

Santa Clara Valley Athletic League
Board of Managers- meeting Minutes
Friday, May 14, 2021 -ZOOM (3:34 PM)

Call to Order

- A. Welcome
- B. Roll Call and introductions
 - I. Members present Brad Metheany, Commissioner; Kami Tomberlain (Cupertino); Bryan Emmert (Fremont); Wendy Stratton (Gunn); Greg Giglio (Homestead) late ; Wynne Satterwhite (Los Altos); Paul Robinson (Los Gatos); Jonathon Mach (Milpitas); Ben Clausnitzer (Monta Vista); Brent Kline (Palo Alto); Gregory Shelby (Santa Clara), Greg Louie (Saratoga); Kristin Gonzalez (Wilcox-late); Tim Lugo ADC Rep (Saratoga); Maria Jackson (Lynbrook); Michael Jimenez (Mountain View-late)
 - II. Guest: Ed Sklar, SCVAL Attorney
- C. Adopt Agenda- Approved (12-0)

Public Input

Pursuant to EDCode 33353.2 (C) any person wishing to address any item on the agenda or comment on policies and practices of the CIF/CCS/SCVAL will be heard at this time. (3 minute statement max; with a one hour limit to public input)- Agenda or non-Agenda items

Public input was provided to SCVAL Board of Managers before going to closed session. Numerous voices to allowing SCVAL to participate in CCS playoffs.

Closed Session:

(14-0) vote to move to closed session. Conference with legal Counsel, Ed Sklar-Anticipated Litigation. Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9. (1 case: Receipt of correspondence, dated May11, 2021, from attorney Lee M. Andelin threatening litigation regarding prior Board of Managers vote on SCVAL participation in Central Coast Section Championships). Demand letter and advise from counsel reviewed and discussed.

Public Input

Public input was again provided to SCVAL Board of Managers in reference to agenda items. Numerous voices to allowing SCVAL to participate in CCS playoffs

Presidents Report- Greg Shelby

- A. Gilroy-Christopher each school vote for placement in BVAL for 2022-23. Send ballot to CCS

Discussion and action items

- A. Discussion and action: SCVAL choice of participation in playoffs

Much conversation and opinions on reasoning and information to whether non-participation in CCS playoffs part of the SCVAL truncated (3) season plan of sports during the pandemic should be removed allowing teams to move to CCS playoffs. Opinions and conversation from almost all Board members occurred. Worries about senior athletes of true spring sports who lost a post season last year, the changing landscape of the county about to go to the yellow tier, conflicts with year end school activities, after school end contests and skewed league records due to covid and covid tracing cancelled games all have been presented in past meetings and in this meeting.

A motion was brought forward to "Allow all SCVAL qualified teams to be entered into the CCS playoffs" first and second was heard. More discussion and then a call for the question. **Roll call Vote (11-1-2) motion approved.** It is noted that the reasoning to vote for approval revolved around the changing pandemic conditions and the

wishes of athletes were heard. Also, the bad behavior, bullying, name calling and lack of respectfully statements at the Board members were extremely inappropriate by parents, community members and some coaches during this pandemic year. These actions were bad roll models for our student-athletes.

- B. Discussion and action: SCVAL choice on whether to name league champions for season 2 and /or 3

Conversation and discussion on the past determination that during this pandemic year and studded schedules whether it would be appropriate to officially name league champions. A motion was brought forward "Award SCVAL championship certificates" first and second heard. More discussion and then a call for the question.

Roll call Vote (4-10) motion fails

Financial report

With re-entry to CCS playoffs increase per team charge to participate goes from \$150 to \$275. CCS earlier passage.

Commissioner's Report-Brad Metheany

- A. Gilroy-Christopher vote.
- B. Tai Nguyen- Mountain View High is the entire CCS Scholar Athlete of the Year \$1500-Going to West Point
- C. Right now the SCVAL is averaging (55) events at a school campus each week. By years end a school will have participated in over 370 home and away events this pandemic year! Basic stats for games played by each sport provided. EVERY sport was able to have some sort of competitive schedule.

Next meeting May 27th 9am (zoom)