

2015 August Update TAHSBCA

Good day Coach,

Just wanted to send out this update to inform the membership on what has been going on since we last talked in June after the All-Star Game.

As you all know we are and have been in triple digits weather wise, you can't go anywhere or do anything without breaking in to a sweat, it's like being at a free dance and your dance card is full! But as I look into the coaches crystal ball I can see about four more weeks of these high temperatures and then the weather will break and git down into the low to mid-eighties during the day and mid to low sixties in the evening and mornings, mark my words!!

Here is the update to our business concerns, our main goal of getting the word out to our membership and the rest of the coaches that have retired but do not know that we exist. So with that in mind here is what we have been doing to help rectify this problem.

We have contacted the three leading newspapers in the state of Texas, The El Paso Times and The Houston Chronicle and The Dallas Morning News. We have sent them a little biography of what we have been doing, how long we have been in existence, a general story of how we started the TAHSBCA. We have also contacted and talked to Lou Pavlovich Jr. of Collegiate Baseball, he said he will put an article in the October issue of the paper, we were just a tad bit late to get it into the September issue. Hopefully this will get us in these papers and get the news out to those coaches that have not heard about our organization.

All three newspapers have a large amount of subscribers and this should get us out in the open to those coaches that have not heard about us and with a little luck our membership can grow a little more than what we have now, and that is 95 members. This will cover the state pretty good, north and pan handle – The Dallas Morning News, east, piney woods and parts of South Texas – The Houston Chronicle, the west, parts of south Texas and the pan handle – The El Paso Times.

If you have a home town newspaper, have then contact us and we can send them the information about the association that we have sent to those other three newspapers and again we can get the word out to inform those coaches about the our organization.

We are also in the process of putting an ad in Texas Coach for one year, we have had four coaches donate to the cause for the ad and that will help, if you see fit to donate just give us a call, every little bit will help to defray the cost of the ad.

Seems like a big task but I think it will be worthwhile to the organization!

The next thing on the agenda is the Hall of Fame, the selection committee is meeting in late September to determine Hall of Fame Nominations. Each coach has been nominated and a biography submitted to the selection committee for review. The following is a list of coaches that have been nominated for 2016 consideration. Good luck to these coaches that are being considered for the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame Candidates for 2016

Alvarez, Rudy
Anderson, Mike
Banda, George
Barrett, Mario
Bickerton, Bart
Blair, Tommy
Carpenter, Rick
Castillo, Steve
Champagne, Woody
Chapman, Steve
Clanton, Ronnie
Dixon, John
Garcia, Edward (Hodie)
Howard, Fred
King, Terry
Kinnan, Roy
Lee, Jack
Lee, Ken Scott

Limmer, James
Lindy, Paul
Long, Jim
Maddoux, Mike
Manuel, Rocky
Marrs, Steve
McCune, Tim
Miller, Jay
Pressley, Julian
Rainey, Benton
Russell, Barry
Surratt, Robbie (Deceased)
Talley, Randy
Tidwell, Randy
Tuck, Terry
Walden, David
Wolf, Terry
Wood, Gerald W.

(Also attached is the latest up to date membership roster for 2015)

We are fast approaching the selection of Honorary All Star Coaches, an e-mail will be sent out shortly letting all know about the nominating process and selection of coaches that will be Honorary Coaches at the 2016 All-Star Game.

We will again have our panel of coaches at the convention in Waco, we are in the process of getting those coaches firmed up for the panel and will let the membership know as soon as we get confirmation from those coaches. We would like to have more coaches from the main association attend this panel discussion, the tips about coaching would be a great help to any young coach to hear from these Alumni coaches and from their past experiences and accomplishments. We will also let you know as to who these coaches will be once we get confirmation from those coaches.

This has just been a little update to let you know what we have been up to and to get a little more information out to the membership. We will have our next newsletter out in October, by that time we will have a few more tidbits of information to give you.

I know it has been hot and triple digits like I said before, so if you're out and about make sure you drink enough fluids and remember what "Mom" always said, "Wear your hat in that hot sun".

Take care, you will be hearing from us soon!!

Joe Ray Halsey