

Minutes of the HSSOA Board Meeting on 2-12-09

The HSSOA board meeting was called to order 2-12-09, at 6:40 P.M. by the president. The secretary was present. All board members were present, except Shelly Landry and Tim Sonnier. The minutes for Nov. 11, 2008, Dec. 2, 2008, and Jan. 14, 2009 were approved.

The VP-Development gave his report. Steve Glasgow spoke in Tim Sonnier's absence. Twenty-five candidates for post-season games have been selected and submitted to TASO. We will try to start post-season testing at the February regional meetings. Tim will provide training and the post-season test. The regional meetings will be held at the following locations:

Feb. 18: Bayland

Feb. 19: Joe Campbell Center

Feb. 16: Changed to Feb. 25: BAYSA office on Hwy 3

The VP-Scheduling gave his report: Magdy has started planning for the post-season assignments and has assembled the post-season team of assignors, including Tim Sonnier. Magdy, Tim Sonnier, and the assessors will report the results of assessments at the upcoming regional meetings, primarily to point out some procedures, calls, and game management issues they have witnessed that have occurred more than once and can be improved.

In addition, Magdy pointed out that if a coach asks a referee for a game report, the referee should get the coach's email address, contact Magdy, Tim Sonnier, or Steve Glasgow and have them send the report to the coach.

Steve Glasgow discussed concerns from referees.

Some districts are paying \$45.00 for 35 minute half JV games. There is probably nothing we can do about it, but the referees should be aware of this practice.

If schools double book a game, and two referee teams show up, the school should pay both teams.

HISD is very slow paying. Jeff Israwi will email Magdy with details to follow up with the district.

Some districts are scheduling a 5:30 JV game and a 7:00 Varsity game and want both games to be 40 minute halves. Keep in mind that teams have the right to a 20 minute warm-up, and the referees have the right to rest between games. If coaches want to play two games back-to-back with no break, try to discuss with the coaches before the JV game starts and try to work something out diplomatically.

The registrar gave his report. Tim Sparks will be present, or arrange for someone if he is absent, to begin registration for 2010 at the February regional meetings.

Gene Mitchell moved that we close registration for new referees on Feb. 20. Marty Klecka seconded. After discussion, the motion was amended to read that registration for new referees close on Feb. 15 of each year. Motion passed.

The president gave his report. Steve appointed the nonimations committee for the upcoming elections: Shelly Landry will be president of the committee, which will consist of the the three area representatives, Steven King-North, Marty Klecka-Central, and Abdelouahad Fliou-South. In addition, Armando Reyes, Brandon Ward, and Fitzpatrick Francis will be on the committee.

Steve also discussed the proposed agenda for the February regional meetings. He will try to limit the meetings to two hours or less.

There was a closed session to discuss the report of a D&P case.

The next board meeting will be at Magdy's restaurant, Mediterraneo Market & Café, at Nasa 1 and Upper Bay Rd, on Feb. 26 at 6:30 P.M .

Fliou moved the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Gene Mitchell

Secretary

