

MINUTES OF THE NTSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 5, 2021

Janet Campbell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Via Zoom - Janet Campbell, Carlos Quinones, David Osborne, Erin Pfarner, Jim Mills, Larry Hall, Paula McFarlin, Tony DeBruno, Trent McColly, and David Messersmith

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Dick Metivier and JC Whaley

STAFF PRESENT

Gary Williamson, Rob Martella, and Lisa Skiles

GUESTS PRESENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes of the NTSSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved as submitted: November 10, 2020 and December 21, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

STAFF DISCUSSION

Rob Martella noted merchandise sales at the TOC through Fine Designs went very well.

Lisa Skiles discussed the dates for the Proposed Bylaw/Rules submissions for the AGM based on the new bylaw passed at the AGM. Lisa also discussed other important dates for the AGM and stated she had Brad start the 2021 AGM tab on the website.

Gary Williamson stated he took twenty-three (23) ODP teams to Austin for the South Texas Friendly Games to finish off the fall season of ODP.

Gary also noted in Coaching Education they have sixteen (16) Grassroots clinics scheduled, four (4) Blended "D", and are in the middle of the "C" course. We have also been approved to host another "C" in 2021.

David Messersmith asked the Board of Directors to send him the times of the year their programs are the busiest and would not be a good time for their staff person to take days off. David stated FC Dallas agreed with the Sponsorship reduction payment of \$60,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Appeals and Disciplinary Committee** - Carlos updated the board on the scheduled hearings.
- **Audit Committee**

- **Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Committee**
- **Coaches Training and State Select Team Committee**
- **Competitive Soccer Committee**
- **Cup & Games Committee** – Tony DeBruno thanked Rob Martella and all of the volunteers for running the Tournament of Champions. Tony noted they has 377 teams play this year down from the 493 teams that played last year, so we were down about 25%.
- **Finance Committee**
- **ODP Committee**
- **Recreational Soccer Committee**
- **Referee Committee**
- **Risk Management Committee**
- **Risk Management Policy Committee**
- ***The Pitch*TM / Committee**

OFFICER REPORTS

Carlos Quinones – Nothing to add to written report

Dick Metivier – Absent

Erin Pfarner - Nothing to report

J.C. Whaley - Absent

Jim Mills – Nothing to report

Tony DeBruno – Nothing to report

Larry Hall – Nothing to report

David Osborne - Nothing to add to written report

Paula McFarlin – Nothing to add to written report

Trent McColly – Nothing to add to written report

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

Janet Campbell asked if the Treasurer Zoom workshop had been scheduled. Lisa Skiles stated she would get with Dick Metivier and Heather Jackson on a date for this workshop date.

NEW BUSINESS

Trent McColly presented Travis Bohannon as West Texas Area Representative. A motion was made and seconded to approve Travis Bohannon as West Texas Area Referee Representative. The motion was approved.

David Osborne mentioned adding ODP Male & Female Player of the Year awards to the current 'of the Year' awards. After some discussion it was determined to have an ODP MVP award.

Janet Campbell reviewed the items to be covered at the President's Meeting on Saturday.

Janet Campbell reviewed the rule change proposal from USASA.

Jims Mills presented a play down request from Colleyville Soccer for a U7B to play down to a U6B and all required documents have been received. A motion was made and seconded to allow the play down request from Colleyville Soccer for a U7B player to play down to U6B. The motion was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Carlos Quinones
Vice President
January 5, 2021

During the months of November and December the following hearings were conducted:

	<u>November</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>2020/2021</u> <u>YTD</u>
Appeals - A&D Committee Chairman - Vice President	0	0	0
Appeals - Executive Committee Chairman, President	0	0	0
Appeals - Risk Management Chairman, President	0	0	0
Competitive Committee Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	1	2	5
Cup & Games Committee Hearings Chairman, Cup and Games Chairman	1	0	1
Indoor Chairman - Vice President	0	0	0
Outdoor Chairman - Vice President	0	1	5
Referee Assault / Abuse Chairman, President	5	2	8
Referee Misconduct Chairman, Vice President	1	0	1
Youth Commissioner Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	0	0	0
Total Hearings:	8	5	20

