

# **TASO Basketball – Rio Grande Valley Chapter**

Board Meeting #1 - Minutes

*Pharr North – 7:00 p.m.*

*April 6, 2011*

Minutes from previous board meeting were not presented. Secretary Garza will present for approval at next board meeting.

Roll Call (present): Mario Reyna, Arnold Garcia, Albert Magallan, Carl Contrata, Blanca Tello, Fernando Garza, Dennis Cantu, Javier Cantu, Dion Gobillan and James Weaver. Absent: Mario Lopez

President Mario Reyna gave a brief welcome – board members introduced themselves.

President Reyna discussed the importance of following Robert’s Rules of Order. Key points included: chair must recognize speaker, speaker cannot speak on same issue a second time unless all board members have been given an opportunity to speak; speaker must address the chair in a professional manner. Reyna reminded board members to keep comments on-task and business only, not a personal level.

## **Old Business**

End-of-year dinner event was discussed. Based on feedback from members, board agreed the event was very successful. The creation of criteria for selecting future award recipients’ was suggested. An event report is forthcoming.

All-Valley RGVSports.com Showcase was reported to be highly successful by board and chapter members. A meeting with the Vipers management is scheduled to finalize report details. A financial / event report is forthcoming. Board recognized the outstanding efforts of All-Valley event co-chairs: Mario Lopez, Carl Contrata and Fernando Garza.

Board appeal to TASO hearing scheduled on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m., was tabled because Gary Molina was not available to participate in the conference call hearing. Hearing was rescheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **New Business**

Goal Setting for Year (“Get Active” theme): President Reyna announced he wants to have a very active board and chapter membership. Reyna expects all board members to “Get Active” by setting board and personal goals for the year. These goals will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Bank Account: discussion concerning change of account signature(s): Previous chapter minutes and board minutes to be submitted to Treasurer Tello for the appropriate changing of signatures: Lopez and Molina to be removed; Reyna and A. Garcia to be added. Treasure Tello was asked to present signature cards at next board meeting. The possibility of changing banks was discussed.

Officer’s Reports: Treasurer Blanca Tello reported a (unofficial) balance of \$ 14,585.21.

Division Rep Reports – James Weaver and Dion Gobellian requested guidance as to their division rep expectations. Reyna said he would contact them to discuss the item. Reyna informed all division reps they will be highly involved at chapter meetings by assisting with roll call, keeping their members quiet, and in order.

Mario Reyna recommended the appointment of Ronnie Alcantar as Parliamentarian. Albert M. motioned and second by Fernando G.; motion carried unanimously.

Mario Reyna recommended the appointment of himself as Rules Interpreter. Arnold G. motioned and second by Carl C.; Motion carried unanimously.

Mario Reyna recommended the additions of Carlos Guerra and Andy Castro to the current Ethics Committee which includes Rey Reyes, Jesse Trevino and Manuel Galindo. Albert M. motioned and second by Dion G.; motion carried unanimously.

During the Ethics Committee appointment discussion, board expressed concern about members that are violating the uniform code: wearing UIL jackets and shirts to chapter-assigned TASO games; officials not wearing black and white shirts to chapter-assigned functions (all-valley showcase); officials not using a lanyard at games.

Discussion and approval of RGVSports.com scholarship disbursement procedure: motion to approve 8 scholarships @ \$250.00 each and immediate issuing of the scholarship checks was made by Carl C. and second by Fernando G.; motion carried. Later discussion included protocol or guidelines for future events.

Chapter affiliation with TASO or the UIL: Board discussed the pros and cons of affiliating with TASO or UIL. As per former President Lopez directive, Secretary Garza reported his findings after discussion with Mike Fitch (TASO) and Tony Timmons (UIL). After a lengthy discussion, the board decided the membership should hear the affiliation pros and cons before making a decision. TASO and UIL representatives will be invited to speak to membership before a vote is taken. Secretary Garza also stated, before we join an association, it would be in the Chapter best interest become our own 501-c 3 organization. This way the chapter would become more self-reliant and independent. Albert Magallan motioned and second by Javier C. to schedule September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as the date to vote for chapter affiliation; motion carried.

Board and chapter calendars will be developed at a future board meeting. A motion to meet on Wednesday, May 11th, was made by Blanca T. and second by Albert M.; motion carried.

Fernando G. motioned to adjourn and second by Dion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm