

## **RIO GRANDE VALLEY BASKETBALL CHAPTER, TASO, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 9-07-2014**

Meeting called to order by President Mario Reyna at 9:30 am, Pharr, Texas, on 9-07-14. Present: Mario Reyna, Freddy Martinez, Carl Contrata, Dion Gobellan, Javi Cantu, Mike Triggs. Absent: Carlos Guerra, Rocky Cheshire, Victor Leal, Andy Castro, Cande Ochoa. The May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, meeting minutes were approved as presented.

\*\*\* OFFICER REPORTS: President Reyna asked, "Are we ready for the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter meeting? There is much to do." He suggested a chapter meeting format: 15 minutes of business then train the rest of the meeting. Mike volunteered to formulate a D4 and D5 training plan. Various formats were discussed like pre or post meeting training and weekend training as dedicated training meetings for only D4 and D5 members, and training at the annual training tournament; no conclusion was reached. Mario stated he will form a training committee and create an evaluative form that will match the UIL State Tournament form where he evaluated state tournament officials this past season.

Assigner Martinez led a discussion on various assigning issues based on suggestions received this summer. Several members would like it be a condition to attend camp in order to officiate playoff games. Carl added the chapter may require higher mechanics and rules exam test grades to qualify to officiate the playoffs and regional tournaments. Freddy said he would prefer a direct assigner fee payment from the chapter rather than collecting from members like last year. Mario put forth a plan similar to volleyball whereby varsity games will be assessed \$2 and collected by the chapter; sub-varsity/jhs games be assessed \$1 per game and collected by local assigners; \$20 be collected in an assigner account as a retainer for varsity payment and \$30 paid as a local chapter fee. Other plans were brought forth. Carl suggested a 1 time varsity game fee paid to the chapter by varsity officials. No agreement was reached. Freddy has contacted local assigners to determine who will assign and how much help they can render in scrimmage coverage. Carl asked the Board address the combined boy/girl Saturday issue. Too many scrimmages are scheduled in the am on that scrimmage date each year. Can we divide the Saturday? Example: boys scrimmage in the am and girls the pm? Tell coaches we only officiate scrimmages per this plan; no officials assigned otherwise. Or, shall we officiate only varsity scrimmages on that Saturday and lose much revenue? Something must be done to address the overload with the RGVBCA asap.

Secretary Contrata reported that 116 members have renewed their membership online via the Arbiter. An additional 9 new officials have registered. \$5,106 in varsity assigner fees has been collected to date. \$3,846 remains to be collected. As per his salary agreement, Carl's assigner fee is 5K; all funds collected above 5K will be returned to the chapter. The chapter will take over fee collected beginning the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Carl asked that we become serious in collecting overdue scrimmage fees. According the former treasurer's report, many scrimmages remain uncollected. The chapter will lose much revenue if we do not take action.

Treasurer Gobellan reported that the signature card at the bank must be updated. He will attend to it this week. Carl furnished the minutes of the election meeting to facilitate the transition.

\*\*\*OLD BUSINESS: Mario reported the complaint filed against a former chapter officer by Juan Quiroz has been dropped.

The Board directed that Julio Torres and Oscar Casarez are formally requested to attend the next Board meeting to clarify the incident which occurred at a Harlingen CISD junior high last year or sanctions will be applied.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 9-10-14, 6:30pm, in the Weslaco area.

Javi motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.

