

MINUTES OF THE NTSSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 7, 2023

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Janet Campbell, Elena Williams, Dick Metivier, Jerry Deaton, Jim Mills, Jim Wagner, David Osborne, Rach Badii, Trent McColly, Tony DeBruno, and David Messersmith

NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Erin Pfarner

STAFF PRESENT

Rob Martella, Lisa Skiles, and Warren Cottle

GUESTS PRESENT

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following minutes of the NTSSA Board of Directors Meeting were approved as submitted:

- October 3, 2023

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Janet Campbell reviewed the following with the Board:

- Janet reminded the Board and Staff that Christmas Dinner is scheduled for Friday, December 8, 2023, at 8:00 PM.
- The USYSA Workshops will be in Anaheim, California January 11-14, 2024. Janet noted at this time she has Jim Mills Jim Wagner, Trent McColly, Erin Pfarner, Warren Cottle, Rob Martella, and herself attending. David Messersmith will be attending with U.S. Youth Soccer.
- The USSF AGM, Feb. 8-10, 2024 will be in Dallas, which will allow for more North Texas attendees to observe.
- Janet Campbell noted she will be attending the USSF Leadership meeting in Chicago in November.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Rob Martella updated the board on TOC preparations for next month.

Lisa Skiles reported she is still looking for space for the 2025/2026 AGM to include the International Coaching Symposium and we have secured the Westin Galleria for our 2024 AGM.

Warren Cottle discussed the upcoming coaching education clinics and ODP events.

David Messersmith – Nothing to add to the written report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Appeals and Disciplinary Committee

- **Audit Committee**
- **Bylaws, Rules, and Regulations Committee**
- **Coaches Training and State Select Team Committee**
- **Competitive Soccer Committee.**
- **Cup & Games** – Tony DeBruno mentioned an issue sent to North Texas with regards to a local tournament.
- **Finance Committee**
- **ODP Committee**
- **Recreational Soccer Committee**
- **Referee Committee**
- **Risk Management Committee**
- **Risk Management Policy Committee**
- ***The Pitch*[™] / Committee**

OFFICER REPORTS

Elena Williams – Elena noted she is working on ways to get more information out to the local associations A&D to help them understand their position.

Dick Metivier – Nothing to report

Erin Pfarner – Absent

Jim Mills – Jim noted we have a 6% increase in player registration. Jim also stated he and his committee are working on the Recreational League format.

Tony DeBruno – Nothing to report

Jerry Deaton – Nothing to report

David Osborne – Nothing to add to the written report

Rach Badii – Rach discussed issues with local adult associations A&D not knowing the proper steps in handling A&D from receiving the complaint, to what to put in the hearing letters. Rach also discussed club coaches wanting to obtain the “B” Coaching Licenses and the lack of courses. Warren Cottle stated US Soccer is working to certify more instructors for this course to they can meet the demand they have to host more of these clinics.

Trent McColly – Trent reported we had nine (9) officials invited to attend the US Soccer National Camp to be a National Referee pending their fitness test and completion of the course. We also have two (2) who live in North Texas but represent other state associations.

Jim Wagner – Nothing to report

CONSENT AGENDA - APPROVED

- Play down request by Richardson Soccer Association not approved by email vote.

OLD BUSINESS

The following 2023-2024 Committee was approved:

- 2023-2024 Audit Committee
- 2023-2024 Finance Committee

David Messersmith stated the item with a member association and fields have been resolved with North Texas Soccer involvement.

David Messersmith stated he tried to get in contact with Grand Prairie but had not received a return call. Janet stated to move forward with a meeting with the North Texas Soccer Board and members of Arlington Soccer and Irving Soccer concerning the Grand Prairie Territory. The board discussed setting up a Zoom meeting the first week of December.

NEW BUSINESS

David Messersmith stated the fieldwork of the annual audit has been completed. Based on past years the audit report should be available by the first week of December.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM

David Messersmith
Executive Director
November 7, 2023

Meetings held/attended since last board report

1. Audit field work completed
2. USYSA Website demo with NBC Universal
3. USSF call on registration processes
4. Check disbursement systems demos
5. Outside attorney has retired
6. USYSA update calls
7. USYSA HOF Committee
8. Board members on various issues

**David M Osborne
Chairman, ODP
November 7, 2023**

Held an ODP Committee Meeting on Wednesday 4th Oct 2023 from 7:00pm via Zoom.

In Attendance -

David M Osborne – NTX ODP Chair
Warren Cottle – NTX ODP Director
Javier Perdomo – NTX ODP Program Assistant

David Tucker – BESA Director of Coaching
Ian Keeble – ODP 08B Head Coach
Jeff Hill – ODP 11G Head Coach
Rusty Oglesby – ODP 12B Head Coach

Committee Member Absent ---
Becky Coltrain – ODP 11G Assistant Coach

Took a few minutes to get to know each Committee & NTX Member.
Discussed the upcoming ODP events for 2023 & 2024 – the events are listed below.

