

Tri-Valley Youth Football Conference
Executive Board Meeting Notes

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

Sunday, August 24, 2008
Page Youth Center, Goleta CA

1. Meeting called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Greg Bell
2. Minutes from July 20 approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. **Bylaws:** approved electronically to the secretary, Barbara Nelson on Friday August 15th, 6-0. Bylaws will be posted on TVYFC website. Conference bylaws are guidelines and any league may have stricter rules. League rules MAY NOT be lesser than conference bylaws.
 - b. **Early Bird Drawing/Ticket Accounting:** held at the office of Damitz Brooks Nightingale Turner & Morrisset on August 15th at 2p.m. Winning ticket was drawn by CPA Chip Turner and witnessed by TVYFC Executive Board members Kathy Espinosa, Treasurer and Barbara Nelson, Secretary. Two members of the Santa Barbara YFL chapter were also present. Winner, Anthony Cunningham, ticket # 03289 has been verified and the prize delivered via Greg Bell.

The ticket box was sealed in the presence of Chip Turner and initialed on the seals by the treasurer. **All tickets must be submitted for final entry on September 4, 2008. Please provide all tickets to 5849 Azalea Way, Goleta, CA 93117 (by the end of the day). All tickets will be counted and put into the bucket on September 6th at 11:00am in Santa Ynez.**

Raffle Tickets Do's and Don'ts: All tickets and monies MUST be in at the appointed time. The only people needed at private drawings are those Board Members who have been selected by the Executive Members.

- c. **TVYFC new bank account:** established at Bank of America. Only one signature is needed on the checks, as BofA does not permit double signatures on this type of checking account.

- d. **Game Schedule:** All leagues discussed and reviewed and have given tentative approval for TVYFC game schedule. A final schedule will be sent out by Greg and all Executive Board members will review and, pending no errors, will forward the scheduled to their leagues. Board asked that schedule note the following: "Subject to Change."

Leagues need to remind their boards that the game schedule does change from year to year because it depends on the player enrollment and number of teams.

- e. **Grand Prize Drawing Host:** The home team that will host the Grand Prize Drawing on September 6th was determined by names out of a hat. Santa Ynez will host the Grand Prize Drawing at noon. Since the prize drawings are in public view, no CPA certification is needed to meet state non-profit rules for giveaways.
- e. **Spirit Cups:** Greg Bell provided to each league board member, the information from Spirit Cups, an organization that helps non-profits raise monies for groups. It is up to each league to determine if they want to participate as conference will not take part or take a cut of any sales.
- f. **NFL Grant:** Greg Bell informed the board that the NFL has awarded a grant between \$5-7 thousand dollars. More information from the NFL will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
- g. **GCYFL:** both conferences will see each others certifications. GCYFL does permit players over 200 lbs, and they have an A Team and B Team. The insurance will cover a Super Bowl between conferences by issuing special binders. Santa Clarita will host this years Super Bowl; Greg has asked for a two year signed contract to protect TVYFC's interests, plus have a 50/50 split of all profit made from this Regional Champion Bowl. Greg to advise GCYFL that this game must be expense neutral, profit generating for both teams.

Chris Versola proposed the board consider doing away with the TVYFC All Star game and substitute the Santa Clarita Super Bowl in its place. Greg Bell asked all board members to bring this up to the league boards and get back to him with a yea or nay.

Another issue is that since Santa Clarita has A and B teams; should TVYFC pick All Star teams instead of sending their Super Bowl winners? Greg will check with Santa Clarita on All Stars players vs. Super Bowl winners to create teams for both sides. TVYFC asked Greg to confirm roster count of 30 per team.

- h. **Board Member and Team photos:** For security reasons, individual photos of board members or youth players will not appear on the web site.

- i. **Website Update:** Kathy Espinosa will have her web designer contact Greg. The Mission Statement distributed in prior meetings reflects what the website will say. The one change is that "Scores." Karen requested the web designer rename the bylaws file from "revised" to "approved".
 - j. **Budget:** Greg has sent the final invoices to all leagues for the last scheduled payments due to the conference on September 4, 2008. As other expenses arise, more funds may be required from the leagues.
4. New Business:
- a. Please make sure if league presidents can't make meetings to have a substitute attend.
 - b. Chris Versola asked that each league provide a certification list to him so a master copy can be made for all leagues. Add on's need to be sent to the Athletic Director ASAP.
 - c. Height measuring at Certifications: have tape measure attached to wall, have players take off shoes, put butt and heels against wall and measure. This should eliminate question of shorter/taller player for proper placement in league divisions. Cover this in next year's bylaws.
 - d. Parents hassling Executive Board members -- please have other board members support each other. Refer irate parent to Greg Bell, if needed.
 - e. Injured player in previous year counting toward experience: if player practiced and played more than 1/3 of games -- it counts toward a year. This needs to be covered for next year's bylaws.
 - f. Accounting for player's former league experience: has been based on honor system. Address for next years bylaws.
 - g. Incorporation Attorney: Costs are \$3,750 plus filing fees and other miscellaneous charges that may occur. Attorney advised planning for an additional \$1,500 - \$2,000 to cover everything.
 - h. 200 lbs. weight limit for players will be addressed for next year's bylaws revisions.
 - i. Leagues will forward to their respective officials the final game schedule.
 - j. Player's Medical Waiver Meeting: issues will be dispensed through emails and electronic votes will be taken if necessary.

5. Next meeting will be September 21st at the Chumash Casino at 11:00 a.m.
Greg will arrange the meeting.
6. Meeting concluded at 2:25 p.m.