

THSLL/TSLA MEETING MINUTES

Date: November 18, 2025

THSLL Board Meeting was called to order by Troy at 7:04pm.

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

Minutes:

The September 30th minutes were reviewed. Troy motioned to approve, Elizabeth seconded. The motion carried.

The October 14th minutes were reviewed. Tony motioned to approve, Will seconded. The motion carried.

The October 28th minutes were reviewed. Troy motioned to approve, Andris seconded. The motion carried.

Allen/McKinney Partnership

- The Board had previously voted against a merger request but in an email vote Will motioned to approve a partnership for Allen and McKinney for the 2026 season only. Tony seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- The partnership allows Allen players to play with McKinney, with the combined program moving to Class A . The Allen program was effectively disbanded for the season.
- A letter of agreement detailing the terms and temporary nature of the partnership was drafted by Will Doby and sent to both the THSLL and the Allen and McKinney boards. The intent is that Allen must field a team next year.
- The letter of agreement will be placed in the public documents' library for transparency.

Coordinators

- GL resigned from the South Class A position.
- Monica resigned from the San Antonio Class C position.
- Sean Ray has a contact interested in serving as a Sixes Coordinator.
- Troy confirmed that he spoke with Michael Brand, who has accepted the offer to become the San Antonio C Coordinator. Michael has history with the San Antonio district and will provide local leadership. Troy motioned to approve Michael Brand as the San Antonio Class C Coordinator. Andris seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Aledo/Fort Worth Program Status

- Fort Worth Lacrosse is interested in fielding a team again.
- **Waiver/Eligibility Rule:** The standing league precedent is that if a new program (Fort Worth) starts, existing players currently playing for another school (Aledo) are given a **one-time choice** to remain with their current team.
- **Clarification:** All new players, including incoming freshmen and youth players, must play for their correct zoned school (Fort Worth).
- **Action Item:** Tony Martin will follow up with Fort Worth to ensure they submit the necessary application and paperwork to the league.

Sixes Lacrosse Championship/Sponsorship

- Tony Martin reported on a successful meeting with a potential sponsor/group that is "all in" to help fund an invitational championship tournament.
- The sponsor is also interested in helping struggling teams in East Texas with equipment and referee support.
- **Tournament Details:** Proposed as a Sixes Invitational Championship for all THSLL school teams. The target date is the last week of April, potentially during Super Regional weekend.
- **Action Items:**
 - Tony Martin will continue to organize the Sixes teams for the tournament.
 - Troy will follow up with the sponsor contact

Sixes Requirement Discussion

- The Board discussed linking playoff eligibility for full-field teams to participation in Sixes play dates, intending to ensure compliance and support new player development.
- A suggestion was made that teams failing to meet participation requirements could face removal of the Sixes loophole or loss of playoff eligibility the following year.

Waivers:

The Board reviewed two player waiver requests submitted by Katy, confirming that eligibility is based on the residential address (closest zoned high school).

Katy- James Freeborg closer to George Ranch- Denied. Jackson Locke-No waiver needed. The player is zoned for the closest program and meets the league's standing eligibility rules.

Website Restructuring Proposal

- The Board discussed a proposal to create a two-tiered website structure.
- **Two-Tiered Structure:**
 1. **Public/Promotional Website:** Focused on player bios, showcasing sponsors, photos, and branding.
 2. **Internal/Operations Website:** Focused on "mechanics," schedules, rosters, league rules, and meeting notes.
- **Update:** Chris Shaffer, who currently maintains the custom-built league site, is reviewing the proposal, looking at different options, and will track current page usage to inform the decision.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm