***Houston Area Volleyball Chapter’s Board of Directors’ Meeting 2/12/2024***

Attendance: Joanie Havens (President) Mary Beth Phelps (Scheduler)

Jeff Peters (Vice President) Keith Lemons (at large)

Connie Brennan (secretary) Consuela Connor (at Large)

Perry Sontag (Treasurer) Blair Gillard (at Large)

Agusto Rodriguez (past president) Tom Trigger (District Rep)

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Tom Trigger: District Meeting report

* Emphasis on bench control was non existent and celebrations to close to the court at TAPPS Tournament.
* Rich Richardson was his usual professional official 1 of 12 chosen for State
* Ejections were down across the board with the exception of fans
* When teams do not switch sides LJS should switch. sides
* A late registration fee of $25.00 will be charged after 3/15/2024
* Rule changes are minimal and are posted on the website nfhs.org
* State meeting is in Abilene July 12-13 Chapter president, secretary, training opportunities are on the 12th, general session on the 13th.
* Regional Clinis July 20th in Lubbock, Arlington, Martin TX
* July 21 in Overton and San Antonio TX July 27 in Katy, Tx at Stadium and Mc Allen TX August 4 last chance Bryan High School in Bryan TX
* On-line clinics Available July 17th – August 20
* Register or you will pay a $25.00 walk up fee
* HAVOC should provide a LJ and R1 for the *Texas All Stars Match* Div 1-4 on July 25 Div 5 & 6 play on the 26th at Arlington High School to be chosen and submitted to Russell Larson (lead Official) by April 1,2024 LJ to receive a T-shirt R1 a jacket

**The board voted to pay $300.00 to the official for this event Joanie motioned and Perry 2nd We were all in favor**

* **TASO** requires registration to officiate VB open until August 1st Chapters are allowed to set their own deadline for registration to allow for proper training. Heavy registration is March, June & July
* A gray jacket may be incorporated into our uniforms. If this passed your outerwear should match your shirt. White on white, gray on gray
* 23 claims were made on insurance. Officials are covered to and from any training, officiating, or meetings
* TASO threads will be on sale in intervals, we will be notified when sales open and close
* Connie Brennan will make a $150.00 gift basket for the state raffle

**Joanie Havens** read a letter from Keith Dill campaigning for more meetings to be held via internet platforms. He discussed the benefits of green living and time saving advantages.

* By-laws can be adjusted in December
* Blair Gillard offered her zoom link to facilitate the meetings
* Accountability for attendance was discussed and Perry provided a link in the chat to verify attendance through out the meeting with time stamped entry.
* Joanie Havens motioned to hold Dec, March, July and August in-person Sept 18 and October 10th VIA Zoom C. Brennan 2nd

**Training:**

*Jeff Peters*motioned for certified officials attend one class training session and it can be credited to a missed meeting. Blair Gillard 2nd The board voted unanimously yes.

*Consuella Conner* discussed the fact that she worked with officials that did not compete their training.

*Connie Brennan* insured that this will not happen again.

Discussions were about ways to train late officials joining and ways to train. The board agreed to explore other training in chapters for ideas. Maybe finding a video for training we may purchase. By-laws allow the president and vice president to provide training opportunities and options. Jeff Peters will make decisions on a case by case attendance. A discussion referred to Kathy Mills at the Rice Belt to provide training for a undisclosed price to out officials. Jeff Peters to talk to Kara Pratt for spring training and *Connie Brennan* will reach out to Houston Stellar.

**Member at Large**:

We still have a vacant at-large position. Board members should make suggestions for the replacement and voted on according to our by-laws.

**Communications:**

*Jeff Peters* suggested a Facebook account to give information regarding meetings, training, notifications for our members. Only HAVOC members can post and all posts should be monitored by him*. Connie* *Brennan* suggests that if our website was current, we would not need one. *Consuella Conner* suggests that we text. *Perry Sontag* said we should be able to do a blast via text when new information is posted on the site.

**Roberts rules of order:**

Jeff Peters was not in favor of using this platform for our meetings. Augusto Rodriquez did not know what this was. Connie Brennan defined that if was procedures to keep meetings in order and on point. Joanie Havens agrees that Robert’s Rules of Order is the correct way to conduct meetings.

**Blair Gillard:**

motioned that we pay our President and Vice President for their contributions to our chapter. Perry Sontag 2nd. The board voted all in favor. The $ amount will be determined later.

She also suggested an “officials night” at University of Houston where officials can attend free and sit with their mentors and ask question. A brief discussion was held.

Blair also suggested a coin representing our chapter. Connie Brennan to reach out to Rich Richardson to access cost.

Joanie Havens motioned to adjourn the meeting and Blair Gillard 2nd 9:00pm