



General Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2013

Jeanna (Thornton) Peters, TSA President, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Grayson County Courthouse in Sherman, Texas.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Jeanna (Thornton) Peters (TSA President), Angela Gattis (TSA Secretary), Kaylene Griffin (TSA Treasurer), Scott Payne (Director of Association Development), Tim O'Roark (A&D Commissioner), Nestor Mejia (Sherman Girl's Area Director), April Potts (Sherman Boy's Area Director), Scotty Voight (Denison/Pottsboro Area Director)

Board Members Absent: Jason Gattis (TSA Vice President), Paul Burns (Director of Education), Juanita Peck (Adult League Commissioner), Griff Servati (Van Alstyne/Gunter/Howe Area Director)

Guests Present: Sean Summers (President of the Referee Association), David Schaab (Scheduler)

Approval of Minutes

Spring 2013 General Meeting minutes discussed.

Motion: Approve Spring 2013 General Meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by TSA Treasurer Kaylene Griffin.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

TSA Coach of the Year for the Fall 2012-Spring 2013 soccer year was awarded to Steve McMillian.

Andi DeLuca is here from FC Dallas.

TSA President, Jeanna Peters, reviewed the TSA Mission Statement, Coach's Code of Conduct, Parent's Code of Conduct and advised that the TSA website is the primary source of information and includes a calendar listing TSA activities and events. A coach's guide is on the website for reference.

Website is the Official means of communication:

Banner scrolling across top of page will have latest field and weather conditions for game day.

On Line calendar of events for coaching and player opportunities.

Coaches Link provides valuable information for coaches to use.

Free Coaches and Kids Training Opportunities

TSA President Jeanna Peters advised that Center Street fields and Fairview Park game fields in Sherman are game only fields and TSA teams cannot use these fields for practices. Advised that if any teams are practicing on a Sherman School property, written approval from that school must be obtained. Jeanna reviewed the NT Rule limiting team activity to 3 hours per week.

Games scheduled for Wilkes Pitch have been postponed and will start on September 26th.

TSRA President Sean Summers reviewed the TSA lightning policy and indicated the lightning policy is also on the TSA website. He also discussed cold weather clothing policy (players are allowed to wear

hoodies (either hood on or tucked inside jersey), gloves and wind pants during a game but they cannot have anything hard hanging off the clothing. The game jersey must be worn on the outside of any clothing, however, the shorts do not need to be on the outside of any clothing.), that shin guards must be worn under socks and that our referees may begin at age twelve and to keep in mind they are young.

Jeanna Peters indicated that rosters have been sent to area directors and to not assume that a player is on your roster. If a coach thinks a player is missing from their roster then they need to contact their area director. First games are Saturday, September 7th for U8 and below and September 14th for U9 and above. Coaches should have contacted their players and started practicing. If a coach is looking for an area to practice, please contact your area director.

Jeanna Peters advised that if a TSA team plans to play in a tournament, the coach needs to give TSA representatives at least 10 days notice requesting an official roster. TSA will reimburse up to \$100.00 for tournament play while funds exist.

Jeanna Peters advised of the parent code of conduct on the website. Encourage coaches to read and go over with their team parents. If there is a concern at the game fill out a game report immediately. It is the Coaches responsibility to step in and help control parents.

Recreational soccer does have a mercy rule, coaches should not wait until the game is 8-0 to do something about the game – they should start swapping out players, put stronger players into defensive roles and take the opportunity to let players play positions they would not normally play. Coaches are required to play all players 50% of time.

Jeanna Peters advised that game schedules are final and have been posted and that questions about rainouts or delays are answered on the TSA website. Field layouts at Fairview have been changed by the City of Sherman and can be viewed on website. Coaches were advised to remember the set up and take down of goals on game day.

Jeanna Peters talked about game protests. These need to happen at the field at the time of the game. Find a Field Marshall and have them talk with the referees.

A&D Commissioner, Tim O’Roark addressed how to properly anchor the goals and that coaches need to check the goals to ensure they are anchored before their game starts. Goal anchoring is not just the referee’s responsibility. Tim also discussed how spectator ejections will be handled and the new coaching education modules that are available online.

Director of Association Development, Scott Payne, talked about the new website, new text alert system, Facebook and Twitter accounts. These are the official means of communication.

Scott Payne also discussed the fee increase and presented a chart of the breakdown of costs including the new user fee being imposed by the City of Sherman.

Motion: Fee increase to \$85 per player per season if the City of Sherman does impose a usage fee.
Seconded. 41 for – 4 against – motion carries

Photos are scheduled at Fairview Elementary School. Email the TSA secretary with three photo times. Be aware of your game time and try to schedule pictures for an hour prior to your game.

The TSA tent will be open every Saturday during the season from 10 am until 2 pm. The tent is managed by the board members and available to you to say you haven’t had a referee show up, you have a player issue, concern, comment, etc.

New coachIDs are required for the Fall. Please contact the registrar and send your photo if you have not already done so. Replacements are \$5.00. If you do not have a coaches ID you will be required to sit in the stands. You have two weeks to obtain your badge. Referees will be checking ID badges. Risk management approval is required.

Open positions for the Fall:

President – Jeanna Peters – unopposed
Secretary – Angela Gattis – unopposed
Sherman Girls Area Director – Charles Milner
Director of Association Development – Kevin Nelson
Director of Education – Paul Burns
Tom Bean/Bells/Whitewright – dissolved due to low numbers
A&D – appointed position

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.