

Rio Grande Valley Chapter – TASO Basketball Division
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
May 3rd, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Gary Molina, TSC campus, Weslaco, at 7:25 pm.

Present: Gary Molina, Mario Lopez, Arnold Garcia, Fernando Garza, Blanca Tello, Carl Contrata, Carlos Guerra, Rocky Cheshire, David Ralph, Tom Nieland, Cindy Herrera, Ron Alcantar. **Absent:** Don Young. **Guest:** Alberto Jaime

Approval of 4-19-2010 meeting minutes: Motion made Cindy H.

President's Report: Gary said we're "back on track," adding that we must stick together and communicate often as a Board.

Treasurer's Report: Blanca reported a new chapter bank account was opened at the Lone Star Bank, McAllen, on April 23rd. She distributed a financial statement showing a fund balance of \$6,984.41. The handout detailed some of the problems caused by Gary while opening the account. Blanca said Gary and Burt H. had made deposits to our accounts. She added that Gary attempted to open a savings account but was prevented by the bank manager. We would have to file a 1099 tax form. The Board agreed to leave as is and not open a savings account! The Board agreed that all future bank balances would be \$1,500 less than stated due to the monies set aside for student scholarships.

2nd Vice President's Report: Arnold said the Chapter was well represented at the San Antonio Camp. Ten members from our chapter were given expert instruction in 3 man mechanics.

Old Business:

a. Review of President's Role & Executive Session Policy:

Fernando distributed a breakdown of Board responsibility; what we can and can't do as board members; and outlined executive sessions protocols.

b. 2010 All-Star Report: By Board request, Secretary Fernando Garza contacted Burt Holloway to appear at this meeting. Burt failed to attend. This is his 3rd no-show. Gary distributed Burt's one page financial statement. Many questions were raised. The Board asked where all receipts, invoices, and other financial records; several items do not tally; Burt has submitted nothing. The net profit reported by Burt for the all-star games and golf tournament is \$7091. Questions were raised on how the vendors and Vipers were paid in cash without an invoices or statements recorded. Gary defended Burt saying there was much chaos and he had no help! When asked if the treasurer was available to help, he (Gary) stated that Burt was in charge! Arnold motioned to require Burt to appear at the next Board meeting to explain his actions, to submit all special event receipts, invoices, deposit slips, and all other financial records. The motion unanimously carried.

Discussion followed focusing on the so-called agreement with the RGVBCA to co-host the all-star games and golf tournament. The agreement split all net profits. Gary said Burt was given no limit to his actions so he therefore had the authority to make the agreement. The Board argued to the contrary. Carl said only the Board has the right to authorize the distribution of chapter funds. This agreement authorizes the distribution of the funds. Without Board approval this agreement is not valid.

c. RGV Banquet Preparations: Gary stated his preparations for the banquet are not complete but a deposit of \$100 has been given to La Mexicana. Dave motioned to abandon the banquet but have a fee and doc collection dinner at the Golden Corral in Harlingen and at La Mexicana (because of the deposit) on Saturday night from 6 to 8 pm. We would order botanas at La Mexicana and buffet dinners at Golden Corral for the membership. The motion carried.

d. Task Force – Mario reported District 31-5A has chosen the varsity double header format for next year. The other districts have not chosen a format as yet. Mario will try to arrange a Task Force meeting to address assigning and chapter concerns.

e. Valley Camp Date: Carl reported Pat Willingham could not guarantee the City of Pharr tournament date. Therefore, the chapter cannot hold a camp on the 3rd weekend in May.

f. Camcorder Purchase & Update: Carl distributed a handout showing prices for various camcorders. He recommended the purchase of a mini-DVD recorder as it's the best format for recording 1 game at a time, then reproduce DVDs for membership use. Ronnie offered the sale of his new mini-DVD camcorder to the chapter. Carl will try out the camcorder and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

g. Assignment Cancellation List: Carl reported as per Board request, he sent all notices to the membership on April 23rd.

h. Scrimmage Payment List: Carl distributed a handout. It showed \$1200 in scrimmage payments have been received as per Frank Casares' records. Mario said former assigner Al Perez has no record of the checks he received to supplement Frank's record. Carl showed a scrimmage schedule. The schedule indicates over \$3000 in scrimmage fees were earned

by the chapter. This means \$1800 in scrimmage fees is outstanding. Gary said this was allowable since the chapter didn't collect many fees last year. Carl responded the lack of collected fees is not acceptable and should not be casually brushed aside. When Frank submits a final payment list, the chapter will pursue their hard-earned scrimmage dollars. Fernando commented that it seems every year we have a problem collecting fees from schools and we just let it go! Gary stated that our treasurer was not able to recoup the money for some unknown reason. Fernando offered suggestions to the President to remedy next year but were turned down. Collection should be assigner's responsibility!

- i. Ethics Violation Hearing against Willie Villarreal:** Carl motioned to table. The motion carried.
- j. Cynthia Herrera Complaint Against Gary Molina --** Gary stated all violations and complaints against Board members cannot be reviewed by the Board. They must be sent directly to the district director. The director will pass judgment then send or not send to the TASO state office.

New Business

a. TASO Membership: Carl distributed an e-mail recently received from George Coit, President of the TASO All-Sports Board. George is the acting head of TASO. Several questions by Carl were answered by George. The e-mail stated the lawsuit is far from settled; the UIL is not permitted to accept chapter registrations until the settlement; the chapter may submit renewal fees at this time without penalty. Carl motioned to submit renewal fees to TASO. The motion unanimously carried.

Arnold motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.