



Texas Southmost Volleyball Officials' Association
6th – General Association Meeting
Wednesday, September 23rd, 2020 – Via ZOOM



MINUTES



The Sixth TSVOA Chapter Meeting for the 2020 Volleyball Season was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chapter Vice-President Bonnie A. Salazar, President Anita Pineda was not in attendance. The meeting was conducted Via Zoom due to CoViD-19 pandemic guidelines and recommendations. All other Executive Board Members were in Attendance.

- I. Thirty-Three [33] Members were in ATTENDANCE:** Pedro Arevalo, Tommy Bermudez, Mario Blanco, Beatris Carranza, Gary Clemons, Debbie Esparza, Myra Flores, Rolando Flores, Manny Galindo, Jose L. Gamez, Luis Garcia, Juan Garza, Clarissa Gomez, Javier Gomez, Juan A. Gonzalez, Agnelia T. Hernandez, Jose M. Herrera, Melisa Herrera, Pedro Hinojosa, David Margenau, Esteban Martinez, Anthony Morales, Mychelle D. Moran, Salvador Olivares, Luis Ramirez, Yadira Reyes, Julio Rodriguez, Bonnie Salazar, Elizabeth Salazar, Astrid Santoyo, Jose Villafranca, Benny Villarreal and Edder Yopez. [4 NA] - Hector Esparza, Humberto Garcia, Mariano Gonzalez, Ricardo Santoyo.
- Eight [8] Members were ABSENT:** Raul Cano, Marco Gonzalez, Carlos Martinez, Anita Pineda, Rey Pineda, Uvaldo Presas, Jose Sandoval and Mindy Taylor. [8 NA] Arnold Garcia, Dion Gobellan, Aldrin Guevara, Jose A. Hernandez, Sergio Hernandez, Juan Porteous, Lester Shears, Rita Villarreal.

Vide-President – Bonnie Salazar welcomed everyone to the meeting. Members read the posted minutes and Bonnie requested a motion be made to move forward with approval of minutes. Bonnie announced that we will start our volleyball season although a short one, we will still have one non the less and Joe will go over some specifics. Next, Bonnie asked Bea to provide the Treasure's Report to the membership. Bonnie mentioned that some changes had to be made to our meeting calendar due to the changes in game schedules. Changes to calendar included the cancelation of meetings for September 30th and October 7th. Our next scheduled meeting (7th Chapter Meeting) will be on October 14th in which the three-member Elections' Committee will be announced and nominations will begin. Since we are conducting everything remotely, nominations will be submitted/accepted via email. Campaigning and Voting will take place during our 8th meeting on October 28th. We are looking at a program to conduct our election process and voting, all cast ballots will be anonymous. The positions up for re-election are President, Recording Secretary, Assigning Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms. David Margenau asked if we were not going to have an Elections' Committee at all – to which Bonnie replied that “yes, there will be a three-member committee”. Julio Rodriguez commented that he can see the changes to the calendar but that he does not see any game assignments or scrimmages on it. Bonnie replied that this was our meeting calendar and that Joe will go over assignments and scrimmages; Joe added that the calendar is only for our meetings and that assignments and scrimmages are never listed in the calendar. Bonnie asked if there were any questions on any item she has covered so far – no questions were asked – Bonnie then turned the presentation over to the Assigner.

- II. Secretary's Report** – Mychelle D. Moran prepared the 5th meeting minutes. Minutes were posted on the website and projected on screen during the meeting. Elizabeth Salazar motioned to approve the minutes, Debbie Esparza seconded the motion, all agreed – Motion Passed.
- III. Treasurer's Report** – Beatris Carranza informed the membership that at our last meeting, the account balance was \$6,665.09. Two expenses were made for gift cards for members that lost family members and a \$5.00 refund was given to Mr. J. Villafranca for overpayment of dues. Account balance as of the end of August is \$6,560.37, with no pending expenses and/or pay-outs. Bonnie requested for a motion to approve Treasurer's Report with the current account balance, Joe Herrera motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, Tommy Bermudez seconded the motion, all agreed – motioned passed.

IV. Assigning Secretary's – Jose Herrera informed the membership that he has started to receive schedules and re-iterated that our season will be a short one, about five or six weeks. Schedules are changing constantly; examples were provided where now teams are moving into splitting all levels of play into three different sites. Now instead of having two officials calling three matches, it will be six officials calling the three matches; there will be many single games. Joe asked everyone to please be patient, there should be enough games for everyone to go around. Even middle school levels will be split with A and B teams playing at opposite sites. Juan Garza asked about mileage, if will be paid to all Officials or just certain officials. Joe mentioned that all officials will receive the \$15 travel fee and reminded everyone to make sure to use the 2020 TASO Paysheet as this reflects the new \$5.00 increase per match for all levels. Once again, Joe asked everyone to be patient, flexible and understanding with coaches and assignments as everything changes from one moment to the other. Assignments will start going out in the next week or so. Debbie asked Joe if he had been informed that Rio Hondo had opted to have their Varsity matches at 4:00 pm, but Joe has not received schedules from Rio Hondo yet; he thanked Debbie for the heads up. Joe also explained that since games are spread out throughout the week there is a possibility that an official may receive an assignment once every week or two, but to please be patient as he will do his best to spread out the games evenly and fairly as he always does. David Margenau asked if assignments would be sent via text – Joe replied that he would send assignments through text message and that he would also try to send it via email as well. He will notify officials immediately of any changes in assignments as they become available. Joe spoke next about PPEs and what some schools are requiring from officials; for the most part, masks are required, temperatures will be taken at the site. Joe suggested to be proactive and prepared; take mask, gloves, sanitizer, own water, etc. Joe mentioned that if a school requires for the official to wear a mask and the official does not have one, they reserve the right to not allow that official into their gym. Bonnie added that if you are running a fever to please notify Joe so he can get a replacement for you and not to report to the game site if you are experiencing symptoms of CoViD-19. Lastly, Joe recommended for everyone to read and polish up on the new game protocols and mentioned that there are some helpful videos and tips on our chapter website under training videos. We as officials oversee everything on the court, not of fans or team benches, that is up to the schools, coaches, and administrators. We cannot enforce for players to wear masks while on the court although it is an UIL mandate. We enforce the waving from the ten-foot line before and at the end of the match as well as having only three people at the table. No switching courts throughout the match. Hector asked if assignments would be provided in advance or on the day of – Joe replied that he would start sending out assignments a week in advance, starting at the end of this week. Rolando wanted to re-iterate that only three people are allowed at the score table – Bonnie said that it was mentioned, only scorer, clock and libero trackers are allowed at the table. David asked if schools were going to be using ArbiterPay – Joe said that yes, they would but if you do not want to work those games to please let him know. Juan Garza mentioned that Harmony is a school that lags on paying officials and if the Board could reach out to those schools and make them aware of the situation – Joe said to let him know if schools have not paid you and that he would contact the finance departments, coaches and Athletic Directors. Mariano Gonzalez asked if all schools are paying \$15.00 travel fees and if our Centerpoint had changed – Joe replied, “Yes” everywhere we go is \$15.00 since our Chapter’s Centerpoint has moved to San Benito. Joe thanked everyone and asked everyone to take care and remain safe out there.

Bonnie asked if there were any other questions on anything discussed. No other questions. Bonnie announced that our 7th Chapter Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 14, 2020. Joe will be sending Meeting credentials and Joe reminded everyone to type in their names under the chat to receive attendance credit.

Debbie Esparza motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM and David Margenau second it. All agreed – motion passed. Meeting was Adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mychelle D. Moran - TSVOA-Secretary