

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

### **Executive Committee Meeting – Sunday August 11, 2013**

President Mario Reyna called the RGV Executive committee meeting to order @ 4:00 pm, Edinburg, Texas.

**PRESENT:** Mario Reyna, Larry Cantu, Carl Contrata, Freddy Martinez, Mario Lopez, Oscar Lujano Juan Quiroz; **ABSENT:** Blanca Tello, Candido Ochoa, Lee Castro, Jesus Reyes Vasquez

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes to the July 16; meeting were approved as presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS: Tournament fees, ethics committee replacement, 2013-14 budget.**

Due to the recent changes to UIL Section 1204, the Board discussed tournament fees. It was agreed the varsity game fee for 2 man mechanics will be set at \$55.00 per official and \$40.00 per officials in 3 man mechanic tournament games. Sub-varsity and jhs tournament fees will be the same as regularly scheduled UIL game fees: sub-varsity =\$40 per official per contest; jhs = \$30 per official per contest.

Mario Reyna reported that Rey Reyes had declined his appointment to the chapter Ethics Committee. Mario recommended Oscar Ovalle to replace Rey; Eddie Ramos will be offered the position if Oscar declines. The board agreed to the recommendation.

The 2013-14 budget was discussed. The board agreed to reallocate \$2000.00 from the training budget to the state meeting attendance budget (San Antonio); an additional \$1300.00 is available this season as no back payment is owed to the assigning secretary. No final decision on the budget was made.

### **NEW BUSINESS: Meeting with RGVBCA, chapter calendar review, chapter policy review, member bereavement, chapter membership by city.**

Carl and Larry met with the RGVBCA today to discuss mutual items of interest. (Mario was scheduled to meet but declined due to a family emergency). Scrimmage format was discussed. Carl suggested a better balance between am and pm weekend scrimmage times as too many scrimmages are scheduled in the am, especially on the Saturday that both the boys and girls scrimmage. He added, more officials will be available this year as the ADs have agreed to postpone the jhs tournaments that are played on that boy/girl Saturday. The RGVBCA asked the chapter to officiate their newly created scholarship tournament. The RGVBCA asked to increase the number of group #1 officials. Carl suggested it be expanded from 30 to 40 and keep groups #2 and #3 at the present 30. Group #4 will be composed of all remaining varsity eligible officials as is presently observed.

The 2013-14 chapter calendar was discussed. Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> was selected as the district clinic date. District Director Arnold Garcia will be contacted for formal approval of the date. Freddy Martinez asked the chapter to approve providing officials for the RGVBCA tournament. He volunteered to supervise the tournament. The board agreed to his offer and will place the tournament on the chapter calendar.

The following chapter policies were reviewed: varsity certification policy, chapter assigning process, attendance-vote policy, top 25 list policy. After discussion, the board agreed that most policies will remain the same from last season with the exception of the following. The varsity certification policy: The tournament requirement will be amended: divisions 3,4, and 5 are required to officiate the training tournaments; divisions 1 and 2 are required to assist in 1 tournament for 2 hours. They may officiate in the tournament if they wish. The assigning process policy: Group 1 = 40 members, groups 2 and 3 = 30 members each, group 4 = all remaining varsity eligible members.

After considerable discussion, the board agreed the chapter would provide a flower arrangement when members or former members pass away. Other family members will not receive the arrangement. A Zebra-Ware announcement to the chapter membership detailing funeral arrangements, however, will be made in all cases. Carl suggested someone be appointed by the board to be in charge of the flower arrangement duty.

Carl presented a roster arranged by cities for board viewing. He said since we are reviewing the budget, we should review chapter membership and recruitment as it relates to income. The roster revealed the membership of each RGV city. Carl cited Brownsville had only 24 roster members last season whereas Edinburg had 48. (Other cities cited were Harlingen at 29, Starr County at 23, Mission at 23, PSJA at 18, McAllen at 24). He asked why is there such a difference when Brownsville is clearly the largest city and school district in the RGV? The chapter needs a larger certified membership in Brownsville to handle its many jhs and high school games. We need to be more active in recruitment and retention in the entire RGV but especially in Brownsville.

Mario Lopez motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.