

THSLL/TSLA MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 28, 2025

The THSLL Board Meeting was called to order by Troy at 7:08pm.

In Attendance: Andris Dikmanis, Dave Edwards, Sean Ray, Tony Martin, Troy Walker Non-Voting: Nancy Powers,
Not attending: Elizabeth Dupont, Will Doby, Chris Shaffer

Board Coordinators:

- GL Van Dyne resigned as South Class A coordinator. Monica Joy resigned as San Antonio Class C coordinator. Troy may have someone interested in Central Class C coordinator.
- Sixes- Sean has a contact who is interested in joining the board as the 6's coordinator. Sean suggested that Troy and Tony set up a call with the candidate.

LOA Contract:

Discussion: The board reviewed proposed changes to the officials' contract, including a proposed fee increase and policy adjustments.

- **Game Fees/Raise:** The officials proposed a \$10 increase to the game fees for travel. The board felt this was excessive, particularly for local travel (within 15 miles).
- **Travel Fees:** The board is in agreement to pay travel fees to officials for canceled or suspended games, as they have spent the time and gas.
- **Local Travel Fees (CBO/Shot Clock):** The board discussed travel fees for local Chief Bench Officials (CBOs) and Shot Clock Operators (SCOs). It was agreed that CBO/SCO fees should remain local unless the official is traveling out of district.
- **Scoring System:** The board is considering changing the official scoring scale from a 1-5 scale to: Exceptional, Meet Standards, and Needs Work. It was agreed that the scoring system should **not** be part of the contract.

Sixes: Andris suggested a sixes play day once a month, rotating areas.

Eligibility Rules: The board discussed there is a growing issue with a lack of adherence to rules, especially concerning player transfers and fraudulent residency for sports purposes. The transfer issue is damaging the competitive integrity of the league, as programs are losing key players.

Stronger consequences for rules violations. Stricter rules are necessary because the current structure makes it difficult to prove that a transfer is *only* for sports purposes.

Youth Lacrosse: The Greater Houston Area Youth Lacrosse League (GHYALL) was disbanded and there is a lack of a single governing organization for youth lacrosse. Cost is increasing and there are many other competitive club sports. Possibly creating a Youth Coordinator role in each district to guide and support struggling youth programs would be helpful.

Allen/McKinney Discussion: Tony discussed the situation with Allen and the need for a solution. The last meeting voted against a merger. Counter-proposal: Allow Allen players to play with McKinney in Class A (moving McKinney up), while Allen fields a Sixes team to maintain their presence. This arrangement would be paired with a plan to aid growth, including using donated gear and volunteering coaches (who are paid) to run developmental teams for new/underserved kids. Tony will attend a meeting with Allen/McKinney to hear their position.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm