

## **RIO GRANDE VALLEY BASKETBALL CHAPTER, TASO, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 4-13-16**

Meeting called to order by President Carlos Guerra at 8pm, Weslaco, Texas. Present: Carlos Guerra, Robert Torres, Carl Contrata, Nelson Juarez, Eddie Ramos, Mike Trigg, Dion Gobellan, and Robert Silvers.

The 2-3-16 board meeting minutes were approved as read.

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT and 1<sup>st</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** Declined.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VICE PRESIDENT:** Nelson called for a chapter-officiated spring or summer training tournament. The chapter could partner with a weekend tournament offering training to our less experienced officials.

**SECRETARY:** Carl reported 34 members attend each chapter dinner at the McAllen and Harlingen Golden Corrals. This was a decline in attendance from last years' dinners. Next year we need a location that offers Wi-Fi and that members can submit documents without being charged admittance to the restaurant.

**TREASURER:** Dion reported a fund balance of \$13,704 before various bills and fees are to be paid tonight. All scrimmage fees except 3 have been collected. Chapter officers are working to collect from the districts.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**REGIONAL TOURNAMENT REPORT:** Robert reported both crews enjoyed an excellent tournament. Feedback from coaches and ACC administrators was very positive. The chapter was informed the Monday prior to the tournament of changes to the Saturday game start time. The Saturday 10 am time was changed to 7:30 pm. Travel plans had to be amended. The crews were highly inconvenienced. The result was the purchase of 1 extra hotel night and 1 extra day of crew meals. Robert requested the chapter reimburse the crew for the extra expenses. If the UIL or TASO reimburses in the future, the chapter reimbursement will be returned to the chapter. No action was taken but Carlos pledged to bring this situation to the attention to the Division Board to seek reimbursement from the UIL.

**REGIONAL TOURNAMENT ASSIGNMENT UPGRADE REQUEST:** The Board is dissatisfied with being consistently assigned to 1A level regional tournaments. The chapter deserves higher level assignments. Many solutions to upgrade were discussed. It was decided Carlos will address the issue with The TASO Basketball Division Board and Mike Fitch at the upcoming Division Board meeting.

**TASO SERVICE AND LIFETIME AWARDS:** Carlos will ask the Division Board for better defining criteria before a decision is made regarding chapter submissions for the service and lifetime awards. Names mentioned for consideration were Frank Ocana, Jim McGirk, Carl Childress, Gus Molina, and Mario Lopez.

**SELECTION OF DIVISION 4 REPRESENTATIVE:** The Board decided the division 4 officials that were eligible for election will be 1<sup>st</sup> offered the position. In order of offer are S. Rubio, C. Barrios, and J. Torres.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MEETING CONCERNS:** Carlos will present chapter concerns to the Division Board. Send your concerns to Carlos before this weekend's meeting.

**COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST JESSE VALLEJO:** Carl reported he received a written complaint alleging that Jesse Vallejo, the Port Isabel ISD local assigner, issued many assignments to a non-chapter member – Jesse Vallejo Jr. Also alleged, Jesse is illegally collecting a \$2 per game fee for games assigned. Several chapter members have stated they will file a similar complaint. The Board directed Carl to investigate the matter.

**TRAINING:** Robert will conduct a training clinic in conjunction with the Viper's Basketball Tournament scheduled the dates of April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. He will evaluate and video 1 court at 2 hours per crew. Announcements to the chapter are forthcoming.

Carl motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.

