

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

May 23, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10:06 am

**Roll Call:**

- |                                  |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Pat Tata; SRA                 | <a href="mailto:sra@wnyreferee.org">sra@wnyreferee.org</a>               |
| 2. Dave Baxter, Chairperson      | <a href="mailto:dbaxter@rochester.rr.com">dbaxter@rochester.rr.com</a>   |
| 3. William Campbell, SYRA        | <a href="mailto:syra@wnyreferee.org">syra@wnyreferee.org</a>             |
| 4. Art Jaspe, SDA                | <a href="mailto:sdi@wnyreferee.org">sdi@wnyreferee.org</a>               |
| 5. John Kramer, SAC              | <a href="mailto:sac@wnyreferee.org">sac@wnyreferee.org</a>               |
| 6. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton | <a href="mailto:Binghamton@wnyreferee.org">Binghamton@wnyreferee.org</a> |
| 7. Bill Helwig, DRA Buffalo      | <a href="mailto:buffalo@wnyreferee.org">buffalo@wnyreferee.org</a>       |
| 8. Jerry Sullivan, WNYSR Rep     | <a href="mailto:eisreft@hotmail.com">eisreft@hotmail.com</a>             |
| 9. Tom Ross, SDI                 | <a href="mailto:sdi@wnyreferee.org">sdi@wnyreferee.org</a>               |
| 10. Ron Kuck, DRA Syracuse       | <a href="mailto:Syracuse@wnyreferee.org">Syracuse@wnyreferee.org</a>     |
| 11. Bill Bianchi – Rochester     | <a href="mailto:rochester@wnyreferee.org">rochester@wnyreferee.org</a>   |
| 12. Vicki Martuscello –Secretary | <a href="mailto:secretary@wnyreferee.org">secretary@wnyreferee.org</a>   |

**Not Present**

- |                                 |  |
|---------------------------------|--|
| • Steve Wu, Treasurer           | <a href="mailto:treasurer@wnyreferee.org">treasurer@wnyreferee.org</a>       |
| • Joe Delity, DRA Southern Tier | <a href="mailto:southerntier@wnyreferee.org">southerntier@wnyreferee.org</a> |
| • Greg Wheeler                  | <a href="mailto:twintiers@wnyreferee.org">twintiers@wnyreferee.org</a>       |

Meeting minutes read. Motion to accept minutes as corrected from April 11, 2010 – accepted and seconded.

**New Business**

**SRA report and topics:**

**Pat Tata**

- Considering a recertification clinic specific for State Referees
- Risk management- Process is for state youth group to notify Pat if anyone has been denied clearance – currently it has been sent to Bill Campbell
  - How does assignor know that this referee has been denied risk management? This information is to be cascaded to assignor. It is up to the referee to show when they have been given risk management clearance (difficult to get clearance once they are denied). Must show the valid risk management pass or directive from Pat or Bill C.
  - Question now is to determine who has not gone through risk management – the referees will be held accountable if they are not sanctioned through risk management. Sanction will come from state youth group; this group does not hold the ability to sanction a referee for risk management.
- Registration updates
  - 37 pending referees

- 2037 approved referees
- 31 instructors
- 17 Futsol
- 57 Assignors
- 41 Assessors
- Pat has contacted those referees who have completed recertification and not registered
- Of the 37 pending referees, 5 people have requested refunds
- Local district meeting April 25<sup>th</sup> in Manchester – Steve Wu has reconciled all of the bank statements. We were billed from IRS for late payments. We are now on time and in November will be filing on time for our June 2010 fiscal year
- DRA appointments are up for renewal – all are welcome back – Rochester – Syracuse – Buffalo and Binghamton are all returning. Have not heard from other districts (elections in June)
- Signing papers for Tom Ross and Art Jaspe 2 year return
- Ithaca has affiliated adult league effective in 2 weeks
  - 3 or 4 teams in Elmira want to be affiliated with Ithaca league
  - If anyone is interested in refereeing these leagues, get in contact with Bill Campbell as he is assigning the leagues
  - Need to set up referee clinics
  - Looking for field improvements as well as referee improvements (need to get youth and adult leagues to work with one another)
  - Roger Vargas is heading up the league
- As we expand our leagues in Rochester recreation leagues are bringing more into the form – Webster, Hilton, Victor Farmington, Rush Henrietta – now all set up in Rochester group
  - More opportunities as there are other areas not involved

