

## **RIO GRANDE VALLEY BASKETBALL CHAPTER, TASO, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 12-17-14**

Meeting called to order by President Mario Reyna at 6:30 am, McAllen, TX. Present: Mario Reyna, Carl Contrata, Rocky Cheshire, Andy Castro, Dion Gobellan, Mike Triggs, Cande Ochoa. Absent: Carlos Guerra, Freddy Martinez, Javi Cantu. The 11-23-14 meeting minutes were approved as presented.

### **\*\*\*OFFICER REPORTS**

President: Mario stated many chapter members have difficulty fulfilling state and local mandates. This trait hinders all facets of our chapter operation including attendance, training, test taking, fee payment, and more. For the chapter to improve, the culture must improve. Mario will send an Eblast announcing the 12-31-14 deadline to take/pass (with appropriate score for the) the state rules exam. He added, the Board may have to limit how many tournament games a member can officiate per day. Recent abuses have been cited. If a member rejects an assignment, they must file a waiver request in hopes that the automatic \$55 fine will be waived. The elections are approaching. All policies that apply to the elections will be followed.

Corresponding Secretary: Carl voiced alarm at the number of members that have paid one but not both the state and local fee. There are approximately 40 members in this situation. The chapter and state are losing revenue; these members are likely being assigned locally. Carl said he will contact these members to seek a final disposition of their status. The roster will then be adjusted to reflect only members that have both fees.

Treasurer: Dion reported a fund balance of app. \$10,000 with app. \$1000 in checks not yet deposited. The scrimmage collections are going well.

Division 4 Rep: Mike voiced his concern that many sub-varsity / middle school officials are not fully eligible to be assigned but are being assigned locally. His recent tournament assigning experience revealed many that requested assignments from throughout the RGV were not listed on our roster.

### **\*\*\*OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **\*\*\*NEW BUSINESS**

A background check situation that affected one member was reported to the Board. Recently a member was blocked from varsity assignments when TASO discovered a "hit" on his criminal background check. This hit was announced by TASO 3 weeks after the member registered. It took TASO over 2 weeks to clear the member of the false hit. The time delay it took TASO in clearing the member's record allegedly cost the member over \$1000 in earnings. Comments: TASO must refine and shorten the background check process. Why do members suffer extended time in clearing their record when a false hit is reported? On the other hand, if the member had registered last spring or early fall – not late October or November -- he would have cleared long before the season began; the situation would not have affected his assignment eligibility.

Dion motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.