

MINUTES OF THE NTSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 10, 2020

Carlos Quinones, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

IN ATTENDANCE

Via Zoom - Janet Campbell, Carlos Quinones, David Osborne, Dick Metivier, Erin Pfarner, Jim Mills, Larry Hall, Trent McColly, and David Messersmith

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Paula McFarlin, Tony DeBruno, 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:
October 6, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Larry Hall stated they will be having a USASA Region III Zoom meeting on December 8, 2020 at 7:00 pm. If anyone is interested in attending he will send you the login information.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Gary Williamson stated they have thirty-six (36) coaches registered for the "C" Course and they are on the 4th week of training. Gary noted that he held two (2) in person coaching clinics in Ft. Worth, 9v9 and 11v11 with good attendance on both. They will be holding a couple of coaching courses for the Texas High School Soccer Coaches that need to obtain their licenses.

Gary also noted ODP training is using Harold Patterson field in Arlington, Aces Soccer Club fields, and Money Gram when it is available. Gary stated the next big events for ODP will be December 5, 2020, the Sports Source College Showcase and December 19, 2020 the South Texas Friendlies. We will be taking 2 teams each for both boys and girls 04, 05, and 06 to the Sport Source College Showcase and three (3) teams each for both boys and girls 08, 09, and 10 to the South Texas Friendlies. Gary also thanked David Osborne for attending practices and lending his support.

Rob Martella stated he had nothing to add to his written report.

Lisa Skiles noted she has been busy with hearings and youth registration. Lisa also announced that Brittany was married on Saturday and is now Brittany Walker.

David Messersmith noted in addition to his report two (2) Safe Sport issues have been submitted to Safe Sport. David also stated the annual audit is going very well considering it is all being handled remotely. David stated he was on a conference call with regards to World Cup 2026 and it will probably be summer or fall before venue sites will be decided due to the travel restrictions with COVID.

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**
- **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 – Nothing to report

Erin Pfarner - Nothing to report

J.C. Whaley - Absent

Jim Mills – Jim updated the board on Fall 2020 registration numbers. We had seven (7) Member Associations that reported not having a Fall 2020 season due to COVID and approximately twelve (12) Member Associations that are still working with Brittany and Lisa on upload issues or other issues. We are currently looking at approximately 72,000 youth players which is about 68% of last year's registration and 6,900 adult players which is approximately 73% of last year's registration. Jim also noted he has spoken with Janet about a possible President's hearing. He is awaiting the official written complaint to come in and will also get with Carlos and David concerning the details.

Tony DeBruno – Absent

Larry Hall – Nothing to report

David Osborne - Nothing to add to written report

Paula McFarlin - Absent

Trent McColly – Nothing to add to written report

CONSENT AGENDA

None

OLD BUSINESS

David Messersmith noted he included in the board packet the requested website click through report.

NEW BUSINESS

Rob Martella noted we currently have 321 teams registered for the 2020 Tournament of Champions and will be scheduling 719 games.

David Messersmith discussed the FC Dallas Sponsorship agreement for 2020. FC Dallas has requested a 40% reduction in the amount they will pay us for 2020 as their sponsors are asking for money back since FC Dallas has not been able to fulfill their obligations due to COVID and the reduction in the number of fans in the stands. A motion was made and seconded to reduce the amount due from FC Dallas to \$60,000 for 2020. After much discussion the motion was approved.

Janet Campbell reviewed the US Soccer Federation upcoming elections.

Janet Campbell questioned the virtual workshops that have not been held to date. Janet asked Dick Metivier to schedule the one for treasurers once the audit is completed. Rob Martella will follow up with Tony DeBruno on the Tournament workshop.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

**NTSSA Board of Directors Meeting
December 21, 2020**

Janet Campbell, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Board Members present: Janet Campbell, Carlos Quinones, David Osborne, Dick Metivier, Erin Pfarner, Jim Mills, Larry Hall, Tony DeBruno, Trent McColly, David Messersmith.

Board Members absent: JC Whaley, Paula McFarlin.

The Board was in Executive Session from 7:10-7:55pm.