Sport Source Showcase – DFW - December 2023 – 2007 & 2008 Age Groups
South Texas Friendlies – Round Rock, TX – December 2023 – All Age Groups 2009 - 2013
Scott Dymond College Showcase – DFW – March 2023 – 2007 & 2008 Age Groups
Sub-Regionals – ATL – June 2024 – All Age Groups 2007 – 2013
Region III ID Camp – July 2024 – All Age Groups 2007 – 2012

New Equipment for ODP Staff was handed out at the 2023/2024 Tryouts in Aug 2023. Asked Javier to check with Rob to see if the ODP Coaches & Staff can obtain a Winter Jacket for ODP Events. Touched on practice sessions for the month of October 2023. Practices were held at Alliance Park, Boswell High School, and Gateway Park, respectively. Asked Javier to check into listing both Head & Assistant Coach details on the Website – this has been updated since our board meeting. Asked Javier to again list the NTX ODP Players Pool 2023 – 2024 as it was not featured last season. This is being worked on. Asked Javier to again list the South Regional & National Players Pool involving NTX ODP Players as it was not featured last season. Javier has promised to update this as soon as details are available. Coaches Voice - asked Warren how the programme is working out and received all thumbs up for a phenomenally successful piece for the Coaches to use this season. The floor was opened to the Committee Members to discuss ODP items. The Committee was happy that a new pay scale was negotiated and implemented for the 2023/2024 ODP Season. Closing remarks by ODP Committee Chair – David M Osborne. The meeting concluded at 7:43pm.

Attended ODP practice at the Alliance Park in Fort Worth on Sunday 8th Oct 2023. This was the make-up practice for the sessions cancelled on the 24th of Sep due to lightning.

Informed Tony, Rob & Abbie Craven on Thursday 26th Oct 2023 that my family & friends – 10 in all will again Marshall the Warren Sports Complex for NTX during the TOC over the weekend of the 1st – 3rd Dec 2023.

Attended ODP Practice at the Rolling Hills Soccer Complex in Fort Worth on Sunday 5th Nov 2023. The sessions involved the 2007 – 2013 Girls.

Attended the Executive Board Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday 7th Nov 2023.

FIELD ADDRESSES:

Alliance Park: 3800 Litsey Rd, Roanoke, TX 76262

Boswell High School: 5805 W Bailey Boswell Rd, Fort Worth, TX 76179

Gateway Park: 4323 E 1st St, Fort Worth, TX 76117

Rolling Hills Soccer Complex: 2900 Joe B Rushing Rd, Fort Worth, Tx 76119

ODP Practice Schedules for Nov & Dec 2023**BOYS:****2007:**

11/12 – Alliance Field # 1 - 3:00pm – 5:00pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 2 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

2008:

11/12 – Alliance Field # 2 - 3:00pm – 5:00pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 3 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

2009:

11/12 – Alliance Field # 3 - 3:00pm – 5:00pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 5 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

2010:

11/12 – Alliance Field # 1 - 12:30pm – 2:30pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 4 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

2011:

11/12 – Alliance Field # 2 - 12:30pm – 2:30pm

12/10 – Gateway Field # 3 - 1:00pm – 3:00pm

2012:

11/12 – Alliance Field # 3 - 12:30pm – 2:30pm

12/10 – Gateway Field # 5 - 1:00pm – 3:00pm

2013:

11/12 – Alliance Field # 1 - 10:00am – 12:00pm

12/10 – Gateway Field # 4 - 1:00pm – 3:00pm

GIRLS:

2007:

11/05 – Rolling Hills Field # 13 - 6:30pm – 8:30pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 1 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

2008:

11/05 – Rolling Hills Field # 14 - 6:30pm – 8:30pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 3 - 1:30pm – 3:30pm

2009:

11/05 – Rolling Hills Field # 10 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 5 - 1:30pm – 3:30pm

2010:

11/05 – Rolling Hills Field # 14 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 4 - 1:30pm – 3:30pm

2011:

11/05 – Rolling Hills Field # 13 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 1 - 1:30pm – 3:30pm

2012:

11/05 – Rolling Hills Field # 12 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

11/26 – Gateway Field # 2 - 1:30pm – 3:30pm

2013:

11/05 – Rolling Hills Field # 11 - 4:00pm – 6:00pm

11/12 – Alliance Field # 2 - 10:00am – 12:00pm

Elena Williams
Vice President
November 7, 2023

During the month of October the following hearings were conducted:

	<u>October</u>	<u>2023/2024</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	1	3
Competitive Committee Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	1	1
Cup & Games Committee Hearings Chairman, Cup and Games Chairman	0	0
Indoor Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Outdoor Chairman - Vice President	0	0
Referee Assault / Abuse Chairman, President	2	2
Referee Misconduct Chairman, Vice President	1	2
Youth Commissioner Hearings Chairman, Youth Commissioner	0	0
Total Hearings:	5	8

Activities:

Tony DeBruno
Chairman, Cups & Games
November 7, 2023

It's TOC time. Below are the upcoming key dates regarding entire

Monday, November 6th, 2023:

- Deadline to withdraw a team from TOC to receive a refund of the team's registration fee. Teams withdrawn from TOC after Monday, November 6, 2023 will forfeit the team's registration fee.