#### Bill Campbell

- State Cup invites out
- Explained balance needed for State Cup and Regional's
- Needs to give priority to young referees who can be on track for candidacy
- Older referees may be used if space is available
- Current internet provider will be gone within 2 weeks (after State Cup)
- Send Bill email addresses you wish to use (Bill Bianchi, Pat Tata and John Kramer)
- Let Bill know how many tests/answers that you will need for each area to make the copying less expensive
  - Additional tests can be copied at Staples if Bill does not have any more
- Is not planning on doing an entry level course this summer unless he gets more participation and interest (will do one in November/December)

#### Tom Ross

- New computer purchased and is here for our use
- Tax exempt form is now available at DELL, as long as we log in SDI address, Password is box64959 (lower case, no spaces)
- If anyone has topics or areas of concern during the season for recertification, please get with Tom before August to get program put together
- SDI workshop is same weekend as State Cup in Dallas, will be handing out next year's exams at the workshop. Arrangements made to print them through Bill Campbell – this is cheaper than going to Staples. Answer sheets will also be printed and on white paper.

- There will be for DRA's full test for 7&8, a full test for 9. Recertification tests for grade 7, grades 5-6 and grade 8.
- Fitness testing – new rules – If a district sets up their own fitness test there must be one instructor grade 9 or higher to certify the results. If you cannot get an instructor there, call Tom. If someone wants their own fitness test (if they miss the group test) call Tom and he will get an instructor there - it will cost \$10 paid directly to the instructor. This is to try to get the group together for the test and ensure integrity of the fitness test.
- Fitness testing results are not stored for all use
  - Would like all fitness testing results sent to Bill Campbell and Pat Tata
  - Pat Tata will look at results and put exceptional referees on the watch list and send to applicable assignors
  - To recertification on a national badge is calendar year based
  - Send outstanding fitness reports to SRA and SAC

#### Art Jaspe; SDA

- Assignments and guidelines have been posted
- Email will be sent to each official who has been assessed containing link containing information feedback of their assessment (PDF form)
  - Once this is in the system it is complete and anyone with authority to read it can see it
  - Assessment fee has been put in place and is working well
  - Form is uncomplicated and in system
- Mid season upgrades – assessment is only one piece of the upgrade puzzle – fitness – written test – assessment for this level – all of these must be complete before a mid-season upgrade can be granted.
- Process for finding assessment is complete
- Assessors have been notified Western NY referee site has links to forms for administrative information that they need (this is the receipt and link for payment)  
[www.wnyreferee.org/Assessor](http://www.wnyreferee.org/Assessor)

#### John Kramer – SAC

- Non-sanctioned tournament information – will send note to assignors that they must let him know if they are assigning a non-sanctioned tournament due to rules with NYSW
- Central NY junior soccer league -Tony Pasquarela is assignor for Syracuse – Kevin Waters in Utica area. Should be using referees from their own district for games – will get with assignors on these issues. Not a problem who the tournament uses for their assignors, but they must use district assigned referees in their area.
- Assignor fee issue from last meeting – we will still be working with WNY adult board
- Will be getting recertification information for assignors – will hold clinics next year
- Applications for risk management have occurred without notification from the state youth group. Appears that this process is very slow and may not be sent out until a call is made to them
  - Referees are allowed to work once they apply for risk management, but if they are denied they cannot ref until sufficient proof has been made that they are cleared

**District reports:**

Syracuse – No update

Buffalo – No update in Buffalo – wants to look into purchasing computer for Steve Wu which is already in process.

Rochester- Have contacted all tardy registrants several times. Will send request to districts to send referees for Cobra tournament (same weekend as Fairport Tournament).

Southern Tier-

Ithaca – No update

Binghamton- Starting process for 2011 – all is well

Twin Tiers- No Update

Elmira-No update

**Additional New Business:**

- Testing to start September 1<sup>st</sup>. Online registration should be done after September 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Testing materials will be available in July or August

**Next meeting:** Executive meeting Sunday August 8, 2010 10-2 pm  
Full SRC meeting Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>

Motion to adjourn the meeting, motion was seconded; Meeting concluded at 12:03 pm