

Emergency Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Site – Crow’s Nest

1. Meeting called by Chad Mehrer and called to order at 4:00 pm.- Motion made by Chad Mehrer to begin, second by Tim Markovetz
2. Roll call:
 - a. Present: Mike Deming, Steve Vernon, Danielle Colicheski, Tim Markovetz, Chad Mehrer, Mark Meissner, Wayne Iddings, Scott Sebbo, and Justin Cox
 - b. On the phone: Bo Sabo and Sonja Love
 - c. Absent- none
3. Mark Meissner- started by sharing that he has had a “few tough phone calls” from some parents about conduct on the field, mostly related to Present Steve Vernon. He went on to ask why board members are getting kicked out of games and of this is something we as a board are going to allow. Shared an email from the Defenders game and an email sent anonymously by a parent. He said he contacted the SD League Board, via Aaron Davis who he reports, also had been getting complaints. Mark then shared he took it upon himself to do some “research to get more information” and then went to Steve personally to ask him if he wanted to just resign.
4. Chad Mehrer- asked Mark why it was not brought up at the board mtg on 6/9 but then shared in the parking lot with a handful of board members afterwards instead? He then asked why Mark lied about telling everyone there was a State Investigation against Steve? At this point Mark, stated this is not what he said while at least 4 board members concurred this is what he told them. Chad then shared he reached out to Gary Young on the SD Board as well as Aaron Davis that reported this was something they hadn’t heard about prior and furthermore that it was something that needed to be handled internally as a board.
5. Danielle Colicheski- then asked Mark why wasn’t it something that was brought to our disciplinary board?, at which time Mike shared that he was aware of the incident and visited with all parties and found that the situation was under control and made the decision based on all information gathered that no further action was needed. At which time, several asked Mark if this would have been brought to the board meeting, he would have found out that the issue had already been handed.
6. Mark Meissner- at this point Mark stated, “I will not apologize” for the way he handled the situation. This is when Justin Cox, as well as several other then chimed in that they would not trust Mark as a board member for the way he handled the situation. Sonja Love- shared that we are a team and these type of issues should be brought there so we can decide together how to proceed. Tim added we are one and we need to “have each other’s backs”. Wayne then asks, based on time since the umpires will be here in 10 minutes, now what?
7. Chad Mehrer- at this point Chad asks Mark if he wants to resign? Mark says let’s vote, but before doing basically says he believes that any board member getting kicked out of a game should not be allowed to be on the board. Mike interjects that this is a case by case situation and not always black and white. He again reiterates that the bylaws state that in this situation there may be cause for a 1 game suspension but again after getting all the facts did not believe

this was necessary. Scott Sebbo agrees and Wayne says if everyone who gets kicked out of a game is off the board automatically then I'm done as I won't feel like I can say anything to the umpires, as everyone in the room had previously admitted that Steve did not deserve to get kicked out of the game, in fact, Steve reported that the umpire that did so later apologized to him. Sonja shared that she was at the game mainly in question and concurred to the fact that the decision was wrong and that it was in fact the assistant coach that was being loud and perhaps somewhat out of line. All board members then agree that there is of course a conduct and a standard that board members are held to and that we ALL need to remember this but that all situations such as this need to be taken case by case.

8. Chad asks Mark what his "agenda" really was and Mark admits that he is angry that nothing is getting done as a board and that the communication has been awful. At this time Sonja states, this is true and we all agreed at the last board meeting that this needs to be better. Then Steve adds that there are things we are working on but we are waiting for the City and on contractors and making efforts. Danielle states this is not just Steve's job, this is all of our jobs to make things happen.

9. Chad- makes a motion to ask Mark to resign. Mark gets out his keys and says, "I second the motion", all 10 board members approve vote for Mark to resign and no nays. Mark then turns in his keys and leaves the meeting.

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday July 13th, 2021 at 6:30 pm at the Crow's Nest

8. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn meeting at 4:38 pm -Mike, second by Wayne, motion carried