After exiting Executive Session, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to loan a member association up to \$26,000, to be repaid at the earlier of 1. At the time of collection from the insurance company for reimbursement of claim, or 2. No later than December 31, 2021.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Carlos Quinones
Vice President
November 10, 2020

During the month of October the following hearings were conducted:

	<u>October</u>	<u>2020/2021</u> <u>YTD</u>
Appeals - A&D Committee Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Appeals - Executive Committee Chairman, President	0	0
Appeals - Risk Management Chairman, President	0	0
Competitive Committee Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	1	2
Cup & Games Committee Hearings Chairman, Cup and Games Chairman	0	0
Indoor Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Outdoor Chairman - Vice President	0	4
Referee Assault / Abuse Chairman, President	1	1
Referee Misconduct Chairman, Vice President	0	0
Youth Commissioner Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	0	0
Total Hearings:	2	7

Activities:

**David Messersmith
Executive Director
November 10, 2020**

Meetings held/attended since last board meeting:

1. South Region ED's weekly conference calls
2. Insurance premiums with K&K Insurance
3. Member Associations fall seasons in COVID
4. Two Safe Sport reports
5. FC Dallas sponsorship during COVID
6. USSF Registration Processes
7. Annual Audit
8. World Cup Dallas 2026 conference calls
9. Board members on various issues

**David Osborne
Chairman, ODP
November 10, 2020**

Attended an Executive Committee hearing via Zoom on Wednesday 7th October 2020

Attended practices for 2004/2005/2009 & 2010 Boys on Sunday 18th October 2020 at the MoneyGram Soccer Complex in Dallas

Attended practices for 2004 & 2005 Girls on Sunday 1st November 2020 at the Harold Patterson Sports Complex in Arlington

Attended practices for 2004 & 2005 Girls on Sunday 8th November 2020 at the Harold Patterson Sports Complex in Arlington

ODP Committee

Gary Williamson – Director of Coaching & Player Development - confirmed

David Tucker – BESA 2nd VP – Coaches Director - confirmed

Nadim Shabout – ODP 2006 Boys – confirmed

Danielle Caro – ODP 2008 Girls – confirmed

Joe Weber's Report – ODP Office Administrator

ODP Board Report – October 2020

ODP 2020-2021 Registered Players: 476

· Upcoming ODP Events:

Sport Source Showcase: December 4th – 6th

2004 & 2005 Age Groups

STX ODP Friendlies: December 19th & 20th

2006 – 2010 Age Groups



NORTH TEXAS SOCCER REFEREE PROGRAM

Trent McColly, State Referee Chairman

November 10, 2020

The North Texas Soccer Referee Program wrapped up the entry-level Grassroots clinics for the fall with a bang. We had 30 new referees attend a training in partnership with Scheels Department Store. Referees who participated in their clinic received a referee starter kit with everything they needed to be gameday ready.

We also began our newly formed Junior Elite Referee Program October 15 with 23 referees who want to advance to the next level. Participants were recommended from assignors to take part of this group. Our first meeting dealt with the topic of game management and an introduction to the Laws of the Game Considerations. The trainings for this group will be the third Thursday each month. This month's topic will be advantage.

Tournament of Champions will look quite a bit differently this year. With the extensive help of Ann Hicks, the referee pool for the ToC will be by invitation only—just like the other two major North Texas tournaments. Ann has been working tirelessly with assignors to provide the tournament assigning committee with the most highly recommended referees to be invited from associations across the North Texas Soccer area.

Two of our former National Referees are currently working on the six-month pathway to become National Referee Coaches. Their experience, expertise and soccer backgrounds will be a welcomed voice within the Program for all our referees—especially those pursuing the highest level. These two experts will be asked to lead our upcoming Regional Advancement Clinic at the end of January.

Our committee is developing a new program to reduce or eliminate assessor days and replace them with referee trainings over targeted areas of need: 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.

Since National Camp will look quite a bit differently this year because of COVID, we have been asked to assist with the administration of the National Fitness Test. Working with Jim Mills, who is a National Referee Coach, the Program has offered to provide equipment and manpower in order for the nine individuals assigned to our area to complete that National requirement.