

# TEXAS STATE SOCCER ASSOCIATION-SOUTH

## SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

### March 19, 2022

Semi-Annual General Meeting called to order at 1:28PM

The President, Pascal Piazza, welcomed all the members and thanked everyone for traveling to San Antonio.

**1. Minutes:** The minutes from the TSSAS Annual General Meeting on August 21, 2021 were reviewed and approved without any objections.

**2. Credentials/Roll Call:** Total votes is 22, the majority vote is 12 and the two-thirds is 15. Pascal asked if there were any questions or objections to the credentials. With the absence of any opposition, the Credentials were approved by acclamation.

Leagues present: Austin Women's Soccer League, Coastal Bend Women's Soccer Association, Corpus Christi Adult Soccer Club, Houston Women's Soccer Association, Milenio XPV Soccer, Round Rock Women's Soccer League, San Antonio Soccer Association, Thirty and Over Recreational Soccer Organization, Women's Soccer Association of San Antonio and New League: Lonestar Premier League.

#### **4. Officer Reports:**

**President:** Pascal's report stands as written on page 20 in the Book of Reports. He went over the D&O insurance coverage that is listed on the budget report. TSSAS elected to pay the premier for all leagues interested in having this insurance. He is hoping that TSSAS will be able to continue to cover this fee for leagues.

**Vice President:** Claudella's report stands as written on page 21 in the Book of Reports. She went over the meetings she attended virtually. She went over that the SafeSport policy guidelines have been updated by U.S. Soccer and will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Secretary:** Jessica's report stands as written on page 23 in the Book of Reports. She stated a change to the table of contents in the Book of Reports. The change consists of the update to the TSSAS AGM meeting being changed from August 6<sup>th</sup> to August 27<sup>th</sup> and location will still be in Houston at The Four Points by Sheraton.

**Treasurer:** Debbie's report stands as written on page 22 in the Book of Reports.

**Men's Commissioner:** Gloria's report stands as written on page 24 in the Book of Reports. She expressed thanks to the referees for their help at the Men's Premier and 1<sup>st</sup> Division State Cup that was

on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> and also thanked all involved in making the tournament a success. She congratulated Premier Champions ASC New Start and Atletico Balboa who placed 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also congratulated 1<sup>st</sup> division champions De Faz FC and 2<sup>nd</sup> place team was Monterrey FC. She also reported that the Over 30s Men's State Cup is to be held April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Shertz, TX.

**Women's Commissioner:** Jeanne's report stands as written on page 25 in the Book of Reports. She reported the Women's State Cup will be held April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> in Round Rock, TX.

**Coed Commissioner:** Jinny's report stands as written on page 26 in the Book of Reports. Coed State Cup will be held May 21<sup>nd</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> in Houston, TX at Bear Creek.

**Administrator:** Harmony's report stands as written on page 27 in the Book of Reports. She was happy to report that all leagues are up to date on all fees. She stated that she will continue to send out league information every month to the leagues.

**Marketing:** Marketing continues to promote the Abenity Perks Program to our members. She explained the perks of this program.

**Referees:** Marcel, the State Referee Administrator, he mentioned that any information becoming a referee can be found on the website: [www.stxref.org](http://www.stxref.org). He expressed there is a big demand in needing referees and that the numbers of referees have drastically decreased in the past few years. He highly suggests that all referees in all the leagues are licensed and that the referee assignor is registered with U.S. Soccer, SafeSport trained and NCSI background screening.

**Budget/Financials:** Debbie's went over the budget/financial reports on pages 28-34 in the Book of Reports. She mentioned there being a change in the September 2022 to August 2023 Proposed Budget. The change is to the Administrative Fee, it is going from \$14,000 to \$18,000. She also reported that on the proposed budget the D&O insurance of \$7,050 is still included and that TSSAS will continue to pay the fee for the leagues interested and hopes TSSAS will continue to cover the fee. She also stated Note Payment listed on the Budget will be paid off in 2023. She also went over the monies that were sent to USASA so far in 2022. She went over on the Profit/Loss page the Assist Leagues addition for \$1,500. Debbie also went over a change needing to be made to the D&O insurance section it needs to be updated from \$3,277 to \$4,694.

#### **SafeSport:**

There was discussion regarding the policy changes and updates for SafeSport from U.S. Soccer. The first update discussed is on the Prohibited Conduct Policy for Training and Education. The change made is Member Board of Directors, Employees and other covered personnel whether they have constant contact with athletes under the age of 18 or not must successfully complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport Core training, refresher course every year in accordance with the SafeSport Policy. The U.S. Center for SafeSport training can be accessed at <http://training.safesport.org>. We also went over mandatory requirements for all State Association (U.S. Soccer Bylaw 212.3) There were also updates to the Texas State Soccer Association South Athlete and Participant Safety Policy, find the updated document with the changes on TSSAS.com website.

SafeSport Updates from U.S. Soccer mandatory requirements for All State Associations include Prohibited Conduct/SafeSport Policy, Limiting One on One Interactions Policy, Procedures for Reporting on website, policies need to be adopted and posted on our website and board of director for State and Staff must have SafeSport training and screening.

What is required to be on the State Association website: Prohibited Conduct/SafeSport Policy, reporting links and instructions, One-on-One Policy and MAAPP.

Each league must communicate to players that the policies and reporting are on the State Website, all board of directors for each league and staff must have SafeSport training and screening and all leagues must follow the requirements if your teams have players under the age of 18.

USASA Annual General Meeting September 22-24 in Aurora, CO.

**New Leagues:** Lonestar Premier League

Meeting Adjourned at 3:01PM