

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  
Shawn Bland, Nipomo Chapter  
Greg Bell, President  
Barbara Nelson, Secretary

Absent: Richard Cabral, El Rio Chapter  
Kathy Espinosa, Treasurer & Santa Ynez Chapter

Sunday, May 18, 2008  
Soule Park Golf Course, Ojai

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1. Official meeting called to order at 2:15 pm by Greg Bell.
2. Greg Bell addressed the **financial concerns** of the TVYFL Executive Board voting members, of his **itemization** practices in the proposed budget that league presidents were resenting to their league boards. The individual leagues boards have requested and the Executive Board concurs, that more detail oriented itemization along with comprehensive notations when needed, will be forthcoming in all future budget presentations and dispersals.

Points of interests in the itemization discussion were:

- a. TVYFC president, athletic director and secretary are not voting members of the Executive Board.
- b. Conference duties: seek ways to raise money, create surplus monies, have a fiscally sound budget plan.
- c. Conference president takes care of: game questions or policy violations, Super Bowl and All-Stars, promoting unity in league.
- d. Greg Bell reiterated his condition that he will not run TVYFC in the “red” and remains committed in professionalizing the business of running a youth football program via front-end (beginning of season) funding.
- e. The most equitable way to distribute the cost of a player to the conference is by a per-player fee schedule. The true cost to TVYFC is based on the actual number of players per year; this year’s estimate is approximately \$53-\$55 pp. A growth in players lessens the Conference debt per league.
- f. All of the 2008 budget estimates were based on the 2007 numbers provided by all of the individual leagues, with a general understanding that costs would be higher due to inflation.
- g. Executive Board needs to find an attorney to begin incorporation proceedings immediately. AFL can only cover TVYFC for one year under its 501 (c)(3).

3. **TVYFC invoices for \$500** will be sent to El Rio, Carpinteria, Ojai and Santa Ynez, which will be applied toward their conference dues. Payments are due ASAP in order to have funds to incorporate, hire an accountant and pay insurance binder due next month, website construction and AFL one-time fee. Greg will seek out indemnification certification for appropriate board members.
4. **Raffle Tickets cost** were \$4, 398.84. Color tickets were used as per the requirement of McDonald's Corporation so that the trademarked "Golden Arches" color is the exact replica of the true business symbol. The same goes for the Super Bowl colors on the ticket.
5. **Travel Reimbursement:** Voting board members should discuss with their leagues, if they have not already done so, reimbursing their representatives AND other Executive Board members, travel expenses of \$100 to cover the cost of gasoline, vehicle wear and tear and incentive to attend and actively participate in TVYFC business. Should your individual boards decline their representative the travel payments, it will not relieve them of their responsibility to contribute to the other willing participating traveling members of the Executive Board.

Shawn Bland raised the point of having centralized meetings in one or two locations only in which no travel time may be paid.

Greg Bell raised the issue that non-voting members should be adequately compensated irregardless.

**BOARD ACTION:** No travel checks were issued at this Board Meeting. Greg Bell has requested the voting members to discuss with their chapters on continuing this reimbursement and be prepared to vote next meeting.

6. **Website Construction and Content:** TVYFC website construction is nearly completed. The site will contain the Home Page, names and pictures of the Executive Board of Directors, links to TVYFC Board Minutes, individual chapters, sponsorships, maps, upcoming events and calendars.
7. **AFL \$10k donation:** When Greg Bell was approached to help form and run the new TVYFC, he requested that the conference make a one-time donation of \$10,000 to his non-profit Athletes For Life Foundation, which helps disadvantaged and at-risk youths through free or discounted youth football camps. In return for this one-time donation, Greg, a former 10 year veteran of the NFL and Pro-Bowler, would commit to using his NFL stature and contacts, business associations, newsworthiness, expertise in high dollar fund raising, name recognition, his personal time and talents along with the ability to have AFL umbrella coverage for tax purposes for one year, to create a top-notch, self-funded youth football conference in which he would serve as Executive Board President for a defined two-year term only.

8. **BYLAWS:** Per Karen, voting Executive Board members have met 3 times since April 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board discussed resolution for a **3 Way Tie for 2 spots:**
  - By coin flip between 3 teams – odd man out goes to the play-offs
  - The 2 remaining teams will have a wild-card playoff game the following Tuesday
  - This by-law will follow the CIF week rules (Sunday through Saturday) and 2 games per week rule (Saturday – last game of season, Tuesday – wild card game. New week – Saturday Super Bowl).
  - Relates to Bylaws Page 25, Section 6

Board will finalize by-law via meetings, emails and calls by next meeting.

**BOARD ACTION:** Vote on final by-laws on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

9. **Galassi Box Rule Amendment Request:**

**BOARD VOTE:** 0-4, amendment denied.

10. All individual leagues should get **schedule requests** from high schools and email to Greg ASAP. Inform Greg of **locations of field sites**.
11. **Coaching Clinic:** If TVYFC can get 125 coaches together, Mike Shaw of Football Coaching Academy will do a special camp for the Santa Barbara area.
12. **NEW BUSINESS: Agenda Request** per Shawn Bland: have a formal vote on officers of TVYFC to be recorded in the official minutes for incorporation, banking and taxation purposes.
13. **Next Meeting:** June 28<sup>th</sup>, Santa Ynez.
14. Adjournment at 3:55 pm.

