



**Texas Amateur Athletic Federation
Region 4 Meeting
Wednesday, August 29, 2012
Hurst, Texas
10:00 am**

I. Call to Order/Introduction of Visitors

Ramiro Espinosa - Lewisville	Kristie Weaver - Hurst
Jeannette Garcia - Watauga	Jackie Kopsa - The Colony
Andra Boxberger - Highland Village	Ryan McGrail - Southlake
Tyler Sievert - Weatherford	Steve Moore - Southlake
Sandra Green - Arlington	Mark Lord - TAAF State Office
Linda Cornelius - Highland Village	Fince Espinoza - Highland Village
Brian Chapin - NRH	Chris Watson - Hurst
Terry Wiley - Burleson	David Swain - The Colony
Frank O'campo - Burleson	Donnie Hoover - Mineral Wells
David McDowell - Burleson	Ninfa Flewitt - Mineral Wells
Nick Garcia - Mansfield	Heather Gray - Denton
Scott Hardeman - Grapevine	Jason Barrow - Denton
Jaycob Kirkpatrick - Grapevine	John Evans - Southlake
Tom Henry - Haltom City	Mark Long - Flower Mound

II. Consider Approval of April Meeting Minutes

- Tom moved to accept; Jeannette seconded and all approved.

III. Information Items

A. Region Track/Swim Report:

- Swim made approximately \$5000 this year; circuit ribbons were ordered en masse this year and should be good for next year; Kristie announced her resignation as regional swim commissioner at the meet and has asked for nominations for replacement. She will send email to the swim committee asking interested parties to attend the next regional meeting.
- Track - big thank you to Stephenville and Tarleton State for efforts at this year's meet; program cleared approximately \$3500; suggestions for improvement should be emailed to Jaycob.

B. Games of Texas Report: Mark Lord gave report:

- 8239 participants; liaison's make the GOT a success; estimating over \$7million in economic impact; has three entities that expressed interest in bidding for 2016/2017 GOT.

C. Fall Softball Registration Reminder:

- Deadline is September 1 to count towards this year's votes.

IV. Business

A. State tournament bids:

- Several cities are bidding on state tournaments; support Region 4!

B. Proposed Region Budget for 12/13

- Scott went over the proposed budget for 12/13; currently share storage with R7, which may change. Track needs some items (tents, starting pistol, etc); Swim will need meet supplies. Any other suggestions, please send to Scott.

C. Region Tournament/Meet bids

- Will vote at October meeting; if you would like to bid on regional basketball or volleyball, email Kristie by October 1. Jeannette suggested the region look into hosting a regional flag football tournament as several cities run this program.

D. Region/State Committees

- If you would like to serve on a regional committee, send interest to Kristie. Sign up for state committees through President Goodman.

E. Region 4 Elections – **Regional Director**

- This is a minimum 2-year commitment; oversee regional tournaments/meets as well as commissioners; keep the state office informed of anything pertaining to the region.
- Mark Long nominated Ryan McGrail. Linda Cornelius nominated Andra Boxberger. Ryan McGrail was selected to serve as Regional Director. He will be added to the region's bank account.
- Scott and Kristie presented Jackie with gifts for her 7-years of service as regional director. She has left the region in great shape!

F. State legislative proposals discussion

- Discussed pending legislative amendments and Cavalcade revisions.

V. Discussion

A. TAAF - Mark Lord & Jeff Goodman

- Jeff couldn't attend and sends his regrets. Mark discussed ideas that came out of other regional meetings. Some of those include:
- Hall of Fame - needs to be on Friday/Saturday night so attendees and their guests can make it; especially hard on athletes who may be in school
- SMS - moving to April 2013; it will not be a part of the 2016/2017 GOT bid, so other cities may bid on hosting
- State Meeting - moving awards to lunch; offering trainings (C.E.U.'s available) on Sunday afternoon; in 2014 (Waco), TAAF will move meeting to weekdays.
- Softball - TAAF is the least expensive when it comes to most bang for your buck; see tri-fold for registration costs and benefits
- Executive Committee wants to build credibility with department directors in hopes of explaining the value of TAAF in local

communities; many directors have no TAAF exposure and may not understand what TAAF can offer

- Multi-regional meetings and trainings

VI. The Rest of the Stuff

A. Announcements

B. Next Meeting – October 10 in Watauga