



General Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2017

Kevin Nelson, TSA President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. at the Grace Bible Church in Sherman, Texas.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Kevin Nelson (TSA President), Lynn Simpson (TSA Vice President), Angela Gattis (TSA Secretary), Scott Payne (TSA Treasurer), Kendra Sikes (Director of Association Development), Dave Krauss (Pottsboro Area Director), Ziggy Jewell (interim Denison Area Director), Chuck Milner (Sherman Girl's Area Director), Ben Bond (Sherman Boy's Area Director), Gerald Smith (Van Alstyne/Gunter/Howe Area Director), Jason Gattis (Adult League Commissioner), David Schaab (Referee Liaison)

Board Members Absent: Paul Burns (Director of Education), vacant (A&D Commissioner)

Guests Present:

Approval of Minutes

Fall 2016 General Meeting minutes discussed.

Motion: Approve Fall 2016 General Meeting minutes. Motion seconded and carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented by TSA Treasurer Scott Payne.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

TSA President, Kevin Nelson, 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.

Kevin Nelson went over the Rules and Bylaws of TSA emphasizing Rule 3.4 where it states that coaching is a privilege that can be revoked.

Kevin Nelson advised that coaches badges for the 2016-2017 soccer year are yellow. If you do not have a yellow badge, you will not be allowed to coach.

Kevin Nelson discussed a few Procedure changes to be made.

Friends Play with Friends – must have not played for the previous 2 seasons and any age can request to play with a friend.

3 hour time limit was changed to 4 hour limit for older age divisions (U13-U19) due to the fact their games are longer.

TSA President Kevin Nelson 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.

Photos are scheduled at Fairview Elementary School for March 18th and April 1st. A registration link will be sent out from the photo vendor. Be aware of your game time and try to schedule pictures for an hour prior to your game.

Kevin Nelson 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) and that shin guards must be worn under socks.

We also have a new concussion policy that is printed on the back of your coaching badge. Report any suspected concussions to the association.

Kevin Nelson indicated that rosters have been sent to area directors. Coaches should have contacted their players and started practicing. Rostered players only are allowed to practice. If a coach is looking for an area to practice, please contact your area director.

Rosters have been changing over the last few weeks. You should have an updated roster.

Game schedules are posted. Schedules can change multiple times over the season. Please check your schedule frequently to ensure your games are still on the dates and times that were on the first schedules.

Kevin Nelson went over game score reporting for U9 age divisions and up. This is important for placement purposes.

Field set up was covered. It is important to know if you are the first or last game on a field for the day. The field marshal does a wonderful job of trying to have fields ready for games, but at times you might need to help set up your field. How to properly anchor the goals was addressed and coaches need to check the goals to ensure they are anchored before their game starts. Goal anchoring is not just the referee's responsibility.

Coach IDs are required to be worn around the neck at all times while coaching a game. 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 coach's 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.

Kevin Nelson talked about technical areas on the fields. Coaches are required to stay within their technical area at all times. You will be asked to return to your technical area if you are outside it. This is also not the place for your team to sit. Please place your team behind or to the side of the technical area. Parents should be on the opposite side from team with nobody behind the goals.

Please remember that the referees are kids themselves. Be nice and do not question a referee's call during a game on the field. Also – referees are not allowed to eject a parent from the game. The referee will approach both coaches to ask if an unruly parent is theirs and the coach will be responsible for the actions of their parents.

Kevin Nelson 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.

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, with half of that time in being defensive time and half being offensive time.

The TSA trailer is wrapped and designed and we will no longer be mistaken for Sugar Bear. We try to staff the trailer every Saturday from 10am-2pm. This is where you come to pick up a badge, turn in lost and found items, pick up additional uniforms, have general service questions, etc.

There are several Laws of the Game changes that have been made as well.

Kick offs can go in any direction now.

There are no headers for U12.

Calendar year age divisions now, so all players born in 2012 will play together and not school age divisions.

Build out line – the blue line at U9 and U10 – there are no punts, attacking team must retreat behind the blue line, and the keeper can place the ball on the ground and kick it out.

ADJOURNMENT Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.