

Tri-Valley Youth Football Conference
Executive Board Meeting Notes
Sunday, September 21, 2008
Chumash Casino, Santa Ynez, CA

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

Absent: Richard Cabral, El Rio Chapter

1. Meeting called to order by Greg Bell at 12:45 p.m.
2. Correction to Minutes on 8/24/08: 3(e) - the bank of record for TVYFC is Santa Barbara Bank and Trust, not BofA.
3. Old Business:
 - a. Raffle ticket winners - all prizes have been distributed and checks mailed to the cash winners according to Treasurer Kathy Espinosa.
 - b. NFL Grant - Greg Bell is waiting for notification from the NFL office when the monies will be distributed.
 - c. GCYFL does not want to substitute all-star teams for the Regional Super Bowl on 12/6/08. GCYFL will consider an All-Star game after the Regional Super Bowl. Greg Bell directed all league presidents to confer with their boards and see if they are amenable to extending the schedule into mid-December. Presidents will report back to conference at October meeting.
 - d. Incorporation attorney has begun work on TVYFC application. Greg Bell will contact attorney and notify them of our next scheduled board meeting on October 19th. As a reminder to the board, the attorney will fill out the proper documents but TVYFC is responsible for filing papers plus any associated filing fees. Greg Bell is anticipating that TVYFC will have its EIN and state tax identification number by the end of the calendar year. The attorney is required to attend the next executive board meeting in which TVYFC will be officially incorporated and legally recorded.
 - e. Budget: The Santa Ynez and El Rio chapters have not made their final payment to TVYFC. Santa Ynez is waiting for reimbursements in their league and should have their account resolved in a timely manner. El Rio has not provided an estimated time for their account balance payment.

Greg Bell requests that the individual leagues do not send checks to TVYFC from private people. Leagues should have parents or supporters make checks out to their teams, deposit checks into their league accounts and then write a check to the conference. A check was

returned to the conference from raffle ticket sales and the president feels that the individual leagues should take care of issues such as this.

4. New Business

a. The board discussed improved artwork and design for next year's raffle ticket to cut expenses, plus make the ticket more discernable to buyers.

b. Disciplinary issues regarding players, coaches, visitors, ejected from games. League presidents should report to Greg Bell ASAP any ejections no later than 24 hours after official action. Coaches need to be remind to notify their board presidents and officials need to notify Greg Bell. Any player or coach who is ejected may not participate in any practice or game for one week - according to CIF rules and TVYFC by-laws; Article III, Section C (12) and Article II, Section A (2 & 3).

In the interests in averting these type of problems, Greg Bell suggests keeping the sidelines free of non-coaching or non-authorized personnel. Please be sure to follow the chain of command when addressing an issue to an opposing coach or staff, any parent or questions regarding player eligibility (Field Commissioner/League Presidents/Conference President, etc.).

c. Game day issues: Please assure that a Field Commissioner (purple hat) is present for every home game (bylaw requirement). League presidents should only be Field Commissioners or game auditors as a last resort. Parents may be recruited from the stands to act as witnesses to a team auditor.

All team rosters are officially closed and no more certifications are permitted, since it is now Week 4. Conditioning must be reported to A.D., for all add-on players from Week 1 through Week 3.

d. Athletic Director Chris Versola has not received team roster certifications from all teams. Since some issues have been raised regarding inaccurate or questionable certifications of players, it is mandatory the A.D. has the records to address these questions as they arise. All leagues must get this information to conference ASAP. Certification process will be put on calendar to discuss for next year's bylaws revisions.

e. For clarification purposes, travel time expenses will be refunded to the individual leagues if their particular board president, who generally receive reimbursement, are unable to attend a meeting.

f. Game Officials: Greg Bell will ask the Assignors to provide cell phone numbers for all officials so that league presidents may contact them if they are late. Greg will also find out if the officials have a website in which league representatives may evaluate officiating and determine who is scheduled to be at their games.

It was brought to the attention of Greg Bell that the Assignors need to remind their officials of the player practice of "Sparring" which is prohibited but rarely flagged. Board presidents are concerned for the well being and safety of all players and would like to request officials to be alert for these violations.

g. Super Bowl player awards: Greg Bell is checking on base cost of rings/pendants for senior players as an option for winners. Since TVYFC will have a budget surplus, Greg has suggested providing dollars back to the leagues for them to distribute to their players in awards. Board presidents need to talk to their leagues about how they would like the

conference to handle this, if at all.

h. Greg Bell and Barbara Nelson will begin to plan the Super Bowl on 11/22/08. Greg is planning on using Santa Ynez High School football field, but will keep it open if the winning teams are located elsewhere. It is preferable that the senior division Super Bowl be played under the lights.

i. Regional Championship Game 12/6/08. Greg Bell is in constant contact with GCYFL and will also be requesting their certification stats ASAP.

j. To be placed on October agenda for discussion: hiring a commission agent to solicit for the TVYFC fundraising.

k. Game Day issues from Nipomo Chapter - perceived unsafe field conditions, lack of proper field equipment, parental accusations, coach behavior and lack of understanding of TVYFC/CIF rules and regulations by spectators. Board discussion ensued and directions to follow the chain of command for game day issues were emphasized.

l. NOISEMAKERS - Based on the official CIF rules regarding code of conduct and sportsmanship, artificial noisemakers of any kind are prohibited. Spectators may only use their voices (and proper language).

m. MANDATORY MEDICAL DOCTOR'S RELEASE: Any player with a known injury must have a specific doctor's medical release note permitting the player to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS are allowed.

Players with CASTS: a physician medical release must be on file with the coach to be presented to the officials. Casts must also be wrapped where the casting is not exposed - one inch of foam or bubble wrap shall be used.

All coaches should be reminded by league presidents, that all players Consent for Medical Treatment signed waivers, be in the coaching staff possession, and on the field at all times when practicing or playing any games. THIS IS A MANDATORY RULE!

n. Clarification of weigh-in rule for seniors prior to Super Bowl: Seniors are weighed in and must be under the 200 pound limit. All other players are verified by picture identification.

5. Next meeting will be October 19, 2008, at the Chumash Casino Hotel Meeting Room at 12:30. The Executive Board has requested that all future meetings be held at this location.
6. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.