

**Brownsville Officials Soccer Association**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – General Association Meeting**  
**Wednesday, January 8th, 2020**

- I. The fifth meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by our President Mr. Hector Cardoza. The meeting took place at the Texas Southmost College Recreation Center, 2000 W University Blvd. Hector welcomed all members to the meeting and introduced new members to the chapter. Hector mentioned that we have now 71 officials as part of our chapter.
- II. Secretary report – Edgar Sosa reminded all members to buy the required number of referee shirts. He recommended all new members to buy all 5 shirts. Members who use old uniforms will be fined \$50 since the new uniforms became official 3 years ago.
  - a. Miguel Buenrostro mentioned that new members are not in need to buy all 5 shirts and should follow the first requirement posted by the chapter which was to buy 3 shirts only.
  - b. Mr. Raul Cano mentioned that this recommendation is for the interest of the chapter since having more options when arriving to the field is better. He also mentioned that old referees had to buy new shirts again because of the excess wear and tear of using only 1 or 2 jerseys to adjust to new members.
- III. Treasurer’s Report – Julio Rodriguez reminded all members to pay the local chapter fees (\$40 USD) and mentioned the \$10 incentive for officials with communication headsets. He also briefed the chapter on the status of Scrimmage Fees collection. Many members have not turned in the scrimmage payment form or submitted the wrong copy which delays the collection of payment from school district. He was going to collect the forms at the end of the meeting. He thanked all members who submitted the forms earlier.
- IV. Assigning Secretary’s Report – Raul Cano mentioned the number of members registered (71) and those who were pending on completing exam and videos. The average number of games per official is 11. He requested all members to accept or decline games as soon as possible to better assign and cover games. He mentioned that for the tournaments held in the next couple of weeks he would use experienced referees with 5 years or more due to the usage of the one man or two man system. Raul also mentioned all members to be on the games with all of the accessories required, specially reminded new members to bring cards, coin, pen, and paper. He also mentioned that those games accepted and that then are cancelled without considerable amount of time will result in a \$15 fine. Also, a game that was assigned with an error (wrong field) will result in \$15 to the official paid by assignor.
  - a. Mr. Miguel Buenrostro mentioned that there are referees that have been attending to the meetings, completed exam and clinics, paid their dues and fees, and are receiving less games than other officials that are missing one of these requirements. Raul Cano mentioned that there are some referees that cancel games so the assignors must call a referee they know will be available which may cause them to have a higher number of games. Mr. Buenrostro then requested

Raul Cano to disclose an assigning report of all referees with the number of games they have officiated

- V. Vice President's Report – Mr. Juan Jose Trejo introduced himself as the new Vice President elected in the previous meeting. He briefed the chapter on the number of scrimmages covered and the average of games (5) covered by every official. Failing to do so would result in a \$50 fine (only one member did 1 scrimmage). Mr. Trejo went over the NFHS rules of the game that did not change but may have changed for other organizations (FIFA). He then went over the rules for NFHS that did change which are
- a. Stopping the clock during the last 5 minutes of the second half or overtime ONLY if the team in the lead substitutes.
  - b. Drop Ball: following temporary suspension of play for an injury or unusual situation and a goalkeeper is not in possession of the ball (no more Indirect Free Kick to a team in clear possession). Any number of players may contest a dropped ball, including goalkeeper. **Note:** If a dropped ball enters the goal without touching at least two players, play is restarted with a goal kick if it enters the opponent's goal or a corner kick if it enters the team's own goal
- VI. President's Report – Hector Cardoza reminded members interested in going to regionals/state to notify him and the board as soon as possible. He mentioned that officials interested must have be in good standing with TASO and the chapter and to pass the fitness test. He mentioned the dates for regionals (April 10-11) and state (April 15-18).
- a. Fitness test was voted by majority to be held on two different dates:
    - i. Wednesday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (Cancelled), and Saturday January 18<sup>th</sup> 2020
  - b. Floor was opened for referees to share anecdotes
    - i. Mr. Victor Gutierrez shared an anecdote he had while officiating a game (details about place, schools involved, and what happened will not be disclosed) and encouraged members to make sure they talk to the game administrator before the start of the game and let him/her know what we expect and need from him/her.
- VII. Training
- a. Ms. Agnelia Hernandez instructed all members about how to block dates, schools, and co-officials on arbiter.
  - b. Ms. Magaly Gutierrez provided instruction on the advantage rule with the help of Mr. Julian Treviño
  - c. Mr. Miguel Aguerro provided an example on how to conduct a Coaches & Captain's meeting.
  - d. Mr. Julian Treviño provided a training on how to do an officials' meeting (pre-game) with the official's crew.
- VIII. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn was proposed by Mr. Juan Jose Trejo and seconded by Mr. Raul Cano.