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**TORSO Board of Directors**

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# TORSO LEAGUE MEETING

April 21, 2015

Trini Mendenhall Sosa Center

## Call to Order & Approval of Minutes - League Meeting Jan 13, 2015

### President Report

- Summer League & Growth/Civility of the League

### Treasurer's Report

### Registrar's Report

### Commissioner's Report

- TSSAS Update & Tournament Cancellation

### D&P Report

- 15 Game Suspensions for Ref Verbal Abuse
- D&P uses Pro and Con Details to review against the Referee Report

### Referee Liason/Coordinator Report

Goalkeeper Sliding under review  
Raising of Officials pay to impact Fall 2015 Fee to meet market conditions  
Value of Referee Reports

### Secretary Report

### Board Minutes and By Law Updates

### Marketing Committee Report

### Clinics & Website

### Fields and Scheduling Committee Report

### Teams Liason Committee Report

- Roster Print Outs
- New Teams

### New Business

### Adjourn

TORSO Billing Policy Change  
Approved by the Board February 17, 2015

75% Team & Field fees are due 14 days prior to 1<sup>st</sup> game (season start)  
If 75 % of these fees are paid 14 days prior, the team fee will be \$800. If 75% of team & field fees are not paid by that time, the team fee will be increased to \$875.

# **TORSO LEAGUE MEETING Minutes**

April 21, 2015

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7:31 pm – 28 Teams – no quorum met

## **President Report – Michael**

No end of season tourney due to rainouts. League continues to grow, experiencing some growing pains. D&P issues, instability of the game, disrespect of refs by players..all will be dealt with.

Summer League – U Score north – 8-9 teams trying for no travel. Online registration ready for summer league

## **Registration - Mieko**

Getting in 5-10 players a week. Mieko expressed that managers need to call her on Saturday if there is an issue with player for Sunday...don't call Sunday...

Managers need to update Demosphere with player information

Be sure to put team and manager name on all reg forms sent in please

Teams not paid up for Spring 15 season by today (Apr 21) – teams will be fined \$50

## **Commissioner Report – Jinny**

Attended TSASS Meeting – discussed State Cup which is up in the air for August timeslot. They are trying to come up with a more central location between San Antonio & Houston...also discussing 8v8 and 7v7 to allow for more teams to be able to roster a team. If anyone has feedback on this please email Jinny.

## **D&P – Ernie Rivas**

Thanks to the teams for paying all fines. Curising the refs = 15 weeks no play per ByLaws and a \$75 fine. Managers need to let players know this cost and penalty. If behavior continues, Board will consider stiffer penalties. And, managers need to be responsible for escorting troubled players off field.

Discussed the process of jury within D&P.

When a player receives a red card and managers have a question as to the penalty please email for information. Most infractions have a minimum penalty...managers need to know what that is. D&P discusses penalties and cards on Monday evenings after Sunday game. Discussed that managers or one representative from each team should be talking to the refs on field...not all players. If a player has a problem, take it to the manager, manager take it to the ref.

Ernie said to file ref reports, good or bad, it helps the league in tracking patterns of ref behavior. Some managers stated that the refs don't seem to know the TORSO rules....D&P said to let them know via the reports. Tracking the ref reports is the only way league can keep record.

Jim state that once a form is filled out it goes to the assiners & Neil Backus to keep for record. D&P & Board will track and look for patterns. Extraneous explanations not needed...just the facts.

Managers asked if anything is being done currently to reprimand the refs in question and Jim said not really yet as they are starting to track now. Tracking refs and patterns could help with scheduling team & refs.

Discussed various current incidents. General consensus is to work together to help the refs get better!

### **REFS Report**

As stated above. Refs are getting verbal abuse. MANAGERS don't let your players verbally abuse the refs...personally remove those players from the field. If a manager condones the activity on the field, the players will reciprocate.

Refs have been taking a test before they are assigned weekly games. To pass they have to have 100% on TORSO Exceptions to the Game.

Ref Pay: Jim stated that current association pay for refs is \$60 & \$35, TORSO pays only \$50 & \$30. Like to look at upping their pay to \$55 & \$35.

### **MARKETING COMMITTEE – Audrey**

Facebook Page growing – managers please make sure your players know about it. Clinics with ACES went well. Another August 23 – Coed

### **FIELDS COMMITTEE – Rob**

Neil busy at reschedules & getting summer ready

Rob – thanks for being flexible to move at rainouts. For fall consider moving to Dutch or HASP as those don't get rained out as much. Last spring HASP had cut the fields available to the TORSO. Hopefully able to increase fields as we go forward.

Prospect Fields – South, NW & West. If we do get these fields it could mean more travel for teams. All fields close May 24. Bear Creek closes May 17. Meyer staying open for TORSO thru May 24.

Scheduling – As of now – 4 Sundays left...looking for teams that are open to Saturday rainout makeup or on Mother's Day. Discussed the 5 Division issues -----inclination now is to keep 4 divisions with more teams. Discussed maintaining the integrity of the Divisions. 53 teams now....if we get to 61-62 teams then it would make sense to look at a 5<sup>th</sup> Division.

**TEAM LIASON – Mark & Jamie**

Print out returning player form early and bring to registration. If anyone is not sure their team is going to make it let Mark or Jamie know – they can help with players, managers, etc.

Discussed how to print out game sheet by hitting “vs.” on the schedule. Game reports stored at that same location once game is input. Managers get the game reports...look at those and confirm.  
Discussed a incident where some managers felt that a report was allegedly scrubbed. Neil responded saying the report was not scrubbed...but the reports are put up without names and curse words used if on the initial report. Jamie concurred.

It was discussed that Board members will address this issue and how to go forward. Jim is looking into info from TSSAS exploring privacy, disclosure and the right to know issues. Pascal is also helping to look into this subject.

**NEW Business**

Discussion: 60 minutes is a legal game. Refs can reduce time if needed from 90 to 60.

Summer Season: games will be later in the afternoon. Early bird still available. Deadline EB May 25,  
\$875 + \$25

Discussed lightning policy.

Adjourned 8:45pm