

Minutes of the HSSOA Board Meeting on 7-8-08

The regular HSSOA board meeting was called to order July 8, 2008, at 6:40 P.M. by the president. The secretary was present. All board members were present, except Tim Sonnier. The minutes of the June 10 board meeting were approved.

The treasure gave her report. Shelly submitted the Collections Report for each region and the balance sheet for HSSOA. Tim Sparks moved to approve the treasurer's report. The motion passed. After July 22, Stephen Glasgow and Jeff Hirt will write a final letter to all schools with a past due account. After that, Steven and Jeff will ask UIL for help.

The registrar gave his report. Tim is waiting on Houston Brown to create the annual data base for referees. Tim will write a letter explaining the new TASO policy of collecting the registration for the upcoming season by June 1. This letter will be available for the members at the first regular meeting in October. Tim will find out how the referee list on the HSSOA web site is populated.

The vice president-scheduling gave his report. Magdy is waiting for the AD meeting to be announced, so he can discuss several issues that were brought up at the last meeting. Magdy will work with the registrar to clean up the referee data base and have the updated list distributed to the assignors. Magdy wants to conduct a training session, preferably at one of the regional meetings, to teach referees how to use the web site. Magdy will present a budget proposal for assessment fees for the upcoming season at the next meeting.

The president gave his report. Houston Brown and Bob Mohler have agreed to be on the Ombudsman Committee. The purpose of the committee is to give HSSOA By-Laws advice and provide general knowledge. Houston Brown has volunteered to be the facilitator for a one-day relationship building seminar for the members of the board. Several possible times were discussed. Stephen is trying to finalize the services of Houston Brown as Web Master for the HSSOA web site. Stephen has asked L.P. Jones when the AD meeting will be held and if we can participate. Stephen has asked Jeff Hirt to help to compose a letter for past due accounts.

Marty Klecka gave the Recruitment Committee report. Marty introduced a flyer to hand out to prospective referees. Marty wants to schedule a meeting/training for new referees at Bayland. He had several ideas to recruit more referees:

- Reduce the up-front cost for new refs by applying scrimmage fees to registration and other membership fees.
- Send the flyer to college coaches and college club teams.
- Send the flyer to existing members to help recruit and give a \$5.00 credit for any new members.
- Ask the Houston Chronicle to put a note in the soccer column.
- Send the flyer to "unaffiliated" referees in the Houston area.
- Tim Sonnier to set up a date for new referee training and publish on the HSSOA web site. (Amended to add to minutes at 8-21-08 board meeting)

Shelly moved to spend \$50.00 to put an ad in the “Keeper Notes” publication. Joe Crumbley amended the motion to spend up to \$500.00 for recruitment costs. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held on Aug. 5, at 7:00 P.M. at the BAYSA office on Hwy 3 in League City, TX.

Shelly moved to adjourn. Motion passed

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Gene Mitchell

Secretary

