

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

April 11, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10:19 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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| 17. Chris Chilano, DRA Batavia         | <a href="mailto:cchilan1@rochester.rr.com">cchilan1@rochester.rr.com</a> |

Not Present:

1. Ian Redpath – Legal council

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

Pat Tata

- Staples – have 3 tax exempt numbers with this company – please check with Pat before setting up anything like this for your local districts
- April 25<sup>th</sup> is a meeting for the local treasurers and presidents
- Registration forms – in the fall when the instructors have their recertification\_classes – there are many fields missing (date of birth, email address, names, etc!)
- District registration – ensure that the correct district is placed on the forms for Pat to set up – dues paid to each group – and make sure that the proper district is placed for Pat’s initial set up
  - Tom will address this issue with his instructors on entry level students
  - Bill will post referee assignor list on DRA website to check to ensure that they are certified referees
- Upgrade list has been sent – have assigned assessors to the upgrade requests
  - Move to back Pat’s decision to reject upgrade request from a referee in Buffalo – motion was seconded and all approved
- Jose Vargas passed away a few weeks ago – Pat to write a letter to Eastern NY and send a donation to a charity in his name. Jose was an integral part of the WNY referee association.

Motion to write a check for \$100 to be donated in Jose's name, motion seconded by Tom Ross, all approved. Steve will write check.

- We will not charge for this year the local districts for the Arbiter account for the 2010 year only
  - If the district increases the counts or if Pat gets an invoice (since the January update) the districts will pay the increased or new fee
  - Be aware that next year each district will be billed \$4 per slot for Arbiter
- Each district should have a list of lead assignors – John Kramer needs to have a list – please include Pat in this update. Your lead assignor will get the upgrade list and is accountable to ensure that this list is distributed accordingly
- Last year had 2057 referees registered. This year we have 1843 referees registered, will be a little over 1900. 31 instructors, 15 Futsal, 56 assignors (down 4 from 2009) and 38 assessors (2 pending)
- Life members are posted on website, wants to add those people who have passed away while they were active to honor members including their district and the year that they passed away. If you have some names, please pass this information on to Pat.
- WNY referee association is now on facebook

#### Bill Campbell

- Completed the selection process for regional's (hand out given)
- Regional, ODP and President cup selection process complete
- Has asked for President cup nominees by April 15<sup>th</sup> (into office by April 19<sup>th</sup>)
- ODP camp list must be in by May 15<sup>th</sup>
- State Cup – reporting that we are at impasse at contract
  - Executive committee agreed to work last year's pay scale and accommodations for one year
  - Large impasse – will take time to work this out
  - Need all nominees for State by April 21<sup>st</sup> to get the Arbiter system set up – can nominate people – need minimum of 48 referees – would like 56-60 people (9 fields)
  - Need minimum of 9 assessors
  - State Cup is in Cortland
- Went for a visit with the office director for NYW (Southern Tier) to discuss referee situation for travel and recreation program – reminded both paths to become referee (16 hours \$80 and an 8 hour class at \$55). Contact Bill to complete the 8 hour class if your section is interested to provide entry path
- As an assignor, be aware of the grade 9 limitations – In NY state as a grade 9, any match up to U10 as a center, any match as an AR up to U14, any recreational center (i.e. game where there is no score kept) up to U14.
- Website- working with site designers – will be making the change over in 2 weeks
  - Will get everyone set up to upload to new and old system as it's upgrading
- Badges – at this time we have distributed 180 badges more than we've had people registered! If anyone has any extra badges, please turn them into Bill (he's ordering more). Please ensure that your instructors do not give extra badges to students. If a referee wants an extra badge get them in touch with Bill directly (\$5) for one badge – only NYSW referees.

