



Texas Southmost Volleyball Officials' Association

1st – General Association Meeting

Wednesday, June 10th, 2020 – Via ZOOM



MINUTES



The First TSVOA Chapter Meeting for the 2020 Volleyball Season was called to order at 6:11 p.m. by Chapter President Anita Pineda. The meeting was conducted Via Zoom due to CoViD-19 pandemic guidelines and recommendations. Anita welcomed everyone to the meeting and to the new season. All Executive Board Members were in Attendance.

I. Forty-Six [46] Members were in ATTENDANCE: Pedro Arevalo, Tommy Bermudez, Raul Cano, Bea Carranza, Gary Clemons, Debbie Esparza, Eloy Flores, Myra Flores, Rolando Flores, Manny Galindo, Jose L. Gamez, Humberto Garcia, Luis Garcia, Dion Gobellan, Clarissa Gomez, Javier Gomez, Juan A. Gonzalez, Marco Gonzalez, Mariano Gonzalez, Aldrin Guevara, Agnelia T. Hernandez, Sergio Hernandez, Jose M. Herrera, Melisa Herrera, Pedro Hinojosa, David Margenau, Ronald Marley, Carlos Martinez, Esteban Martinez, Anthony Morales, Mychelle D, Moran, Salvador Olivares, Anita Pineda, Rey Pineda, Juan Porteous, Uvaldo Presas, Yadira Reyes, Julio Rodriguez, Bonnie Salazar, Elizabeth Salazar, Jose Sandoval, Astrid Santoyo, Carlos Santoyo, Sergio Soto, Benny Villarreal and Edder Yopez.

Seventeen [17] Members were ABSENT: Mario Blanco, Cesar Castañeda, Hector Esparza, Arnold Garcia, Juan Garza, Ricky Garza, Jose A. Hernandez, Melysenda Lopez, Luis Ramirez, Juan J. Robles, Krystal Shears, Lester Shears, Edgar Sosa-Leal, Mindy Taylor, Daianarah Venegas, Jose Villafranca and Rita Villarreal.

II. President – Anita Pineda: Welcomed and Introduced Special Guests; **DISTRICT DIRECTOR** – Mario Reyna and **TASO VOLLEYBALL PRESIDENT** – Sandra Welch.

a). Mario Reyna welcomed Ms. Welch and the rest of the TSVOA membership. Mario spoke briefly and highlighted to Ms. Welch that both the Tip-Of-Texas Chapter and the Texas Southmost Chapter work closely together and positively evidenced by the fact that District 6 is one of the five clinic sites in the state of Texas. Mario thanked Ms. Welch on behalf of both chapters for everything she does as TASO President for Volleyball.

b). Sandra Welch thanked Mario and the TSVOA for the invitation and the warm welcome. She mentioned that Mario does a great job representing the chapters at TASO meetings, he is always in the mix, knows what is going on and brings questions and ideas to the table. TASO is highly encouraged by the UIL as it plans to start the season as scheduled, of course still taking what happens in July into account; we just never know what might happen. There might be some changes to the game such as no hand shaking, one captain, one coach at the pre-match conference. TASO will be working on some training videos or modules. There has been a lot of questions about masks; if officials will be required to wear them? but more than likely TASO will not require it. Officials will be allowed to wear masks if they chose to; Ms. Welch emphasized for officials to wait and see what color will be allowed; so as to match the uniform. Ms. Welch announced that the state meeting has been cancelled. It would have been difficult to implement CoViD-19 social distancing regulations when having 400 to 600 participants. TASO, is more interested in keeping officials healthy and ready to go once the season begins. Rule Books, Case Books and Pre-Season Guides have already been ordered, just waiting for them to come in to distribute to chapters. This year, Simplified Rules & Illustrations will be an additional resource booklet for new officials, including last year's new officials as well. This resource is to help new officials, she referred to it as *Officiating 101*. These of course are all free of charge. The THSCA is moving forward with their convention, TASO officials will be there to represent the organization. Ms. Welch recommended for officials to continue doing research and training materials to help us become better officials. TASO offers great officiating tips and the NFHS is currently offering two training videos by going to www.NFHSLearn.com on Alignment and Ball Handling, both free of charge. She will ask Mike Fitch to make all Online Clinics from last year available to use as trainings and make it available on TASO website; should be a great review for everyone. Ms. Welch emphasized that it is extremely important for all of us to make an effort to improve as an official as she stated, "no matter how good you are or how much you have done, there is always room for improvement." She recommended for us to be receptive to suggestions and positive criticism in order to become better officials. Also visit TASO website regularly and read the *Referee Magazine* for tips, updates and other important information such as Professionalism and Game Management.

