on scholarships should be required to sell the correct amount of ticket books that will cover their playing costs. **There is an option for an Early Bird Drawing.**
- d. Official Fees – **Greg will call the southern officials scheduler Fred Robertson** to discuss reasonable fees and reimbursement rates. The northern officials have agreed to an increase from \$40 to \$50 per game, plus scheduler fee of \$5 per official, per game. South county officials receive \$65 per game and \$5 scheduler fee per official, per game.
- e. TVYFC Playing Schedule is tentative
- f. Mike Shaw from Football Coaching Academy gave a presentation regarding his NFL sanctioned program. Attendance may go toward Continuing Education Credits for teachers. The next camp is June 7, 2008 at Oaks Christian School, or if enough persons are interested, he can set up a camp locally. Mike can be reached at [mshaw4313@roadrunner.com](mailto:mshaw4313@roadrunner.com) or at (805)984-1999.
- g. Greg reminded everyone to cc a copy of email discussing Board business to all members for transparency purposes.
- h. Galassi proposal of the Box Rule – “No blitzing linebackers. Linebackers must line up three yard from the line of scrimmage until the ball is snap.” 10 yard penalty proposed.  
**BOARD ACTION:** Tabled until next meeting
- i. **By-laws** – Greg will, via conference call or computer meeting with league presidents, discuss and approve the TVYFC by-laws by next weekend.

### 3. New Business:

- A. Shawn Bland discussed drafting procedures. General consensus was to deal with this issue on a league by-law level.

B. Chris Versola – exponent factor: grade vs. experience. This issue was addressed in a prior meeting and has been voted on and passed. No discussion was entertained, however Greg reminded each board member that the TVYFC by-laws are a pilot program and can be changed in the future when the need arises.

4. Next meeting at Ojai on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
5. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.