

TORSO Board MEETING

September 9, 2015

Trini Mendenhall Sosa Center
1414 Wirt Road, Houston 77055

TORSO Board of Directors

TORSO is governed by an elected board of directors comprised of officers, committee chairs, and at large representatives. These board members are elected by the members of the TORSO Soccer League each year and serve on the board voluntarily.

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Marketing Committee - Audrey Rusch - ajalal01@excite.com

AGENDA

Call to Order

Acceptance of Board meeting minutes

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Michael Majeski

TREASURER REPORT- Edgar Boquero

REGISTRATOR's REPORT – Mieko Rivas

D&P REPORT – Ernest Rivas

TEAMS REPORT – Mark Yanker

SCHEDULING – Rob Rule

REFEREE -Jim Dickinson

ACTION Items from

Proposed Amendment on Goalkeepers

Item	Owner	Comment
Registration Timeline for Fall	Mieko	
On Line Registration	Mark	
Website Update	Neil?	
Goalkeeper Sliding Rule Vote	Jinny	Communicated now vote by membership
Proposal to amend By Laws on Summer League	Jinny	Communicate then vote next meeting
TSSAS Meeting Coming in Houston	Jinny	Send Rob in place of Jinny
Summer Schedule Update	Michael	
Field Status for Fall	Rob	
Referee Management for Fall and Spring	Jim	Do we keep Brandon and Steve?
Marketing Report	Audrey	
Meeting Minutes	Michelle	
New Teams	Mark	
Open Discussion		

TORSO BOD Meeting

Thursday, September 10, 2015

9:40 AM

Attendees:

- Mark Yanker
- Jinny Sutherland
- Mieko Rivas
- Ernie Rivas
- Rob Rule
- Michael Majeski

Topics

- League Meeting on September 16 at 7:30p at Trini Sosa
- Fields and Scheduling
 - Rob will need to discuss the Time Changes for Bear Creek with the times of 2pm and 4pm.
 - Many Meyer Teams have moved to Dutch Lions from Meyer and threatens our capacity at Meyer and eventually losing our third field. There are few teams at Dyess that want to move to anywhere else and it used to be 8 to 12 teams at Dyess.
 - Any scrimmages after July 15th at Dyess will need to be paid and any scrimmages need to be communicated from Rob to Mieko by email to bill a Teams Ledger
 - Practices scheduled for Bear Creek need to be billed to ledger at 50% up front. The remaining time used will be billed later at the end of season. Teams renting for practice own communicating that they could not use the fields due to rain or other circumstances, so billing to ledger is accurate
 - Any Teams using fields without contacting the board risk being kicked out of the facility and the League will not stand for them with field owners. In short, if you squat and get caught - then you deal with it.
 - Rob and Jinny working with Mandy Billings at HWSA to get into the door with Houston Sports plex for South fields - but there is differing information on when they will become available.
 - Summer Field Usage should have checks out the door with Dyess asking to mail to Ann Austin not the the Cyfair Office - but we have already mailed checks before we were asked to redirect.
 - We have good capacity or additional everywhere except Bayland and Bear Creek
- Registration
 - Teams need to be told to be polite when asking for help with roster and be aware of how the process works before annoying the Registrar.
 - 80% of 55 Teams have handled their registration and handed checks. This means they are 75% paid or better.
 - There are four teams that have not paid and they are Tornados, Lone Star, Altas, and Bad News Bears. They were charged \$75 late fee.
 - Remaining teams have engaged Mieko and paying in.
- Team Management
 - We lost two teams and added 5 for Fall 2015
 - 5 teams from Div 4 were promoted to Div 3

- Mark working with new teams about how to behave with fouls and referees. Do not tell refs to do themselves and let Managers handle dissent. Further fouls are not an offense against your person, gender, family or your ancestors. Let the ref handle it.
- Need to hand exception cards to new teams at league meeting
- *Each team needs to send a representative that is currently registered on that team to League meetings. Mark, will include that in his next FB reminder about the 9/16 meeting*

- **Marketing**

- Audrey working for a Clinic with ACES at Bear Creek on **October 2**
- Rob Working to book facility

- **Referees**

- Michael asked for Discussion and Vote on increasing Per game assignment fee from \$9 to \$10.50.
- This change impacts the budget by \$350 to \$400 and can be absorbed because we budget for assessments and do not use it.
- This change has a request to the assignors for the following:
 - Bi weekly report to new email distribution with Michael, Rob, Jinny, Mark and Ernie
 - Push 100% compliance of assigned refs with the exceptions Test by **November 1**
 - Known Assignment issues and feedback from the referees on what they see from Teams that need correction
 - Feedback on Team surveys and recommendation on how to manage with BOD
- It is the consensus with the BOD present that HWSA has a better grasp of expectations with their assignor that we do and we need to address
- Board will seek a replacement for Jim but we need to put fixes in place to manage the season first then put someone who can do the Job to manage and improve the changes.

- **HWSA Discussion with TORSO**

- Discussed cooperation at Houston Sportsplex
- Discuss Assignor Management and potential common management
How can we work together for both benefits.

Adjourn

Board Meeting Minutes
7/15/2015
Trini Mendenhall Center
7:30pm

Call to order

Approval of meeting minutes & agenda - approved

In attendance: Michael Majeski, Jinny Sutherland, Michelle Murray, Mieko Rivas, Ernest Rivas, Rob Rule, Julie Nanni, Mark Yanker

PRESIDENT Report - Mike M

TREASURER Report - Edgar

REGISTRAR - Mieko R

TEAMS- Mark Yanker

REFEREES - Mike M

MARKETING - Audrey
Clinic was successful, 22ppl.

D&P