

## **RIO GRANDE VALLEY BASKETBALL CHAPTER, TASO, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING 6-26-16**

Meeting called to order by President Carlos Guerra at 6pm, Edinburg, Texas. Present: Carlos Guerra, Robert Torres, Nelson Juarez, Carl Contrata, Eddie Ramos, Dion Gobellan, Mike Trigg, Alex Ysquierdo, Mario Reyna.

The 6-12-16 board meeting minutes were approved as presented.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**LOCAL ASSIGNER VIOLATION HEARINGS:** Carlos opened by stating the seriousness of this issue both for the chapter and all school districts. When chapter nonmembers are assigned, no background check has been performed. The official (nonmember) may have a criminal record or worse yet, be wanted by a law enforcement agency. This is a major concern of TEA and all State of Texas school districts. When nonmembers are assigned, chapter members in good standing are robbed game assignments and potential income.

Nelson motioned to enter executive session; the motion carried. Robert motioned to re-enter open session: the motion carried.

Eddie motioned to find Jesse Vallejo guilty of issuing 20 illicit game assignments and illegally charging/collecting a local assigning fee of \$2 per game; to immediately remove from local assigner of PI-ISD; to suspend from TASO and the chapter for the 2016-17 season and eligible to reapply for chapter membership thereafter; receive no TASO/UIIL game and tournament assignments from 7<sup>th</sup> thru varsity for the 2016-17 season; to receive a public reprimand; to repay his locally assigned members all fees that exceeded \$1 per game assigned before he may reapply for chapter membership in 2017-18; the motion unanimously carried.

Freddy motioned to find Candido Ochoa guilty of issuing 11 illicit game assignments to Julio Lozano, a former chapter member currently suspended by TASO; to immediately remove from local assigner of Rio Hondo ISD; to suspend from TASO and the chapter for the 2016-17 season and eligible to reapply for chapter membership thereafter; receive no TASO/UIIL game and tournament assignments from 7<sup>th</sup> thru varsity for the 2016-17 season; to receive a public reprimand; the motion unanimously carried.

Robert motioned to find John De La Fuente guilty of issuing 33 illicit game assignments to Julio Lozano, a former chapter member currently suspended by TASO; to immediately remove from local assigner of Los Fresnos CISD; to suspend from TASO and the chapter for the 2016-17 season and eligible to reapply for chapter membership thereafter; receive no TASO/UIIL game and tournament assignments from 7<sup>th</sup> thru varsity for the 2016-17 season; to receive a public reprimand; the motion unanimously carried.

**SELECTION OF HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD:** Carlos proposed Gus Molina and Joe Karam be recognized at the 2016 state meeting and awarded a lifetime TASO basketball membership. Nelson motioned to approve; the motion carried.

**REGIONAL MEETING DATE:** Carl motioned to accept Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, as the 2016 regional meeting date. The date should fall after the training tournaments have concluded. A Wednesday meeting date is not an option; Sunday is necessary as the state office will send speakers to conduct the regional; the motion unanimously carried.

**WICHITA FALLS ALL STAR GAME ASSIGNMENT:** Carlos suggested Freddy begin working on the assignment. The assignment will include 6 officials be assigned to the boys and girls all-star games. Mike motioned the

chapter to pay all travel expenses – transport in a van, per diem at \$50 per day, and hotel accommodations – for the six selected officials; the motion unanimously carried.

**D5 REP RESIGNATION:** Carl motioned to accept the resignation of Robert Silvers as his new employment position is moving him out-of-valley; the motion carried. Carl will review eligible replacements and report at the next meeting.

**ZEBRA-WARE ADOPTION AS 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE THRU VARSITY ASSIGNMENT SOFTWARE:** The issue was discussed. Carl will explore possible implementation with Alex Montemayor, football assigner. Pros and cons will be discussed. Carl will report at the next board meeting.

**2016-17 TRAINING PLAN:** Robert presented a rough draft as witnessed on his tablet. He is open to suggestions to improve training. Sediment was expressed to lengthen meetings but reduce the number of meetings.

Dion motioned to adjourn; the motion carried.