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Meeting Minutes

OFFICER REPORTS:

President: Sandra Olmo

- Acknowledge two recent deaths of members: Karen Hoessel on Aug. 7, long time player and Patty Hayes of Challengers. Patty was recently inducted into TSSAS Hall of Fame
- No minutes from last mtg because no secretary. If you have notes, please send it to Sandra

VP: Toni Ritenour, not in attendance

Treasurer: Katharine Craddock

- Budget vs Actuals came in profit for fiscal year ended August
- First time use of Accounting Software for league (Quickbooks)

Registrar: David Chow

- Make sure age requirement is met (at least 16 for open divisions) for season

Fields Coordinator: Sean Knight

- Sean in this position, but Commissioners are handling fields on their own
- May not re-fill this position, but if you are interested, let Sandra know

Coed: Dee Hernandez

- Team reg starts Aug 8 for Fall
- Season starts Sep 8

Womens: Ayse Kilic

- Last summer game at Bear Creek August 10
- All games will be at Bear Creek
- All games will be at the same time every week. Hopefully this encourages commitment to the season.
- Div 2 games will be at 8 a.m.
- Div 1 & 3 at 10 a.m.
- To avoid forfeits, you can have guest players like we tried in Summer. You can have only 2 players move down a division. Any players can move up a division as a guest player.
- Guest players need to be registered as a player on an existing HWSA WOMEN's team.
- Parking can be difficult at Bear Creek at 10 a.m. games

7v7: Vacant Position

- Thursday 7v7 coed finishing last game this week
- New season starts Sep 5
- Looking at Tuesday games start the Tuesday after Labor Day
- May schedule pickup games in between (week of Aug 29) for warmup of season
- Fall registration prematurely opened, but will re-open Friday
- Need more Tuesday teams, only have 5
- Need Tuesday 7v7 commissioner

Special Events Coordinator: Vacant Position

Recording Secretary: Vacant Position

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OLD BUSINESS:

Documents:

- Need volunteer with web experience to fix broken links, Google Documents
- General rules can be changed with vote
 - Add/include "Over 40" team, a new league division
 - Section 13: Rules were combined from two different documents
 - Substitutions: "Free" substitutions means you can return to game
 - Fair Play needs to be emphasized with players, use skill not size to win ball
 - Jerseys need to have numbers except goalie, at least 5 inches
 - Jerseys need to be uniform and matching, same color.
 - (League has deal with Soccer4All, 20 dry fit jerseys with numbers for \$195)
 - No specifications on shoe requirement. Socks need to cover shin guards.
 - In event of color conflict, home team needs to change team color, pennies are acceptable
 - Away team needs to wear "primary" color listed
 - Coed slide tackle does not lead to mandatory yellow card.
 - Coed slide tackle could lead to verbal warning (up to referee if not violent, no one around).
 - No slide tackling in coed, that has not changed
 - Goalies can not slide tackle outside of penalty box, they are considered field player
 - NEW PROPOSAL: In coed, goalies are NOT allowed to slide tackle feet first
 - Red card: you lose a player. # of girls required still needs to be met.
 - In coed, girl goals = 2 points.
 - In coed, the last OFFENSIVE player to touch the ball, gets the goal. So if it is a girl, 2 pts.
 - In 11v11, need 7 players to field a game.
 - In coed, male goals capped to 3. Goals > 3 results in goal kick for the other team.
 - In O40, added 3 goal cap per player rule.
 - In O40, opposing team may add a field player once lead reaches 4 goals lead.
 - In O40, after 4 goals lead, opposing team may add another field player every additional 2 goals lead.
 - ALL RULES VOTED IN FAVOR.
- Constitution and bylaws require 21 days notice, so we will bring them up today
- ByLaws
 - Players still need to be registered at least 5 days before playing first game in order to be guaranteed to play. This gives league time to resolve any issues that may arise. If the system works and you register the day before and it works, you are fine. This is not a change but a clarification.
 - Forfeits lead to \$50 fine plus full referee fines for both team. Total \$110-180.
 - Illegal players result in forfeit, \$50 fine, and all ref fees. It violates our liability insurance.
 - (Will lock player profile pictures so it can't be changed on Sep 8.)
 - (If other team asks/requests ref to check ID and referee refuses, let assignor know.)
 - (Will have ref meeting before season begins to review rules.)
 - Fine payments need to be paid 15 days once you are notified. Ineligible to play until paid.
 - Manager required to have players have profile picture online
 - Manager will assist ref in player Check-in
 - (Commissioners will remove bad profile pictures.)
 - MOTION TO ACCEPT WAS MADE, ALL VOTED IN FAVOR.
 - Womens 90 min games, Coed 80 min games, 7v7 60 min games, 8v8 50 min games
 - If a game is ended early, ref is still paid. If a game ends in H1, league will pay ref fees for rescheduled game. If a game ends early in H2 prior to 60 min, teams will pay ref fees for rescheduled game.
 - Ref or field only people allowed to call rainout. No change.

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- New forfeit cutoff times:

- * **All evening games need to be reported as forfeit by noon.**
- * **For morning games, forfeit cut off is 8 p.m. the previous evening.**

Guides for Managers, Players, Refs:

- Profile pictures
- "W" next to name on roster (need to sign waiver). Waivers need to be signed each yr.
- Know how to get your game roster. Game roster will show ineligible players.
- Shin guards
- Braces need to be approved by ref
- Fitness tracker needs to be covered
- Substitution rules
- Ref fees
- Need 7 players for 11v11 games in first 10 minutes.
- **10-minute forfeit rule will be enforced. \$50 forfeit + full ref fees.**
- For first season, we will waive \$50 forfeit but keep in place full ref fees.
- If your ref does not show up 10 min PRIOR to the game, call commissioner or ref assignor.
- We will still have 1 ref per game, so please back off on offsides, etc.

Budget:

- Rev came in light, missed winter season, missed one 7v7 **season for weather**
- Reduced field costs by (1) using lower cost fields and (2) not overbook fields
- Final budget will be presented at Dec mtg

Incoming budget:

- TSSAS fee will be broken out, \$25 annual membership fee will cover all registration costs for the year. This amount is not prorated.
- When you register, you will pay a fee, sign waiver, then sign up for teams.
- 11v11 will be \$50 per season
- Small sided games will be same cost.
- Upgrading ref assignor/refs
- Oktoberfest Tournament
- **Awards and Vet Cup / State Cup money**
- **League operation very dependent on volunteers, big time commitment for officers and open Board positions. Need to think about adding paid administrative positions.**
- BUDGET APPROVED, ALL IN FAVOR.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Oktoberfest - Bringing it back, Oct 12 & 13, No womens/coed games that weekend. No games that Monday. Hoping to draw in teams from **San Antonio and Austin**. Will advertise at TSSAS state mtg. Already posted on TSSAS website. Bear Creek. Will have host hotel @ Holiday Inn for \$85 night plus breakfast.
- HWSA + TORSO putting in combined bid to host State **Cup** Tourney.
- Monday nights @ HSP at 7:15p and 9:00p? Push first game back 15 min so it's easier. Will put it out for an online vote. Changed 7v7 game by 15 minutes and it helped a lot with traffic.
- Pass along emails from president to your players. Please read through them. Fewer emails but long.
- In a forfeit situation, use field for practice? No, because it becomes a liability, esp if not all players are HWSA, no ref, need to follow rules with field.

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- Anyone have problems with sending message on team page on a computer? Two players have issues, but one of them was able to do it on her phone.
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- Address reasons why league is shrinking? We've been doing some marketing. Gotten some new players contacting commissioners/league. Let your commissioners know if you need players.

Meeting adjourned