#### Tom Ross

- Intermediate course – 67 people attended – one national instructor came in
- Course went very well
- Had the instructors videotaped to critique own performance and used it at referee 101 course

- We will not be videotaping referees games, the purpose is to tape classes for instructor training material to be used at a local level
- Future courses - next year will have intermediate course – also believe we should have a class to upgrade grade level 9 referees
- Instructor evaluations are started and testing will occur. Will ‘weed out’ instructors who are not instructing!
- Will get to other districts during instructional season
- If there are any problems in your district that need to be addressed in training, send them to Tom as he is looking at recertification process for next year and he can put instruction together to correct issues.
- Planning to make changes to the recertification tests – if you have specific questions you want on the tests, let Tom Ross know

#### Art Jaspe; SDA

- There are one of four state assessors being held in Philadelphia the first week in August –
- 1 associate assessor completed a course in Iowa
- Postings – all assignments, instructors, assignors, maintenance and upgrades are ready for posting for the website – send to Bill
  - Will have 2 pages of referee administrative handbook information on the website for current requirements to be posted
  - Will post information to assessors as to what a sufficient test is (14 measurements)
  - Game must also be ratable (in directive which will be posted)
  - Assessor is entitled to the referee’s game fee regardless of the game validity (see section VII #2 assessment fee guidelines in WNYSRA). The referee will send the game fee to the SDA; once the assessment is posted online game official site the assessor will be paid. The referee and the assignor will know the exact process before the game occurs.

#### John Kramer – SAC

- Went to Rochester Referee meeting and met with house league assignors in Rochester.
- Still looking for someone to assign Canandaigua
  - Let the leagues know who their options are
  - Referee unit gives list of approved assignors to the leagues
- Meeting with Ian Redpath and Steve Wu concerning method of payment to referees and assignors. Currently we have no issues with the method of payment to referees, but there is an issue of paying assignors’ fee in Rochester. Currently the refs are getting the assignor fees to give to the assignor.
  - Assignors should be paid through the league. The current method of the team paying the field referee who then pays the assignor is not working. All of the assignor fees will be sent to the RDSL, the assignors will bill the RDSL and the money will then be sent out.
  - We feel it is the responsibility of the teams to send the money to the RDSL and for them to pay the assignor. Also fees must be paid by check (not cash)
  - All other areas have leagues pay the assignor
  - 1099 needs to be sent if fee is over \$600.00
  - The Rochester unit should return the money from the league and wait for a bill from the assignors (check is made out to the Rochester Referee Unit) and have the league cut the checks out to the individual assignors. They will also then cut 1099’s for each assignor.
  - This policy has to be in effect this year before league play begins

- Upgrade requests – will send note to assignors (if necessary)
- Those people going for upgrades will be getting assignments – if they turn the games back ensure that this information is recorded to complete paper trail
- Received one complaint from one area on assigning amateur games – grade level 8 or former state referees were getting middles before state referees. Look at your assignments. If no one is available go to the next available referee. Current grade 7's need to be put in these assignments. If you are not assigning these referees due to a valid reason, please ensure that Art is notified. The state policy is specific to upgrades, not maintenance.

Steve Wu – treasurer

- First month complete – Will have financial statements for next meeting
- Filing tax returns for 2009
- Twin Tiers – need to work to reconcile this area
- Goal are to have better communication with local treasurers, reconcile bank statements and review them
- Will propose to board to upgrade software to charter account for category/class expenses to consolidate expenses (\$108 per year extra for upgrade)
- Motion to purchase software upgrade was placed, motion seconded by Bill Campbell, all in favor
- Motion passed
- Mailing address for state referee committee
  - PO Box 64959 Rochester, NY 14624

District reports:

**Syracuse** – recreation programs – is there a district minimum requirement for assessors and assignors? Believes that this area has too many.

**Buffalo** – Project development will be in contact with Dan for mentoring program. Odenbach cup June 12<sup>th</sup> weekend (uses mentoring program) up to U16 age groups 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> divisions but all around good tournament. Buffalo has 198 new referees and growing! 630 referees are registered.

**Rochester-** No update

**Southern Tier-** No update

**Ithaca –** Friendly game weekend is April 16-19

**Binghamton-** recertification August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Twin Tiers-** Behind in registration but will be completed by May

**Batavia –** Need badges! Will be getting new youth developmental person

- Motion to accept minutes from January 10, 2010 – minutes will be sent to members for acceptance.

- Motion to purchase one WNY laptop and external hard drive to house all meeting minutes and financial information for the club not costing more than \$1,000.00. Motion was seconded by Bill Campbell and all were in favor.

**Next meeting:** Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> – executive committee 10 am – 2 pm  
Sunday May 23<sup>rd</sup> – general meeting 10 am – 2 pm (replaces June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded; Meeting concluded at 1:55 pm