

North Texas Women's Soccer Association (NTWSA)
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
July 20, 2024, 9:30 am

Location: Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Welcome and Call to Order	Call to Order on July 20, 2024, at 9:34 am
Roll Call	President, Christi Chapman – Present Vice President, Gayla Kirk – Present Secretary, Linn Hanusa – Absent Treasurer, Lori Stallbohm - Present League Commissioner, Patti Callahan – Present Field Coordinator, Melissa Raymer – Present
Reading and Approval of Board Minutes	June 15, 2024, Executive Board Meeting Minutes approved.
Announcement	
Past Business	
Spring Prizes	Spring prizes have not all been distributed. Also, not enough prizes were ordered by approximately 25 champions and finalists. Prizes were ordered early in spring with an estimate of the number of players per team. With the delay in delivery, Christi suggested we have prizes delivered to a board member going forward and have the prize committee help distribute. The board discussed investigating why there was a short fall.
Fall prizes	Wristbands and/or cups were suggested.
Captain's prizes	The clipboards have arrived and look good. Christi got a better price for them than originally thought. Christi is getting a quote from Rach for the stickers that will include Board contact information. The board agreed to spending more on more durable stickers that will last longer. The cost of the clipboards is still under budget with the increased price of the stickers. Patti suggested adding a pen to the set. Christi is looking into that.
Treasurer's Reports:	
Treasurer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financials were sent out. Everything was approved. Lori has not reached out to the Secretary of State to investigate tax-exempt status but plans to this week. Lori received 2 referee fee requests for July 17th at Prince of Peace O40 11v11 game, but needed verification of the amount of the checks as the amounts were blank. Melissa verified they payment and the amount. Lori is working on team reimbursements. Sports Engine was not sending her notifications when teams requested reimbursement. She has found all of them, and she is working on cutting the checks.
Standing Committee Reports	
Nominations	
Budget and Finance	
Rules and Regulations	
Awards	
New Business	
Field Coordinator	<p>Melissa discussed an outstanding invoice from City of Richardson that Lori should be receiving soon. The summer season is still going on. There have been a few rainouts. We lost Prince of Peace in the evenings due to football. Melissa is working on finding fields for the remainder of the season. Athletic Club/Five Star is being utilized for Over 40 on Wednesdays. Melissa is working on securing fields for the fall season. Currently there are 49 teams playing on Sundays. Over 50 fields for both Sunday and Thursday are done.</p> <p>Melissa is still working on fields for O40. She may be able to get Athletic Club, which may also be opening a new complex in Sunnyvale. Melissa is also following up with City of Corinth. Currently, she has secured McInnish and Cox Fields. PIT Plano is a maybe. In pursuing Irving, she has requested to not use Trinity View but trying to get Southwest. Many fields are closed for maintenance or are not accepting requests. Christi has a contact at City of Lewisville and is going to send that to Melissa. There is also an option for fields in a city (name unknown) available west of Euless. The board believes that it may be too far to travel to play.</p>

O40 game length	Patti brought up the possibility of lengthening the Over 40 games played on Wednesdays to 45-minute halves. She is proposing a rule change that would be needed to prevent games running too late. The rule change would have the clock begin promptly at the designated game time for all weeknight games. This is to ensure they start and end on time. Lengthening game time would go into effect in Spring 2025 since it would involve an increase in field and ref fees.
Referee Checklist	Christi and Melissa will be meeting to discuss updating the referee checklist. The checklist needs to be sent to John O'Kane.
Fall Schedules	The divisions should be finalized by July 28 th and the schedules by August 12.
Over 40 Sundays	This league will likely not make. Christi is waiting on a potential captain to put in another team. Without one more team, Over 40 will not make. United and SOS will enter their teams in Over 30.
League Commissioner	Fall registration is in full swing. Waiting on O40 Sunday. Linn and Patti previously discussed adding a late registration fee for team registration to reduce the number of teams Patti must call to remind to get their team to register.
Referee Fees	Referee fees will stay the same in Fall 2024 since registration fees were increased. The board will revisit increasing them in Spring 2025.
Sports Engine Issues	Sports Engine was not syncing schedules on the website after score entry. Christi and Melissa found the issue and it is resolved. A box had to be checked for enabling auto sync.
Domain issues	Issues have surfaced with email. They are due to an issue with our domain name changing in Go Daddy. Christi is working with Go Daddy to get the issue resolved.
Vice President	Gayla reported there have only been two yellow cards so far this summer. Game sheet email is working well. According to the By Laws, Gayla suggested housekeeping with respect to conference commissioners. She is supposed to report misconduct to conference commissioners, but we do not have them anymore. Christi asked Gayla if she would need help in the fall since it is more games, misconduct, etc. Gayla declined help but will reach out if she needs it. Christi asked Gayla to forward comments about referees, good and bad, to John.
Forfeit Form	Christi is tasked with repairing the forfeit form.
Safe Sport	Christi was reminded at the state AGM that all Executive Board members need to complete the Safe Sport training in Got Sport. Board members will access it through their board Got Sport account.
Sam Morgan	Sam created two new teams from players in the player pool.
FC Dallas Season Tickets	Christi discussed purchasing two season tickets to the FC Dallas games and allowing board members and captains access to them. The board members agreed that it would be more beneficial to support FC Trinity rather than FC Dallas. Christi will investigate the cost of tickets for FC Trinity games.
Player Pool Access	Christi has been receiving questions about access to the player pool. The board discussed not knowing how to grant access. Linn was not present to explain the process.
Fall 2024 Game Sheet	The fall game sheet needs to be revised and uploaded to the website. Linn is tasked with this.
Next Captains Meeting	August 12 via Zoom
Next Board Meeting	Aug 11 th at 9:30 am via zoom
Meeting Adjourned	Meeting Adjourned at 10:40 am