

Western NY Referee Association  
State Referee Committee  
United States Soccer Federation Affiliate

January 10, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10 am

Roll Call:

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| 1. Pat Tata; SRA                       | <a href="mailto:sra@wnyreferee.org">sra@wnyreferee.org</a>               |
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| 15. Steven Wu – Incoming Treasurer     | <a href="mailto:treasurer@wnyreferee.org">treasurer@wnyreferee.org</a>   |
| 16. Vicki Martuscello –Secretary       | <a href="mailto:secretary@wnyreferee.org">secretary@wnyreferee.org</a>   |

Not Present:

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| 1. Ian Redpath – Legal council                 |  |
| 2. Bill Bianchi; Rochester                     |  |
| 3. Chris Chilano, DRA Batavia (Temp Secretary) | <a href="mailto:cchilan1@rochester.rr.com">cchilan1@rochester.rr.com</a> |

Motion to accept minutes from September 13, 2009 – accepted and seconded

**New Business, SRA report and topics:**

Pat Tata

- Introduction–
  - Steven Wu– Buffalo district new treasurer
  - Vicki Martuscello – Rochester – new secretary
- Online registrations 961 currently – 500 approved – 5 pending legal, 1 pending USSF (grade 9 upgrading to 8)
- 28 registered instructors
- 42 registered assignors
- 35 registered assessors
- One state referee failed test if a state referee fails a test they must retake the test or be downgraded
- 3 missing registrations in Ithaca
- 1 missing test score in Buffalo
- 4 missing registrations in Rochester
- 400 remaining coins, good for 2 years, 1000 red badges remaining, 25 generic badges remaining

- Each person needs to have a backup trained as a contingency plan
- Need a person to work with local districts and local units to move current referees to state levels –need to identify the level 8's
- Upgrade paperwork – ensure that they pay assessor on the field
- US Club soccer making a move into Western NY – branch of USSF – player registered with US club soccer cannot use same pass as US youth soccer
- Needs to know the names of Treasurer and Presidents of each local district is and their end term dates
- Also send dates of district meetings so that he can attend at least one meeting per year
- Policies and procedures are now up on the website
- Each referee must show documentation of their own game count; also ensure that they put their game count on their registration(Arbiter save to PDF file)
- Added to policy and procedure – if someone misses assessment or fitness test due to medical reasons, they must have a note from their doctor. Ensure everyone fills out the waiver form, however if you are short on forms give to non-USS soccer persons first.
- Needs list of all lead assignors for all district areas.

#### Bill Campbell

- Referees must be aware that US Club soccer player cannot play in US youth soccer match –
- From Regional meeting
  - Added President Cup finals tournament is Memorial Day weekend – 9 referees and 2 mentors to be supplied – held in Saratoga, NY, may need to supply more referees than they requested
  - State cup negotiations are ongoing
  - We are having ongoing major issues with website host – due to all of the problems that we've had - proposing Bill taking over the website hosting charge \$20 a month payable upfront including everything except site name registration and transfer of site. Upon approval he will lock down site and set up transfers and new host (takes approximately a week).
    - Motion to accept Bill's proposal to hire him as independent contractor to administer website– motion seconded by Bill Helwig– unanimously approved.

#### Tom Ross -

- Recertification classes going well
- Intermediate class course March 13 - \$30
- Workshop March 14<sup>th</sup> –Instructor/Assessors course
- Forms will be on webpage by Monday January 11<sup>th</sup> for signing up
- Next Saturday in West Seneca – paying \$175 to instructor for Futsol officiating – if anyone is interested in attending but it doesn't serve anyone outside Buffalo (cost \$60)
- Entry classes – if anyone needs entry level classes let Tom know and he'll set them up
- Video equipment was approved at last meeting and purchased. Dave Baxter is videographer and he has equipment.

