

Minutes of the HSSOA Board Meeting on 11-11-08

The regular HSSOA board meeting was called to order Nov. 11, 2008, at 7:30 P.M. by the president. The secretary was present. All board members were present, except Shelly Landry and Tim Sonnier. The minutes of the Oct. 7 meeting were approved.

The vice president-scheduling gave his report. Magdy will be monitoring the scheduling of games by the coaches and targeting Nov. 15 as the day to start calling coaches who have not entered their schedules. Assignors will call or email delinquent coaches by Dec. 9. The website will be locked on Dec 15.

The registrar gave his report. Tim Sparks needs volunteers for registration at the regional meetings. Tim Sparks and Stephen Glasgow will attend all the regional meetings. Tim will ask the members to print the COPE information and email or fax to him for verification. The TASO test will be logged on the TASO site, which Tim can access for verification.

Houston Brown gave a report on the two amendments to the by-laws that were introduced last spring and have been reviewed by the By-Laws Committee.

- Term limits: Article VI Section 4: The committee recommends changing the term limits from two consecutive terms or a maximum of five years in a ten-year period to three consecutive terms or a maximum of seven years in a ten-year period and to further define “ten-year period” as “beginning May 1st of the tenth year immediately prior to the present election.” Also to add “No member shall be eligible for nomination or election unless his or her entire two-year term will be in compliance with all existing By-Laws.”
- Ethics: Add item 5 under Article VII Section 2 that reads “Neither the Vice-President Scheduling nor any chapter member shall assign or allow to be assigned to a non-chapter member any game assignment at a school that utilizes HSSOA as the source of its TASO soccer officials unless the board specifically and in advance authorizes same.”

Houston also presented the committees review of a reorganization proposal and recommended that the Houston chapter not be reorganized because of the following reasons:

- One overseeing organization and three regional organizations will add one more layer of complexity and add more board members.
- Central meetings are better attended than regional meetings.
- Referee development will not necessarily be enhanced, because the success is primarily a function of speaker ability rather than smaller groups.
- Refs are assigned for playoffs by region, not by chapter, so there won't be more playoff refs if we split into three chapters.

The proposed By-Law changes will be presented to the members at the December meeting and voted on at the January, 2009 meeting.

Marty Klecka, recruiting committee, mentioned that we will decide at the time of the regional meetings whether or not to do a new referee orientation, depending on how many new referees attend the meetings.

Stephen King moved to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Gene Mitchell

Secretary

