

TEXAS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION-SOUTH

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES-HOUSTON

August 17, 2019

1:04 PM Annual General Meeting called to order.

The President, Pascal Piazza, welcomed all the member of Texas State Associate South and thanked everyone for traveling to Houston. He also stated that Women's Commissioner, Jeanne Smith, Coed Commissioner, Jinny Sutherland and Men's Commissioner, Gloria Rodriguez were all re-elected in their Commissioner meetings.

1. Credentials/Roll Call: The majority vote is 17 and the two-thirds vote is 22. The President asked if there were any objections to the Credentials. The motion was made and seconded to accept the Credentials. In the absence of any objections, the Roll Call and Credentials were accepted.

2. Minutes: On page 11-12, the minutes from the TSSAS Semi-Annual Meeting from March 30, 2020 were reviewed, adopted and approved.

3. Election of Officers-President: President, Pascal Piazza announced that he will stand for re-election for TSSAS President for another 2-year term. With no objections or other nominees Pascal was re-elected TSSAS President by unanimous vote.

Officer Reports:

President: Pascal's report stands as written on page 27 in the Book of Reports. He discussed that there will be a presentation later in the meeting with the new Laws of the Game. Pascal also reported that Harmony (Administrator) and Neil's (Webmaster) contracts are up and with no objections their contracts were renewed for another 2 years.

Vice President: Claudella's report stands as written on page 28-29 in the Book of Reports. She attended the U.S. Soccer Members meeting on April 3, 2019 in Frisco, TX. One item discussed in this meeting was an overview to Innovation to Growth grants and she explained that anyone affiliated with U.S. Soccer can apply for these grants. She congratulated Jeanne and Round Rock for a successful State Cup that was held in June. She thanked all the leagues for participating. She had the opportunity to work with Jeanne and Women's Committees with the USASA Region III Women's 8v8 tournament that was held in Murfreesboro, TN June 7-9.

Administrator: Harmony's report stands as written on page 37 in the Book of Reports. Harmony discussed the Abenity benefits and referred to page 38 in the Book of Reports. This is another discount application similar to Groupon.

She went over our insurance claims that are on page 6. She also went over her new contact information that can be found on page 37 of the Book of Reports. New email address is registrar@tssas.org and phone number is 210-326-5942

Treasurer: Debbie's report stands as written on page 31 in the Book of Reports. The financials will be finalized after this meeting and will be sent out.

Secretary: Jessica's report stands as written on page 32 in the Book of Reports. She expressed she was thankful the Women's State Cup was able to happen June 1-2 and how successful it was. She thanked Jeanne and Frieda for everything they did for this State Cup.

Men's Commissioner: Gloria's report stands as written on page 33 in the Book of Reports. She thanked the new leagues that have come into TSSAS. She thanked Nick Urbano with Fall Creek Soccer League. She announced that there is a new league coming in from Laredo. She congratulated the teams Horizon and New Stars who participated in Nationals.

Women's Commissioner: Jeanne's report stands as written on page 34 in the Book of Reports. She mentioned the Women's State Cup just took place June 1-2 in Round Rock, TX. She thanked Frieda and Jessica for their help. She also thanked the referees. She explained the Women's Committee hosted their first ever Regional Cup tournament in Murfreesboro, TN. There were four teams in the open division and four teams in the over 40s division.

Coed Commissioner: Jinny's report stands as written on page 36 in the Book of Reports. Her Coed State Cup took place May 18-19 at the Schertz soccer fields. She thanked Alice Klien and her team for hosting. She also thanked Jeanne Smith for also helping with the tournament.

Safe Sports: United States Congress has passed a Safesports Act. It is designed to prevent bullying, discrimination, harassment and abuse primarily for players male or female 17 and younger. This act applies to any league that has players that are 17 years old or younger. If this Safesports Act applies to your league, a new Code of Conduct policy will be set in place. The board of these leagues as well as any team with players that are 17 years old or younger will have to take the Safesports Course. We are still in the process of being provided the proper procedures.

U.S. Soccer has developed the Safe Soccer Framework as a foundation from which all participants in the soccer community, be they athletes, coaches, referees, administrators or volunteers, play an active role in creating an environment free from emotional, physical or sexual abuse. The Safe Soccer Framework is a comprehensive program of policies and process, screening, education and training, reporting, monitoring and enforcement designed to help participants detect and report abuse, respond to it, and prevent future occurrences. This Framework applies to U.S. Soccer national level programs. Please refer to the U.S. Soccer website's Safe Soccer site for full details on this program. Information can also be found on our website: www.tssas.org.

Webmaster: Neil reminded everyone to continue to share tournaments/State Cup information with him. He also stated that all policies will be posted on the website. He said there are great photos and material on the website.

Budget/Financials: The Financials are on pages 40-46 in the Book of Reports. Debbie went over the current budget and shared the approved budget for September 2019-August 2020. Expenses are on page 42 but they are not finalized yet. It will be updated with the payments that were just received and payment out to USASA. The report will be finalized by September and will be posted on the website. She shared that we received \$15,856.40 for International Income, which changes every year. She went over page 44 which shows the current balance of \$44,139.

Referees: Referee report was given by Tim McCurley. He requested that schedules for State Cups be provided two weeks in advance. There is an update to the Referee Reimbursement Rule (Rule 6.19) more information can be found on www.stxref.org.

Laws of the Game: A presentation was done with the changes to the Laws of the Game. There was a webinar done by the referees with the changes that can be found on the website www.tssas.com. All the information with the changes to the Laws of the Game can be found at www.theifab.com. There is also an overview that can be found on the TSSAS website.

Harlingen Women Soccer League changed their name to Harlingen Adult Soccer League.

USASA AGM September 26-29 in Palm Springs, CA

Fiesta Tournament: April 18-19 in San Antonio, TX

Octoberfest: October 12-13 in Houston, TX

Meeting Adjourned: 3:05PM