

# **Rio Grande Valley Chapter – TASO**

## **Executive Committee Meeting – Wednesday March 27, 2013**

President Mario Reyna called the RGV Executive Committee meeting to order @ 6:30 pm, Edinburg, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Mario Reyna, Arnold Garcia, Carl Contrata, Blanca Tello, Larry Cantu, Mario Lopez, Juan Quiroz, Tom Nieland, Freddy Martinez, Lee Castro.

**ABSENT:** Dion Gobellan, Oscar Casarez.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes for the previous board meeting were unavailable; will be presented at the next meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Scrimmage Collection Report**

Blanca reported that Mission and Mercedes still owe scrimmage fees. She was asked how much is still owed. Blanca said she would furnish a report at the next meeting. Mario commented that there was an improvement this year on the collection of scrimmage fees.

#### **Check Report**

Mario asked Blanca to explain a \$500 check issued during the October training tournament as witnessed in a financial report submitted at the last Board meeting. Blanca stated that \$250 was paid to the camera crew of 5 people at \$25 a day for two days to video the games. Blanca was questioned where the remaining \$250 was spent. She stated that she had given it to Arnold. Arnold stated he did not receive \$250 or any cash whatsoever from Blanca. Carl asked Blanca if she could furnish receipts for the expended \$500. She said no. Blanca stated that Arnold should provide the receipts. Mario Reyna then asked each member of the Board to comment. They responded:

1. Lee – Chapter expenditures must be documented and submitted as record of payment at all times; did you ever question Arnold about the lack of submitting receipts?
2. Larry – Was proper Chapter procedure followed?
3. Tom – Did you Blanca document in the checkbook who the check was issued to and for what reason?
4. Arnold – Blanca never gave me any money for anything. The trainers paid for their own dinner both days. I wrote the check but Blanca cashed it. Where did the cash go?
5. Carl – Does Blanca have documentation/receipts for the \$250 paid to the camera crew? Does she have receipts for the remaining \$250? If not, why?
6. Mario Lopez – Who endorsed the check?

Mario stated that everyone on the Board had an opportunity to speak on the matter. He would review all the facts. The situation would be addressed at the next meeting.

#### **Financial Report**

Blanca reported a fund balance of \$11,366.76 as of March 27, 2013. Mario asked Blanca to compute all present debts and pending payments so the 2012-13 season books may be cleared and checks issued to pay same tonight. Blanca stated that would be impossible. Mario then proceeded to review out loud all pending payments and debts in an effort to be sure the fund balance would not be overdrawn if all were paid tonight. When the tally was completed and the

fund balance deemed sufficient, Larry motioned for all debts and fees to be approved and paid; the motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Year in Review, Recommendations, and Officer Reports**

President – Overall it was a good year but we still have room for improvement. I am very happy at the fact that all playoff games in the Valley were officiated by Valley officials.

Assigning Secretary – Will be meeting with the RGVADA's Association to address improving the scrimmage situation by scheduling the November JHS tournaments 1 week later than normal.

Corresponding Secretary – Larry reported 127 members have submitted renewal fees. Several members submitted summary forms without a game record. Several listed games for point credit not assigned by the RGV Chapter. What do I do? We need to develop a policy for the end of year game summary forms.

Assistant Trainer – Would like to hold a 2 man training tournament this summer.

As per the Corresponding Secretary's report, Carl motioned to enter executive session to discuss the point submission question; the motion carried. Arnold motioned to re-enter open session; the motion carried. It was agreed by the Board to withhold point credit to members not submitting a game record and / or members claiming credit for games officiated but not assigned by the RGV Chapter pending comment from TASO. Mario Reyna asked Larry to email TASO Executive Director Fitch to settle the questions.

Carl asked Blanca to explain why she was distributing her treasurer business cards to varsity coaches. Blanca responded that only 1 coach had been given her card; no other coaches have been given her Chapter business card. Carl responded the act of distributing business cards could be considered unethical and game solicitation. Blanca emotionally responded, "that's crap..." Carl responded, "your response is crap..."

Juan motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.