Monday, November 13th, 2023:

- Teams must be entered into the 2022 NTSSA TOC league event in GotSport on or before November 13, 2023.
- Team Rosters must be uploaded into the 2022 NTSSA TOC league event in GotSport on or before November 13, 2023.

Wednesday, November 15, 2023:

- Deadline to complete online check-in for TOC. All required documents must be uploaded into the 2023 NTSSA TOC league event in GotSport on or before November 15, 2022.

As of last week, we have over 900 games and 118 semi and finals.

We will have a venue outside of the Frisco, Plano, McKinney area for the first time in a long time.

We will be using the Keller Sports Complex in Keller. This could be the start of using an additional area of the metroplex for multiple games / divisions as the surrounding cities could serve as additional venues in the future.

Below are the venues, number of fields, and tentative number of games.

Keller Sports Park – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – 8 fields (9v9) 114 games plus semi and finals

Warren Sports Complex – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – 14 fields (7v7) 190 games plus semi and finals

Northeast Park – Friday(TBD), Saturday and Sunday(TBD) -6 fields (11v11) 79 games and maybe a few semi and finals

Russell Creek – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – 20 fields (11v11) 140 games plus semi and finals

Carpenter Park – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday – 6-8 fields (9v9) and 8 fields (11v11) 185 games plus semi and finals

Highpoint – Friday and Saturday– 4 fields (9v9) and 6 fields (11v11) 118 games

Cheyenne – Saturday – 6 fields (7v7) 65-72 games

Once again, Ann Hicks is heading up the selection of Referee Assignors. She also is in communication with the referee assignors representing NTSSA associations to obtain their list of recommended referees for the tournament. The TOC is an invitational only event for referees, like the other NTSSA tournaments (State Cup, Presidents Cup).

Below is the list of assignors and the complexes they will be assigning referees for:

Venue	Friday	Saturday	Sunday		#games
Carpenter Park (Plano)	X	X	X	Ann Hicks	185
Cheyenne (Plano)		X		Cherie Long	72
Highpoint (Plano)	X	X		Mark Frizzell	118
Keller	X	X	X	Thomas Moran	114
Northeast (Frisco)	?	X	?	Will Allen	79
Russell Creek	X	X	X	Brandon Gardner	140
Warren (Frisco)	X	X	X	Ethan Frie	190

With Stack shutting down the Game Officials assigning platform, NTSSA has decided to use Assignr as the new platform for referee assigning. TOC will be the first event using this new assigning system.

We are scheduled to do training with the referee assignors this week and have been notifying referees of this change in platform.

Note: Game Officials can still be used if needed as end of life is Spring 2024, and no new games are to uploaded after 12/31/23, but were trying to make the transition now and it will benefit associations this spring with a significant number of referees that will already be familiar with it.

Abbie Craven is once again leading the volunteer recruitment and placement to support all of the complexes.

If you have not done so already, you can let me or Abbie know your availability to help and location preference, if any.



Trent McColly
State Referee Chairman
North Texas Soccer
November 7, 2023

Summer and fall have been extremely busy for the North Texas Soccer Referee Program. Recertification continues for 2024 through December 22, then opens again January 2 with a \$10 late fee. We finished the first half of the 2024 registration year with 50 entry-level clinics which brought in 1,003 new referees. Additionally, with the help of the US Soccer Innovate to Grow grant, we launched our newest development group, FORCE which was started by and for female referees. Our other development groups (Junior Elite, Elite, and Jam) continue to support referees monthly.

For the fourth year, the Tournament of Champions is an invitation only event for referees representing as many North Texas associations as possible. Recruitment is going well with the support of multiple assignors across the state who have recommended their best referees.

With GameOfficials going away, North Texas Soccer has agreed to an agreement with Assignr. This new assigning platform will allow referees to download an app for their phones and receive push messages about assignments. While MLS Next has been using the platform, the first use of it at a North Texas event will be ToC. Rob Martella has been instrumental in getting the agreement worked out and helping several of our associations to join.

We want to congratulate many of our officials who were recently invited to National Camp. Referee candidates include Lorenzo Hernandez, Brandon Gardner, Olvin Oliva, Gloria Martinez, Emmy Nonso-Anywako, and Habeeb Hooshmand. Assistant Referee candidates include Jason Guillen, Josh Ell, and Ben Cuyler. Two others invited officials work in North Texas are registered in other states: Emily Gomez and Ezekiel (Shay) Yinka-Kehinde.