

RIO GRANDE VALLEY BASKETBALL CHAPTER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING (2014-15 Board)

Meeting called to order by President Mario Reyna at 7:30 pm, April 23rd, 2014, Harlingen, Texas.

Present: Mario Reyna, Carlos Guerra, Rocky Cheshire, Freddy Martinez, Carl Contrata, Andy Castro, Cande Ochoa, Mike Triggs. Absent: Dion Gobellan, Javi Cantu, Victor Leal.

***WELCOME: Mario welcomed the 2014-15 Board. He asked the members to formulate goals per their elected offices and present same at the next Board meeting.

***** OFFICER REPORTS**

Mario: Reflected upon his recent experience as official evaluator at the 2014 Boy's UIL State Basketball Tournament. As per the experience, Mario is more aware of the elements and performance criteria by which to judge officials. He intends to create an evaluative team; apply the knowledge, share the elements with the team to improve the quality of officiating in the chapter.

Rocky: Would like to know how to change member attitudes, create more openness to learn, have accept constructive criticism as intended to improve officiating skill, knowledge, and ability.

Carlos: Like to use Mario's experience as a springboard to improve officiating performance – i.e., better mechanics, rules knowledge, appearance, etc.

Freddy: Excited to become the chapter assigner. Has received input from coaches and has a few ideas to implement.

Carl: Distributed the TASO/Arbiter state payment report, chapter roster with updated points, and varsity assigner payment list. He summarized the chapter performance on all lists in one word, "apathy." The 3 lists show our members are not following through with their responsibilities. Very few have submitted points. 101 out of 303 members have renewed the state fee. Less than half have paid the varsity assigner fee.

Andy: Would like a division roster so he can communicate with his division.

Cande: Reports proudly that several division 3 members officiated the 2nd round of the playoffs.

Mike: Will address division 4 and 5 issues throughout the year. More attention must be paid to D4 and D5 specific needs like learning / teaching 2 man mechanics, the basic rules of the game, etc.

Freddy motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.