

Minutes of the HSSOA Board Meeting on 1-14-09

The HSSOA board meeting was called to order 1-14-09, at 6:30 P.M. by Tim Sonnier, because the president was running late. The secretary was present. All board members were present, except Tim Sparks, Jeff Hirt, and Joe Crumbley. Tim Sparks was present by conference call. Minutes from the previous meeting were not ready.

The treasurer gave her report. Shelly has received spread sheets for scrimmage games and a data base for the schools. Shelly will bill the schools for the scrimmage games. Then, the credit will be applied to the referees for game assignment fees.

The registrar gave his report. Because of the difficulties many referees experienced downloading or converting the COPE certificate to a PDF file and taking the TASO test online then getting the information to the registrar, Tim Sparks suggested that we create a form for each referee to sign that certifies the COPE and the test have been completed. Shelly will draft a form and bring to the next meeting for review. The benefit is that each referee will be responsible for keeping his own record, and the registrar will not be burdened with archiving COPE and test records for 300 referees. This will also reduce the lag time of getting referees registered, and the form can be put on the HSSOA site and filled out online. Tim also wants to explore the possibilities of farming out various tasks, such as distribution of books and badges and entering meeting attendance records in the database to other members of the board and/or regular members of HSSOA. Tim also brought up for discussion the idea of hiring someone to handle registration and bookkeeping tasks. After a generally positive reaction, we asked Tim to submit a more detailed report on time requirements, job knowledge, and approximate cost to HSSOA, and present at the next board meeting.

Tim Sonnier will ask someone at UIL if there is a way we can harvest the COPE training from their database.

Tim Sparks will make an announcement at the next regular meeting that registration for the 2009-2010 season will start on Feb. 1.

The VP-Scheduling gave his report: Magdy met last week with the assessors and assigned geographical areas for each assessor. They have already assessed 11 games. If assessors have to pay to attend games, they will be reimbursed. We will ask TASO if the assessors can join as an associate member for a reduced fee so they can have a TASO ID card and enter games with no fee. This will be a goal for next season.

So far the assignors have covered 100% of the games. Because of technical difficulties with computer hardware and/or software, and, occasionally, for unknown reasons, some referees who had satisfied their registration requirements were not on the drop-down list. Magdy authorized the assignors to schedule the referees who had paid their dues and who had proof that they did pass the test and cope, and, for unknown reasons, their name did not appear on the drop-down list. Magdy authorized that these referees only be assigned in the scrimmage period that started on 1-2-09 and ended on 1-7-09.

The VP-Development gave his report. Tim Sonnier will ask TASO if we can take/administer the test earlier next year to avoid the last minute rush. Tim will also investigate the possibility of downloading the test and delegate instructors or possibly the area reps to administer the test

regionally. Tim will begin the process of selecting referee candidates for regional and state playoff games with the VP-Scheduling and the Area Representatives, who all compose the Ranking Committee.

The president, Steve Glasgow, will form a nominating committee to name candidates for the upcoming election. The offices of President, VP-Development, and Registrar will be elected at the April meeting.

Magdy moved that Randy Francis be appointed as Director of Assessment. Motion was seconded and passed. Randy will work closely with VP-Scheduling and VP- Development.

Shelly Landry moved to adjourn. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Gene Mitchell

Secretary