A great way of helping the chapter improve as a whole is by helping the new officials, providing training for them, pair them up with a mentor, communicate and provide feedback stressing strengths. Ms. Welch opened the floor for questions: Joe Herrera asked with regards to facemasks, if opting to wear one, will there be some sold with TASO logo, or do we just buy our own to match the uniform? MS. Welch replied that TASO has not really determined that yet but more than likely it would be either solid black or solid black. She also mentioned that there will be a meeting tomorrow with the UIL to go over this and other questions. Joe then followed up by asking if Chapter would be able to decide on facemask to wear and Ms. Welch replied that she did not see a problem with that but just to wait and see what the outcome of tomorrow's meeting would be; she doesn't foresee TASO requiring for officials to wear mask. Ms. Welch mentioned that one thing TASO will be suggesting to the UIL is for the R2 to move forward, closer to the pole as teams switch courts to be out of the way; will ask whole team to switch. This will be done to implement CoViD-19 distancing protocols. Sergio Soto asked if athletes will not be handshaking when summoned to the court by R1 at the beginning of a match? Ms. Welch replied that a suggestion would be to probably have athletes come up to the 10 foot line and wave instead. A final decision has not been made by the NFHS but she highly speculates that this would be an acceptable option. Marco Gonzalez asked for the possibility of officials wearing clear face shields with black or white head bands. Ms. Welch replied that TASO has not even discussed that option. Marco requested if TASO would take that into consideration; Ms. Welch said she would present the request. Esteban Martinez commented that on the TASO website under Football there are some white and black pull-over face masks with the TASO logo and asked if we can purchase those? Ms. Welch said she was not familiar with those masks and has not looked at them. She will add that to the list for consideration. She went on to point out that if official is wearing a mask, then an electronic whistle will have to be used. This brought the end of Ms. Welch's section at 6:28 pm, Anita thanked Ms. Welch for joining us.

- III. **Secretary's Report** – Mychelle D. Moran prepared the 10th meeting minutes from the 2019 Season.
- IV. **President** – Anita Pineda announced that the 10th meeting minutes and today's agenda were emailed. Anita provided several minutes to read minutes. Rolando Flores made a motion to accept the minutes, Elizabeth Salazar seconded it; All agreed – motion passed.
- V. **Treasurer's Report** – Beatris Carranza reported that at the start of the year in January 2020 we had a balance of \$7,334.00 followed by expenses in the amount of: \$110.00 P.O. Box rental, \$64.13 Scholarship Office Supplies, \$50.00 for Sympathy card and \$2,000.00 in awarded scholarships bringing the new balance to \$5,109.87 Still pending expenses for 2019 banquet prizes.
- VI. **Vice-President** – Bonnie A. Salazar provided step by step instructions on how to access and complete the online trainings on the NFHSLearn.com website. There are two trainings, one on Ball Handling and the other on Alignment. Once the training videos are completed, a Certificate of Completion will be provided, please email copies to Bonnie and Joe for documentation. Bonnie will continue searching for training videos on you tube or UIL website. Joe will email and text everyone the instructions for easy access. The deadline to complete these free trainings is July 1st, 2020, after that it will not be free anymore. You will receive a Chapter Training in lieu for completing this two video trainings.
- VII. **Assigning Secretary's** – Jose Herrera welcomed everyone to the new volleyball season, also welcomed and introduced our six New Members: Humberto Garcia, Carlos Martinez, Astrid Santoyo, Carlos Santoyo, Bernardino Villarreal and Rita Villarreal. Joe announced that if there are any questions regarding assignments, he is the contact person for that. He also informed members that he will be taking Assigning Fee Payments via Cash App, by Mail or in person with prior arrangements. He provided the mailing address in the agenda that was emailed last week and at the beginning of the week. He also mentioned that there are about two months for the beginning of the season at which time those payments can be made. Myra Flores requested the Cash App account; Joe said he would provide that to everyone later tonight. David Margenau voiced his discontent with the Zoom meeting format and that the Board needed to find an alternative location for all to meet. Anita replied that we are working on that but have not been able to secure a location due to the CoViD-19 Pandemic guidelines.

VIII. President – Anita Pineda:

1. announced that we awarded four scholarships as there were fewer applicants than last year. She went on to thank Debbie Esparza, Mindy Taylor, Bonnie Salazar, Bea Carranza and Joe Herrera for helping out with the whole process. The Recipients were: Victoria C. Gonzalez and Allison Stachowiak from St. Joseph Academy, Rebekah D. Schlatter from Hanna ECHS and Rebekah V. Trevino from Harmony S.I.H.S.
2. Local Chapter Dues were extended to our 4th Meeting which will be on July 29, 2020 instead of July 15, 2020. After the 29th there will be a \$25.00 late fee assessed.
3. State Dues were due yesterday to TASO; starting today the \$25.00 late fee for State Dues applies.
4. The last item on the Agenda is the voting on the Chapter Bylaws as they were tabled at the last meeting of the 2019 season. Anita mentioned that everyone had plenty of time to read and review the Bylaws, Tommy Bermudez made a motion to approve and accept the Bylaws, Mariano Gonzalez seconded the motion; majority agreed, there were zero “No’s” – motion passed.
5. Next meeting is set for Wednesday, June 24, 2020 via Zoom.

Myra Flores asked if local dues can be paid electronically – Bea Carranza does not have electronic access for payments. Bea agreed to meet in person for payment with prior notice.

Sergio Soto asked for deadline for local dues – Anita mentioned it was July 29, after that there will be late fees of \$25.00.

David Margenau asked about Assigning Fees – Anita clarify that payments can be mailed in or paid through Cash App and clarified that LOCAL DUES are to be paid to Bea Carranza and ASSIGNING FEES to Joe Herrera.

Mychelle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM and Jose Herrera seconded it. All agreed – motion passed. Meeting Adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mychelle D. Moran - TSVOA-Secretary