The TASO Football Board met on Friday February 26,2016 at the Doubletree/Hilton at Dallas Love Field, 3300 Mockingbird Lane, Dallas, TX 75235.  The meeting was called to order at 10:00am and adjourned at 10:20pm

A reminder:  All TASO Football members are welcome to attend these meetings and are encouraged to do so.

TAPPS gave a report.  The UIL, THSCA, and the THSCDA were not able to attend.

The District Directors gave reports on their chapters and the plans to conduct the District Meetings.

* D1 Mike Durrett subbing for Mark Hughes: Amarillo, North Texas, South Plains
* D2 Darrin Cox: Abilene, El Paso, Permian Basin, San Angelo (also gave a 2016 state meeting update)
* D3 Rod McClain: Fort Worth
* D4 James Campbell: Austin, College Station, South East
* D5 Charlie Wernette: San Antonio
* D6 Mike Buck: South Texas, Rio Grande Valley
* D7 Bruce Tiff: Dallas
* D8 Bill Stevens: Houston (also gave a 2017 state meeting update)
* D9 Keith Hopkins: Pecan Valley, Central Texas, Waco
* D10 Bobby Bain: East Texas, Stephen F. Austin, Tyler-Lone Star, Commerce

The Committee Chairman gave reports and plans for their committee assignments:

* Awards:  Bobby Bain (updated Life Member, Roll of Honor, and State Championship Records)
* Clinics & Clinicians:  Bill Theodore (approved chapter clinic request and assignment of clinicians)
* Finance Committee:  Bill Fecci (preparing a 2016 TASO Football Budget to submit)
* Mechanics: Rod McClain (2 small changes on 4 man crews for trys)
* Operating:  Mike Buck (proposed and board approved the following changes in the TASO Football OP.
  + A member may only be assigned to 1 state championship per season
  + Rinstated the credit for college points, chains, and clock assignments for 2016.  Scrimmages and practices do not qualify for points)
  + Redefined the requirements for a dual chapter membership
* Steering: John Miller (recruiting in a social media work)
* Testing:  Bill Stevens (dates test will be live)
* Training & Technology:  Mike Wise (update on clinic presentations as soon as the 2016 Rule Proposals have been approved: They include, Coaches Microphones, Instant Replay, Technology, Ineligible Downfield, Low Blocking revisions

New Business:

The Board approved the application from the MidTex Chapter for TASO Membership.  They were already a TASO approved chapter for some other sports.  They are approved by TAPPS and plan to officiate only TAPPS 6 man , class 1A games only.  They will be put in D3 with Fort Worth but do not compete with any of our current chapters

The Chapter Presidents / Secretaries Meeting was held at the same location on Saturday 2-27-2016.  The meeting began at 9:00am and adjourned at 3:10pm

There was a Hatch training session from 8:00am -9:00am prior to the start of the Presidents/Secretaries Meeting conducted by Tony Scazzero.

The Committee Chairman gave their reports again with the addition of these reports:

* Insurance:  Don Whitaker (stressed that we need to do a better job explaining the coverage to our members)
* Executive Directors Report: Mike Fitch (state meeting update, Hatch system/replacing Arbiter update, San Antonio Jay update, Gridiron Hero’s Presentation, Officiate Texas update)
* Members Review Committee: Bud Alexander (explained the procedure if a member gets a letter concerning the background checks)

Tony Timmons made a presentation on Arbiter Pay and the advantages to the schools and the officials.

Questions and Answers:

Each chapter was given the opportunity to have their questions on the agenda.  We tried to get all questions and concerns answered during this time.  As we say “Remember whose organization this is.”

The Football Board, your District Directors, your Chapter Officers, and the TASO Executive Director work for the members. Hopefully this Q & A session will always be part of the agenda.

We will get some off season information to you in the spring so you can begin your preparation for the 2016 Football Season.

Thanks, for your hard work on behalf of Texas High School Football.

The next Football Board Meeting will be Friday July 22,2016 prior to the State Convention in Abilene.  If you have something you want discussed at this meeting, please advise your District Director.  Also, if there is a committee that you would like to serve on please contact the committee chairman to volunteer.

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