

TASO Basketball – Rio Grande Valley Chapter Meeting, January 22, 2014, 7:00 PM, Weslaco High School , Weslaco.

I Minutes

II Sign-In

Program

President's Report: Mario addressed several current issues.

1. Cancelling game assignments is a concern. Every cancellation hurts chapter integrity in the eyes of the coaches and ADs. Scratch dates before the assignment is made. It will save our reputation and your pocket book.
2. Don't allow rough play: it frequently leads to fights and brawls. We had a brawl the other night at...
3. Professionalism.
4. The assignment fee was discussed. Mario explained the local fee was created to support the local assigners that could no longer be paid by school districts. The \$2 local assigning fee was calculated by dividing the number of games Raul Hernandez assigned for ECISD into the fee paid him last year. The \$2 varsity fee was created to match the local fee, to be consistent, so that all officials 7th thru varsity pay the same amount for the same service - assigned games. This is the fairest solution arrived at by the board: all members pay the same \$2 amount for all games assigned on all levels and only for the number of game they officiate, not a flat fee charged all members whether or not they are assigned games.

Vice-President's Training – tabled.

Old Business

Mario highlighted the present attendance / vote policy and guidelines: You must attend 6 of 9 designated chapter meetings and the regional clinic meeting to be able to both vote and run for office. The question was asked: Does a current board member have to resign to run for a different position in this election? Mario said no: You hold 1 office per board; if elected to a different position, the board member will then resign the current office to occupy the newly elected office. Another question: What if a candidate wins the election but then resigns the elected office? Mario responded the chapter constitution states the losing candidate will replace the winning candidate or resigning office holder anytime during the term of office.

New Business

Parliamentarian Juan Quiroz reported the following have filed as candidates for office. Assigning Secretary: Marcelo Villarreal and Freddy Martinez; Secretary: Carl Contrata; Treasurer: Dion Gobellon. Mario opened the floor for nominations. Assigning secretary; None. Andy Castro motioned to close nominations; carried. Secretary: Hector Perez nominated Raul Hernandez. Ysidro Garza motioned to close nominations; carried. Treasurer: None. Jaime Garza motioned to close nominations; carried.

Officer Reports

Assigning secretary Contrata said the ranks are thinning. We have had several refs suffer season ending knee injuries; many others have called in sick; don't cancel assignments; make yourself available for assignments; un-scratch dates if possible.