

North Texas Women's Soccer Association (NTWSA)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2024, 9:30 am

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Welcome and Call to Order	Call to Order on June 15, 2024, at 9:03 am
Roll Call	President, Christi Chapman – Present Vice President, Gayla Kirk – Present Secretary, Linn Hanusa – Present Treasurer, Lori Stallbohm - Present League Commissioner, Patti Callahan – Absent Field Coordinator, Melissa Raymer – Present
Reading and Approval of Board Minutes	May 18, 2024, Executive Board Meeting Minutes approved.
Announcement	
Past Business	
Spring Prizes	Melissa and Patti have not sent Linn a final list with champions/finalists yet. Simply waiting on final standings of Open 3.
Forfeit form	Christi will add a comment field to the Forfeit Form, so captains can explain why they are forfeiting.
Tax Exempt Status	Lori is going to investigate. She will reach out to the Secretary of the State to see why it shows we are no longer sales tax exempt.
Treasurer's Reports:	
Treasurer	Lori is working on paying 60 people; PIT Plano invoiced for \$3700 for spring season. Lori received 3 referee payment forms and needs verification for one from Melissa. The referee payment spreadsheet Melissa sent to Lori has all referee payment information except the last three requests made. Lori will send payment out to those referees as soon as possible. Lori renewed Phone Solutions (rainout hotline).
Standing Committee Reports	
Nominations	
Budget and Finance	
Rules and Regulations	
Awards	Summer: Linn is working with Gina. We are planning on staying under \$15/player. We were well under that for Spring at approximately \$10/player, so that is the target price. Currently, Gina has found small hand-held misters for \$4 each. She is trying to come up with something else to add to the prize such as velour wristbands and/or headbands. Visors were also suggested. As soon as we get the quote, we can get it approved. Fall Captains Prizes: Linn has suggested an encased clipboard to be purchased on Amazon. Christi can create an information sticker to add to it. Linn will send the password to the business Amazon account to Christi so she can view the item in the wish list. We can purchase in Bulk on Amazon and get a better price and use our tax-exempt status. Christi needs to verify the size of the area for creating the sticker for the clipboard.
New Business	
Giveaways for tournaments	Christi ordered cooling towels and stickers for traveling captains to give to opposing teams. She will send some with Patty Berry for Canada and later for the teams traveling to North Carolina, New Mexico and Colorado. Christi asked the board members to find out who is taking teams out of state for travel.
Sports Engine	Christi has received several complaints about Sports Engine and the new format. Our banner does not show up at the top, and it is difficult to find games with the new calendar format. If anyone reaches out to complain, advise them to be patient as Sports Engine has changed its format. All games and ID can be found on the website, but they will have to navigate to their team to find it.
8 games vs 10 games	Patti wanted to discuss putting another poll out to the membership proposing an 8-game Spring season following events of the Spring 2024 season and the number of rain outs.
Team Sponsorship	Christi and Patti have discussed writing a preliminary rule stipulating how much NTWSA will give in a year and the guidelines such as having at least 50 percent of the team being NTWSA members to be eligible to receive funding from NTWSA. This rule would establish how much money is donated and limit it to once a year. Qualifying tournaments would also be established. This policy would prevent negative publicity when denying

	<p>funding to teams traveling to Regionals and Nationals due to not being a predominantly NTWSA team. Having a rule in place would make it simple. Patti and Christi are working on a rule to bring forward to vote.</p>
Updating fields	<p>Melissa is having trouble updating fields in the new sports engine. If it is not already pre-loaded, it looks horrible on the front end. Christi and Melissa will have a separate conversation on Avario loaded vs manually entered information and transferring of map URLs to the website.</p>
Invoicing Referee Coordinator	<p>John O’Kane has asked Melissa how to get invoiced. Christi and Melissa will work with him to find out what he is talking about. In the past he sent an invoice directly to Christi and Lori; Christi would verify it, and Lori would pay it. Christi will call John to get more information. Christi nor Lori have received an invoice from John for Spring season. This season, John scheduled about 500 games, so the invoice is going to be higher than normal.</p>
Spectrum	<p>Christi is working with Spectrum to use the field. The idea was we promote each other, but they are not promoting NTWSA. We are hosting a 3v3 tournament on June 22nd at Spectrum. Christi will discuss with Spectrum to come to a mutually beneficial agreement. They have a Wednesday outdoor league, 7v7 and 9v9. They have a Sunday league Open and O30 indoor league. Tuesday, they have an O35 league. Saturday, they have an O50 league, but they also have an Open league. They are playing on two of our days. Christi has asked them to move the games to different nights because NTWSA is already established on those days. A mutual agreement needs to be made that allows both NTWSA and Spectrum to benefit. We do not want to burn a bridge with Spectrum as we would like to be able to use their field on occasion.</p>
Board member laptops	<p>Gayla asked if board members received a laptop. The board has not purchased a laptop since before 2017. Gayla also asked for help in figuring out how to clean up her inbox for Vice President. Christi offered to help her.</p>
Teams Meetings	<p>Melissa asked why we are not using Teams meetings instead of Zoom. The board explained that our members did not adapt to Teams when we tried to use it for Captain’s Meeting in the past. We had more success with Zoom, so we purchased a license with Zoom.</p>
Next Captains Meeting	<p>Tentatively August 19th via Zoom</p>
Next Board Meeting	<p>July 20th at 9:30 am via zoom</p>
Meeting Adjourned	<p>Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 am</p>