

## RGV TASO Basketball Chapter -- TASO

Executive Committee Minutes, Monday, August 23rd 2010.

Meeting called to order by Mario Lopez, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 7:11pm, Weslaco STC Campus.

Roll Call: Present Mario Lopez, Arnold Garcia, Fernando Garza, Carl Contrata, Blanca Tello, Rocky Cheshire, David Ralph, Tom Nieland, Don Young, Ronnie Alcantar.

Absent: Gary Molina, Cynthia Herrera, Carlos Guerra.

Don motioned to approve the August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010, meeting minutes; the motion carried.

Guest & Public Comments: None.

Office Reports:

Treasure Tello reported a Chapter fund balance of \$8,141.26.

Arnold reported dates and a location for the varsity boy's mandatory tournament are complete. It will be held in Harlingen Oct. 9 and 10. The varsity girl's mandatory tournament will be held at a west site on Oct. 16 and 17.

The chapter meeting calendar was discussed. It was decided the training will determine the training sequence and assign per the calendar dates. The calendar will be adjusted if the NFHS exam can be given at the regional meeting. The trainers will await word from TASO on the exam situation.

Fernando distributed copies of the Ethics Committee Report. (The report is copied to the end of the meeting minutes.) The E.C. recommended: 1. Mr. Molina repay the \$1900 unauthorized check he issued. If he does not repay, they recommend Mr. Molina be designated a "member not in good standing." 2. Mr. Molina immediately resign from office "because this action is an egregious breach of trust..." and "a clear violation of ethical standards..." Carl motioned to accept the report; the motion unanimously carried. The Board agreed it is the responsibility of Mr. Molina to repay the \$1900, not the regional officials. It was Mr. Molina that authorized the check and directed all travel arrangements; the officials had no choice but to follow travel and other arrangements.

Fernando motioned to invoice Mr. Molina \$1900 for repayment of the regional tournament check and \$488 for repayment for the unauthorized allowance of Burt Holloway to attend the 2009 TASO State Basketball meeting; the motion carried.

The Board discussed 2 invoices received from the Vipers. \$1225 was billed in 2010; \$500 billed in 2009. The Vipers state they are a result of Mr. Holloway's failure to return game tickets in a timely manner to the Vipers. Mr. Holloway never disclosed either invoice in his all-star reports to the Board. Don motioned Mr. Holloway repay both invoices to the Vipers or be designated "a member not in good standing;" the motion unanimously carried.

Carl distributed a 2010-2011 proposed chapter budget. It compares last season's budget and actual expenditures to this season's projected income and expenditures. Arnold motioned to approve and be presented to the chapter as is; the motion unanimously carried.

Ronnie presented his proposed chapter attendance-taking procedure for 2010-2011. It was discussed. Dave motioned to approve; the motion carried. Attendance policy will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Mario reviewed the proposed 2010-2011 RGVADA – Chapter agreement draft. He recommended several fee increases. The Board authorized Mario to propose the increases and negotiate with the athletic directors at their next meeting.

Carl reported the consolidation of 5A and 4A team scratch and preferred lists into one list each per school is complete. Mario suggested all RGV schools be treated equally and have one list per school. Mario motioned to authorize Carl to make the changes; the motion carried.

Fernando motioned to schedule a Board meeting for Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm, at the TSTC Weslaco campus for the purpose of dealing with all unfinished business and remaining policy approvals; the motioned carried.

Blanca motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.

RIO GRANDE VALLEY BASKETBALL CHAPTER  
ETHICS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
RIO GRANDE VALLEY CHAPTER BOARD  
REGARDING  
2010 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INVESTIGATION

**REASON FOR INVESTIGATION**

The RGV Basketball Chapter Board initiated a request to the Ethics Committee to conduct an investigation of Gary Molina, Board President's violation of ethical standards in authorizing the issuance of a check in the amount of \$1900 without Board approval for use at the Regional Tournament.

**INVESTIGATION**

The Ethics Committee reviewed supporting documentation in its investigation which included Board Policies, a cancelled check in the amount of \$1900, Board minutes, and related information presented to the Committee by the Board. In addition, the Committee reviewed the UIL Travel Allocation for officials traveling to a regional tournament and consulted other sources included the TASO Constitution and the Rio Grande Valley By-Laws.

A request was made for Mr. Molina to address the allegations made against him to the Ethics Committee. Mr. Molina declined stating that TASO is in the process of conducting its own investigation at this time.

**RESULTS OF THE INVESTIGATION**

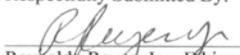
After a thorough review of all supporting documentation, the Ethics Committee determined that Gary Molina, Board President did violate ethical standards in authorizing the issuance of a check without Board approval. Furthermore, based on the information provided in the UIL Travel Allocation, officials are reimbursed for their expenses by the Regional Tournament Host. Historically, officials who attend a regional tournament are not provided an advance in travel. Therefore, no money would have been approved by the Chapter Board for this purpose. In violation of ethical standards, it appears as if Mr. Molina did not notify the Board of the \$1900 check because he knew the Board would not have granted approval.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The following recommendations are submitted by the Ethics Committee for the Board's consideration.

- (1) The \$1900 issued to Burt Holloway at Mr. Molina's request must be reimbursed to the Chapter. Failure to comply will result in Mr. Molina being designated as a member not in good standing and will therefore not receive assignments from this Chapter to officiate basketball games in the future.
- (2) Because this action is an egregious breach of trust between the Board President and its members and a clear violation of ethical standards, it is recommended that Mr. Molina resign as Board President effective immediately. This recommendation is made because his actions in this regard will have an adverse effect on the trust and confidence in leadership the Board and its Chapter members come to expect of its President.

Respectfully Submitted By:

  
Reynaldo Reyes, Jr. - Ethics Committee Chairman

8-19-10  
Date

  
Manuel Galindo, Ethics Committee Member

Aug 19, 2010  
Date

  
Jesse Trevino, Ethics Committee Member

8-19-10  
Date

