

TAAF Region 7
Thursday, February 18
11:00am

1. Call to order, member information, and recognition of guests

Members Present:

Kim Bybee – Carrollton	Jenny Hammes – Carrollton
Kevin Rogers – Mesquite	Angie Smith – Rockwall
Brian Norton – Mesquite	Chris Glover – DeSoto
John Evans – Frisco	Toni Thomas – Cedar Hill
Emilio Viera III – Cedar Hill	Chris Cottone – Richardson
Bill Conoley – Richardson	Will Mitchell – Allen
Kenny Walsh – Allen	Cheddrick McKee – Allen
Al Penn-White – Sherman	Rod Hayes – Grand Prairie
Eric Anderson – Garland	George Deines – Garland
James Villarreal – Waxahachie	

2. Regional Business

- a. Financial Report – Kim passed out a copy of the new Region 7 financial guidelines and announced the members of the new finance committee. The importance of the committee was to help in making decisions about our regional finances and also protect our account at the bank by having additional signatures on the account. The regional account overall is doing well.
- b. Award Nominations – Kim reminded everyone that 2009 award nominations are due by March 12 and requested that each city nominate someone for at least one category. It was clarified that contributor awards were non-competitive and we would issue them to whomever was nominated. The banquet will be in April and it will be a joint banquet with members of Region 4. A city in Region 4 will most likely host the banquet since Grand Prairie hosted last year. More information will be released once dates and a location are set.
- c. Registering Teams – The state office contacted Kim to let her know that our numbers are down by 50% from last year. Kim reminded everyone to register teams and encouraged them to send adult teams to the tournaments using our new state tournament advancement procedures.
- d. Information Requests – Only 11 cities returned their form that listed which sports they offered. Kim handed out blank forms for cities to fill out so we can update the list for our website.

3. Regional Reports

- a. Swim – George mentioned the coaches meeting on March 3.
 - i. Coaches Meeting – March 3 at 6:30 (Carrollton)
 - ii. “A” Regionals – July 24 (Carrollton)
 - iii. “B” Regionals – July 17 (TBA)
- b. Track – Kevin mentioned the coaches meeting on March 10. The regional meet will now be held at Williams Stadium in Garland due to construction and renovation work at Hanby Stadium in Mesquite. The track committee is going to meet at Williams Stadium

after lunch to look at the layout. Kevin reminded everyone that we will need workers for the regional meet.

- i. Coaches Meeting – March 10 at 7:00 (Carrollton)
- ii. Region 7 Track Meet – July 15-17 (Garland)
- c. Basketball – Chris let us know about the unfortunate passing of Roderick's father and reminded us the deadline to register was Friday, February 19.
 - i. Region 7 Basketball Tournament – March 5-7 (Desoto)

4. TAAF Hall of Fame and Winter Games Recap

The Hall of Fame meetings and banquet was held in Kerrville this year. Mostly the committees met and no major decisions were made.

John Evans gave a report about the Winter Games of Texas. He said numbers were down by 10% (mostly in youth basketball and flag football). The celebration of athletes attendance was also down.

5. Executive Board Member Report

James gave a recap of the Hall of Fame meetings and mentioned the importance of the new State Tournament Advancement opportunities the region has for 2 adult teams from each sport to receive paid entries by the state and the region. He brought up the option of cities whose travel has been cut to look into the Platinum membership package which would include registration and lodging at many of the state meetings and also discussed the approval of our new financial guidelines; particularly the travel assistance section and the importance of our region being present at the state meetings.

6. Important Dates

- a. Youth Basketball Region 7 Tournament – March 5-7 (DeSoto)
- b. TAAF Sport Management School – May 19-21 (Waco)
- c. Summer Games of Texas – August 5-7 (Waco)
- d. TAAF 85th Annual Conference – September 24-28 (South Padre)

7. New Business

- a. Need a host for May 13 meeting – Kim mentioned we needed a new host of the May meeting since Rowlett was originally scheduled to host prior to John leaving.
- b. Lunch at all regional meetings – We are now going to offer lunch at all of our regional meetings and move the start time to 11am. Lunch will need to be coordinated by the host city but the region will pay the bill.
- c. Purchases – We voted on purchasing the Ranger Ticket package (4 seats, 10 games for \$800) and also sponsoring a hole at the TRAPS Golf Tournament for \$375.
- d. Information Sharing – The floor was opened for anyone that had information to share or questions for the members present.
 - i. Jenny asked if other cities required birth certificates and what they did with them throughout the year.
 - ii. Angie asked if anyone had rules for U13, U15 and U18 basketball.
 - iii. Brian reminded us about the state youth volleyball tournament on May 28-30 in Mesquite. Registration ends on May 18.

- iv. Kevin brought up the idea of creating joint leagues or regional tournament play in Region 7 for other sports such as 7 on 7 which may not have a lot of teams in each city to compete against.
- v. Toni let the region know about the Scholarship Committee's fundraising efforts and a new program that will provide us with piggy banks to be filled up with small donations.
- vi. John let us know about the Men's 35 & Over tournament in Hurst on February 27-28. He also let us know about the possibility of a small softball tournament at the TRAPS conference in March. Teams will be able to play on the Frisco Roughrider field. Anyone interested in playing should contact him.

8. Old Business

None

9. Regional Meeting Dates

- a. April – TAAF Regions 4 & 7 Awards Banquet
- b. May 13, 2010 (TBA)
- c. August 19, 2010 (Rockwall)
- d. October 21, 2010 (Richardson)

Meeting was adjourned at 11:43am.