

BOD Meeting
August 9, 2024
Corpus Christi, TX

4:00 PM Roll Call

Present: President-Pascal Piazza, Vice President-Claudella Wright, Secretary-Jessica Stockton, Treasurer-Debbie Anno, Administrator-Harmony Smith, Men's Commissioner-Gloria Rodriguez, Coed Commissioner-Jasen Anno, Women's Commissioner-Jeanne Smith

The minutes from the previous board meeting from March 22nd were reviewed and approved without any changes

President: Pascal's report is on page 13 in the Book of Reports, and he stated that there will be discussion of the Grants Committee and D&P Committee later in the meeting.

Vice President: Claudella's report is on page 14 in the Book of Reports.

- The Grants Committee has been put on hold since last meeting that was at the end of May.
- Discussions with the Corps of Engineers in Houston regarding land for soccer field were unsuccessful, as they deemed the location unsuitable and too expensive.
- Local members are exploring alternative locations for soccer fields, including connections with local churches and recreation centers.
- Next step is continuing to seek alternative locations for soccer fields and reassess the situation and reconvene the committee once new options are identified.

Secretary: Jessica's report is on page 16 in the Book of Reports and is feeling excited about staying at a beachfront hotel for the first time. She is hoping everything goes smoothly. Lately, this has been her main focus.

Administrator: Harmony's report is on page 22 in the Book of Reports.

- The current status of the TeamPass integration is positive, with the team successfully managing financial discrepancies and ensuring funds are accurately tracked.
- Progress has been made in understanding the costs associated with TeamPass and discussions ongoing about member benefits related to D&O insurance.
- The team is working on clarifying the financial breakdown with Julia to ensure accurate reporting and future budgeting.
- Challenges include ensuring all leagues are aware of the fees associated with TeamPass and addressing any discrepancies in player registration fees.
- Harmony has been working on the website, next step she will ensure all commissioners can access the website and provide her with relevant information and pictures for State Cups.

Men's Commissioner: Gloria's report is on page 17 in the Book of Reports. Men's Premier State Cup will be held February 1-2, 2025, and Over 30 and Over40 State Cup March 1-2, 2025, at Schertz Soccer Complex.

Women's Commissioner: Jeanne's report is on pages 18-20 in the Book of Reports. The Women's State Cup had another successful year, forming a combined team for the 55+ category, which was well-received by the participants. The teams were not official teams but were organized into teams for all leagues, allowing players to meet and compete with others they usually don't play with. Although no prize money was awarded, the participants were thrilled with the prizes they received. There are plans to continue the over 55 category to include official teams and possibly introducing an over 60 category in the future.

Coed Commissioner: Jasen's report is on page 21 in the Book of Reports. Coed State Cup was held on June 8th under the lights and June 9th at STAR Soccer Complex in San Antonio. Next Coed State Cup tentative dates are first weekend in June in 2025.

Goals for the future:

- Increase participation by aiming for six teams in each division
- Enhance player participation by scheduling games under the lights and completing events within 24 hours.
- Secure fields for the event, ensuring availability and cost effectiveness.
- Gather input from co-ed teams regarding scheduling preferences and potential participation in regionals.
- Develop a plan to incentivize team participation, such as raffles or other engagement strategies.

Treasurer/Financials: Debbie's report is on page 15 in the Book of Reports. Financials report is on 24-31 in the Book of Reports.

- The current budget has been reviewed and adjusted to reflect a more realistic financial outlook, with changes made since last meeting.
- A reduction in the Director and Officers (D&O) insurance from \$7,050 to \$3,525 was implemented, and the approved budget was confirmed in March.
- The board has managed to stay within budget, with \$150,000 currently in the bank account, \$80,000 is from an SBA loan being repaid.
- The international income for the year is \$22,012.75, although large checks cannot be accounted for in the future projections.
- We spent more money at this meeting in hopes to encourage more participation in the Friday night social event, including games and food.

Unfinished Business:

D&P Committee: There are two open appeals out of Houston Women's Soccer Association, with a decision expected mid-next week. If the outcome is unfavorable for any party, they have the option to appeal to the board for further review.

New Business:

Jeanne proposed we establish a sustainable financial model for the State Cup by potentially reintroducing participation fees for teams, ensuring the event remains viable continues to enhance user engagement and operational efficiency.

Decisions Made:

- Acknowledgement of the need for each commissioner to communicate these potential changes to their respective leagues.
- Recognition of the importance of maintaining a budget that allows for continued operation and growth of the State Cups.

BOD Planning Meeting: Sept 7th at 10am in San Antonio at Antonian.

Meeting Adjourned: 05:15PM