

Western New York Referee Association
State Referee Committee
United States Soccer Federation Affiliate

April 6, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester, NY – Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM

Roll Call:

Present

1. William Fahey; Chairperson/SCA (sca@wnyreferee.org/wdf28@aol.com)
2. William Campbell; SYRA (syra@wnyreferee.org/tripsdad@printswilliam.com)
3. Art Jaspe; SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org/ajaspe@aol.com)
4. William Pasnak; SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org/pazref@frontiernet.net)
5. James Pitcher; Binghamton (binghamton@wnyreferee.org)
6. Tom Barker; Elmira (elmira@wnyreferee.org/tdbarkerdra@yahoo.com)
7. Bill Bianchi; Rochester (rochester@wnyreferee.org)
8. Joe Delity; Southern Tier (southerntier@wnyreferee.org/jdelity@wzrd.com)
9. Bill Helwig; Buffalo (buffalo@wnyreferee.org)
10. Mike Allmendinger; Ithaca (ithaca@wnyreferee.org/mea2@cornell.edu)
11. Ron Kuck; Syracuse (syracuse@wnyreferee.org/rakuck@frontiernet.net)
12. Chris Chilano; Batavia (batavia@wnyreferee.org/cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
13. Greg Wheeler; Twin Tiers (twintiers@wnyreferee.org/wheels7ref@hotmail.com)
14. Andrew Evangelos; Secretary (secretary@wnyreferee.org)
15. Bruce Rosenkrans; Treasurer (treasurer@wnyreferee.org)
16. Jerry Sullivan; WNYSA Rep. (ejsreft@hotmail.com)

Not Present

1. Michael Radecke; NYSWYSA President (president@nyswysa.org)
2. Curt Hamlin, SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org/chamlin@email.com)

ACTION ITEM CODES:

R: Report

A: Action by DRAs/Committee member

Reports on Old Business

SDI – Bill Pasnak

R-1 The 2008 pro-clinic will be held at Roberts Wesleyan College on May 10th. Instructors will be Angelo Bratsis and Ali Shalidi.

R-2 An intermediate clinic will be offered for grade 7 & 8 referees needing the time to fulfill upgrade requirements. It will be held on April 12th with Dr. Sam Cho as the instructor. An instructor/assessor workshop is planned for April 13.

SRA – Curt Hamlin [new business from Jan '08 meeting]

R-1 An update was given regarding two cases of inappropriate referee behavior. One case was dismissed due to lack of evidence. The second case was regarding inappropriate touching.

R-2 Bill Pasnak has notified the board that he will be stepping down from his post as SDI. A move was made to appoint Tom Ross as SDI. This move was unanimously approved.

A-1 Curt will bring the new SDI appoint to the attention of the two state associations for approval and follow up with approval from USSF as Tom is not a state instructor.

R-3 A move was made to send Tom Ross to the State Instructor course – unanimously approved.

R-4 Curt Hamlin and Bill Campbell will travel to Colorado for the SRA conference held on the 28th and 29th of March.

R-5 Steve Montanino, Kate Dziejczak, and Islam Sallaj have applied to become national candidates for the 2009 season.

SYRA – Bill Campbell

R-1 State Cup nominees need to be received by April 15.

SCA – Bill Fahey

R-1 An assignors course was held and list of participants was distributed.

R-2 There were referees living out of district that had trouble getting games during the 2007 season. All assignors are to use WNYSRA referees, especially if registered in the second district.

Batavia – James Pitcher

R-1 Gave report on status of tournament games for game count for grade 8 and grade 7 referees. Matches will be accepted for upgrade from grade 8 to grade 7 only.

Ithaca – Mike Allmendinger

- R-1 Gave report on the mentoring program taking place in the Ithaca district. *A special thanks to Mike for doing an exceptional job with the program.*

New Business and Action Items

SYRA – Bill Campbell

- A-1 Will schedule a grade 9 course with Campbell and Ross for instructors to practice teaching the grade 9 course to help eliminate the need for the bridge course.
- R-1 Distributed new federation youth referee of the year criteria from national. There is now an age restriction of 18 years and younger.
- R-2 gave a brief report on the Colorado Springs SRA/SYRA conference. Points of emphasis included pro clinics, risk management, and a method to get information to assignors about a referees' registration status.
- R-3 State Cup play down matches will be coming soon.
- R-4 11 developmental assessments have been approved in spring leagues.

SCA – Bill Fahey

- R-1 The president of the RRU submitted a question through the SCA asking that the SRC consider modifying the assessment program. Then issue was discussed and the SRC concluded that USSF requires certain assessments (including those for upgrade and grade retention) and such assessment criteria cannot be dropped. It is the recommendation of the SRC to the RRU to implement a mentoring program similar to Ithaca and other districts.
- A-1 Will work on identifying young referees who are interested in traveling to out of state tournaments and then identifying appropriate tournaments.
- A-2 Will send feedback form to Kuck and Chilano.
- A-3 Will update assignors list with information collected from DRAs
- A-4 Will distribute a letter to assignors reminding them of criteria for use of youth referees.

SDI – Bill Pasnak

- A-1 Will devise instructions for instructors as far as how to handle collected fees and paying out registration, dues, and course fees. Will send these procedures to Binghamton, Batavia, and Buffalo.
- R-1 Tom Ross is invited to all future meetings during the transitional period.

SRA – Curt Hamlin

A-1 Will send registration status to all DRAs

A-2 Will take care of unresolved bond issue (Ian Matthews and Angela Papparo)

A-3 Will send a final list of assessments to SDA

Treasurer – Bruce Rosenkrans

R-1 Distributed and reviewed P&L statement

R-2 All district treasurers must be working with Bruce by 12 May 2008.

SDA – Art Jaspe

R-1 Final list of assessments needed to finalize assignments

Rochester – Bill Bianchi

R-1 Gave registration update

R-2 Referees needed for Empire Cup May 10 and 11 in Rochester

Meeting adjourned – 1:58 PM