



**Texas Amateur Athletic Federation
Region 4 Meeting
Wednesday, April 8, 2015 @ 10:00 a.m.
White Settlement, Texas**

MINUTES from 4/8/15

25 people attended the meeting. Cities in attendance:

- Arlington (Wendy Parker, Tim Baggett)
- Burleson (Allison Smith)
- Coppell (Sheri Belmont)
- Denton (Heather Gray)
- Flower Mound (Mark Long, Brady Warner)
- Grapevine (Scott Hardeman, Brian Blakeway, Andrea Dailey)
- Haltom City (Tom Henry)
- Highland Village (Andra Foreman)
- Hurst (Aujehl Messier)
- Lewisville (Teresa Milam, Ramiro Espinosa)
- Mineral Wells (Donnie Hoover)
- NRH (Brian Chapin)
- Southlake (Ryan McGrail, Junior Camacho)
- Stephenville (Brenda Haggard)
- The Colony (Amber Downing)
- Watauga (David Page)
- White Settlement (Stormy Smith, Daniel Walker)
- Weatherford (Grant Taylor)

I. Call to Order/Introduction of Visitors – Called to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Consider Approval of February Meeting Minutes – First motion by Scott, second motion by Tom. All in favor.

III. Informational Items

- A. Region Finance Report** – A copy of the finance report was provided. Scott reminded everyone that the region has funding for State Conference assistance. If you need assistance, please complete the form from the region website. The region needs to purchase an update to the credit card square by fall 2015 to be compliant with new regulations.
- B. Regional TAAF Survey went out on 3/31** – please take time to complete. - Wendy will put a summary together. So far, 21 people have completed the survey. About 95% of those want to see training or something additional added to regional meetings as a supplement to the normal agenda.
- C. Regional Volleyball Tournament May 16-17 in The Colony** – The packet will be mailed out today. Registration deadline is May 11. Coaches' meeting held on the Friday night before the tournament. The tournament will be hosted at the Colony High School. Scott asked if teams had to qualify through regionals in order to go to the state tournament. Heather stated that it wasn't mandated that teams play or qualify through regionals in order to advance to state, like it is in basketball. That we know of, Region 4 is the only region that hosts a regional volleyball tournament. Still want to encourage participation at the regional tournament if teams are able to attend.
- D. Region Track Meets** – regional meet will be July 17-18 in The Colony. Update on circuit meets? – Jaycob will email out a list with the circuit meet locations.
- E. Region Swim Meets** – swim meeting at noon today.

- F. Online Registration Open for Individual Sports at www.taaf.com** – contact the state office if you need assistance with your login.
- G. SMS & Committee/Executive Board Meetings in College Station April 22-23**
- H. Games of Texas July 30-Aug. 2 in College Station** – Liaisons still needed. Charlene sent an email requesting more liaisons on March 31. Deadline to apply is April 15.
- I. Regional Shirts for State Meeting** – Andra will work on the shirt design. To receive a region shirt for free, members must attend 2 of the 4 regional meetings and work either regional swim or track.
- J. State Meeting September 21-24 in Rockwall** – There will be a region 4 dinner night out for those members attending the conference. This date will be announced at the August meeting.
 - Legislative proposals must be submitted to the state office by August 15. Must attend legislative committee meeting to defend legislation. – Some legislative proposals were discussed for youth basketball, including allowing one pick up play for division II, changing the age determination date, allowing the coed tournament to receive one birth per age division to the state tournament in boys division II, proposing coed rules, clarifying what color jerseys home and away teams should wear, and specifying the pool play tie breakers.
 - State tournament bids must be submitted to the state office by September 1.

IV. Discussion Items

- A. Awards Committee** – new chair is Brian Blakeway. Need a few others to join committee. – Brady Warner, Tom Henry, and Stormy Smith volunteered to join the committee.
- B. Regional Basketball Tournament Reports**
 - Boys/Girls Tournament – Denton. – Heather reported 91 teams registered for the tournament. There were some issues with poor sportsmanship from some spectators and coaches. About 75% of the problems were from TIYBA teams. Problems dissipated when security was present. It was suggested that affiliates attend the February region meeting if they want to be allowed to send teams to the regional tournament, so they understand what is expected of their teams with regards to proper paperwork and behavior. It was suggested that state allocations not be released to teams until during the tournament, to ensure that teams stay registered for regionals. Payments or guarantee forms for the state tournament need to be collected at regionals.
 - Coed Tournament – Haltom City. – Tom reported it went well and they had the biggest turnout so far for this tournament. Teams that went to state had to participate in division I. Would like to see this changed for 2016 by allowing teams to move to state as division II boys, create a coed division at state, or Haltom City could just host a coed state tournament as an invitational tournament.

New Discussion:

Tom discussed the Visions 20/20 survey and reminded Region 4 members that it's important for us to hear what you want from your region and from TAAF in general.

Wendy discussed bubble soccer activities run in Arlington such as leagues, parties, and team building, plus the advertising potential associated with it. Wendy passed around some information about bubble soccer.

- VI. Adjourn** – First motion by Brenda, second motion by Ryan. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.