Activities:

December: US Soccer Federation Hearing

Executive Director Report
David Messersmith
January 5, 2021

Meetings held/attended since last board meeting:

1. FC Dallas sponsorship 2020
2. Annual Audit finalized
3. World Cup Grassroots Committee meeting
4. Board members on various issues
5. US Soccer Foundation Audit Committee

David M Osborne
Chairman, ODP
January 5, 2021

Attended a couple of Executive Committee hearings via Zoom on Wednesday 11th November 2020

Attended the 2020 NTSSA TOC on behalf of North Texas from Friday 4th December through Sunday 6th December 2020 at the Warren Sports Complex in Frisco handling the 9U & 10U Boys & Girls. Big help from my family and two other couples got us through 169 matches for the weekend

Big shout out to Rob, Joe and Christi for their help throughout the weekend and moral support from Janet and Jim. Just don't ask Rob about the missing "60"

ODP practices for Sunday 13th December 2020 cancelled due to the rain in the DFW area

Attended a couple of Executive Committee hearings via Zoom on Wednesday 16th December 2020

Attended an Executive Board meeting on Monday 21st December 2020 regarding a Member Association

Joe Weber's Report – ODP Office Administrator

ODP Board Report – December 2020

ODP 2020-2021 Registered Players: 489

· Completed ODP Events:

o Sport Source Showcase: December 4th – 6th

§ 2004 & 2005 Age Groups

o STX ODP Friendlies: December 19th & 20th

§ 2006 – 2010 Age Groups

· Practices will resume in late January or early February

Paula McFarlin
Women's Commissioner
January 5, 2021

I was to go to the T.O.C. on Sunday 12/6 but was never called. I later talked to Abby and all was covered.

No other meetings attended.

For Christmas, as it's done every year, but for 2020 North Texas Women and North Texas Coed partnered together and donated gifts, jackets and other clothing to a Children's Home. They also donated money to the North Texas Food Bank.

The money collected from red cards and other fines is set aside to be used for these donations.



NORTH TEXAS SOCCER REFEREE PROGRAM

Trent McColly, State Referee Chairman

January 5, 2021

The North Texas Soccer Referee Program continues the 2021 recertification process using OMS. The system has provided a smoother upload process to US Soccer and automatically tracks the federally-mandated SafeSport requirement and US Soccer-mandated Intro to Safety. There has been some learning curve for everyone learning the system and a few hiccups with several people creating multiple accounts in the US Soccer Learning Center. So far, almost 1,700 referee have completed all requirements to recertify for 2021.

Our new Junior Elite Referee Program continues to have positive feedback after three virtual trainings about game management and an introduction to the Considerations, advantage, and fouls and misconduct with 23 referees who want to advance to the next level. Our Elite Referee Program continues in its third year and held a field session in December over offside decisions, penalty area decisions, and outside interference.

About 400 referees were invited to participate in the 2020 Tournament of Champions. Most of our Regional Referees, Grassroots Advanced, Elite Referee Academy, and Junior Elite Referee Academy officiated the tournament. Ann Hicks coordinated with all the assignors to make sure the players received the best referees North Texas has.

The Referee Committee is currently planning the Regional and the Grassroots Advanced upgrade clinics that will be held the last weekend this month. The first day of the event will be held on Zoom with Saturday having a fitness test at Greenhill and a field session at Lake Park in Lewisville. Sunday will be held in more of a classroom-type setting at Lake Park. Thanks to Greater Lewisville Soccer and Mark Grommesh for allowing the Referee Program the use of their facilities.

As mentioned last month, our committee is developing new training to replace assessor days to address targeted areas of needs for associations: assistant referee mechanics/offside decisions, positioning, game management and dealing with misconduct, etc. These in-person modules will be field sessions that can be requested by associations to help develop their referees and will feature some of the Program's top instructors. Plans are already being made to have one of these trainings in Wichita Falls in February.