

# Rio Grande Valley Basketball Chapter – TASO

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013

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

**PRESENT:** Mario Reyna, Blanca Tello, Lee Castro, Larry Cantu, Carl Contrata, Jesus Reyes Vasquez, Oscar Lujano, Cande Ochoa, Freddy Martinez, Carlos Guerra.

**ABSENT:** Mario Lopez.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Carl motioned to approve the 2-20-13 meeting minutes; the motion carried. Lee Castro motioned to approve the 3-27-13 meeting minutes; the motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS: Letter from Arnold Garcia, \$500 check discussion, Ethics Committee created.**

Larry presented a letter from Arnold responding to comments made by Blanca during the 3-27-2013 Board meeting. He stated that her claim of giving him \$250.00 (in cash) at the Weslaco Training Tournament was not correct. He was not given money at any time by Blanca. His questions to Blanca are: Where is the unaccounted \$250? Where is the receipt for the unaccounted \$250? Where are the receipts for the entire \$500? Blanca then presented a copy of the \$500 check issued at the training tournament that she cashed; receipts for the \$250 she paid to the tournament camera workers. Carlos Guerra motioned to create an ethics committee to investigate the check situation and the claims/statements of both Arnold and Blanca; the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS: Officers' Reports**

**President:** Mario Reyna reported that we need to work as a Board to improve chapter meeting attendance. He mentioned the following reasons for the poor attendance: Zebra-ware assignments, members don't like travel to meetings, and general apathy. Mario also stated that all Board members need to read / know our Chapter Constitution & By-Laws. Division reps are responsible for meeting attendance; if they cannot make a meeting they must make sure, by prior agreement, that a Board member takes their division attendance. Basketball state meetings will resume this year. We need to plan for the president, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and corresponding secretary to attend the 2013 state meeting.

**Treasurer:** Blanca Tello reported the chapter fund balance as of 5-1-13 is \$274.00; all billings/debts from the 2012-2013 season have been paid. She reported several member checks have been returned as NSF; she asked if she should charge late and NSF fees? The Board answered, "yes." Mario said he would help Blanca with the collection process.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:** Carlos Guerra reported that he wants to focus on rules knowledge and interpretations at chapter meetings; concentrate on definitions at the first meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Freddy Martinez stated he will work closely with Carlos concentrating on lower division training.

**Secretary:** Larry Cantu reported that all fees, renewal applications, and points turned in on time were sent to and verified as received by the state office.

**Assigning Secretary:** Carl Contrata reported he recently met with the RGV Athletic Directors' Association (RGVADA) regarding scrimmage dates. The ADs were receptive to the idea of removing JHS basketball tournaments from scrimmage weekends thereby allowing more members to participate/officiate in the scrimmages. They will attempt to schedule the early November JHS tournaments after the scrimmages.

**Division 1 Rep:** Mario Lopez, absent.

**Division 2 Rep:** Oscar Lujano reported that members from his division want the word “mandatory” removed from the calendar and training docs. Oscar also wants to eliminate the cancellation fee charged for game cancellations and the coaches’ evaluations from Zebra-Ware.

**Division 3 Rep:** Cande Ochoa reported that he will call division members motivating them to attend more meetings.

**Division 4 Rep:** Jesus Reyes-Vasquez stated he would like more upper and lower division members assigned to games together next season.

**Division 5 Rep:** Lee Castro stated that he like Carlos Guerra idea of rules training.

Lee motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.