#### Art Jaspe; SDA

- Each assessment must be completed online – results will be available and feedback given to officials – eliminated paper process.
- 8 assessors did not make recertification –

- Need a process to re-familiarize process with online assessments this Spring – process completed by Feb 1
- Upgrade process is in publication – 2 year process- 1<sup>st</sup> year to give them as many games as possible in the grade that they are attaining – 2<sup>nd</sup> year will be their formal assessment
- If a referee has been through the system and is experienced enough, they may be able to assessed in current year for their upgrade
- Must discuss experience level with referee who wants to be upgraded and their mentor
- Referee must ensure that they follow procedure if they wish to upgrade their status
- Pat to look at policy and ensure that it meets all intended requirements

#### John Kramer – SAC

- At December 13th meeting it was decided the following procedure would be used in assigning games to referees who have been approved for upgrade.
  - From Grade 8 to 7 – minimum of 3 U-17 games or higher
  - From Grade 7 to 6 – minimum of 6 U-19 games or higher
  - From Grade 6 to 5 – minimum of 6 D-1 games or higher
- A list of all upgrade candidates will be provided to all assignors through their DRA so there will be no excuse in not knowing who has applied and been approved for upgrade. This is the minimum number of games that must be offered to all candidates in both year 1 and 2 of the upgrade process. As always assignments are subject to the candidates' availability. It would be in the best interest of all assignors to keep track of candidates' availability and games they are offered and decline. Candidates are responsible for contacting their assessor and arranging the proper assessment(s).
- Availability of referees can be checked on the Arbiter
- If need be, we can move referees to another district to be assessed
- Will be approving assignors by the end of January
- We will inform and report, but we cannot enforce those area house or recreation leagues which are not using the correct qualified officials

#### Bruce Rosenkrans – treasurer

- Passed out WNYS Referee association Profit and loss statement – July 2008 to July 30, 2009
- Need DRA's to send Bruce names of all area treasurers
- Treasurer Transition –Steve will be new treasurer
- Request to keep receipts for all expenses to apply to proper account
- New budgets were set up in December

#### District reports:

##### Syracuse –

- As you do district report, email game fees for average recreation, travel and adult leagues to Dave Baxter
- Recertification class completed, entry level classes to occur
- Watertown will have recertification in March
- Mentor program went well
- Needs 50 badges and 50 coins

##### Buffalo –

- Needs referee training books – may have to have books transferred from Rochester to Buffalo

- Has received requests for referees in out of town tournaments – when these types of requests come, would like to see us get involved in this type of activity
- Last year requested to SRC for mentoring and training money to districts for mentors and assessors for tournaments. Some funds were allocated to this endeavor (\$300) put on agenda for local board meeting.
- Buffalo has completed 50% of their recertification – 3 more classes scheduled. Believes retention of 450 referees out of the 600 referees that they had.

#### Rochester:

- Clarification - Grade 9 referee are allowed to do lines on any match up to U14, any non-competitive or recreational center up to U14, any center in NYSW up to U10
- What is proper procedure for assignor/referee conflict issue- must bring to Pat's attention
- Arbiter – increase in fees issue- concern – what is possibility of using game officials?

#### Southern Tier

- New league being formed called Southern Tier travel league –little information given
- Fall tournament in Southern Tier – will get information to Bill Campbell to determine what association they are affiliated with
- Grade 9 – what is registration dues - 2 can be upgraded to grade 8 (have taken course), they pay \$5 state maintenance fee. Give names and money to Pat to change their grades.

#### Ithaca –

- Recertification courses being held
- Mentoring classes for referees to occur again this year
- One more class near end of March

#### Binghamton

- 2 recertification classes complete, one more to complete
- Entry level classes to occur

#### WNYS

Youth tournaments – no change in permission to host all teams  
 Adult tournament may be in Geneva this year (Hobart College)

#### Twin Tiers

- No Summer or Fall leagues – just Spring league; tournaments in school gyms which he is trying to sanction and use certified referees

#### Elmira

- One recertification class complete

Motion to adjourn, seconded; Meeting concluded at 1:25 pm