



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

Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester, NY on September 16, 2001. Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

Roll Call

1. Reinhold M. Spath, SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org)
2. William Fahey, SYRA, Chairperson (syra@wnyreferee.org)
3. Art Jaspe, SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org)
4. Curt Hamlin, SCA, Recording Secretary (sca@wnyreferee.org)
5. Christopher Chilano, DRA (Batavia) (cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
6. James Pitcher, DRA (Binghamton) (soccer_referee@juno.com)
7. William Helwig, DRA (Buffalo) (billreferee@yahoo.com)
8. Alexander Badr, DRA (Elmira) (badram@stny.rr.com)
9. William Campbell (Ithaca) (tripsdad@aol.com)
10. Richard Reif (Rochester) (rar0@eznet.net)
11. Joe Delity, DRA (Southern Tier)
12. Ronald Kuck, DRA (Syracuse) (rakuck@baldcom.net)

Not Represented

1. William Pasnak, SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org)
2. Arman Capan, Amateurs WNY (arman@eznet.net)
3. Tony Buiniskis, President of NYSW (ajb4soccer@aol.com)
4. Dave Herron, DRA (Twin Tier) (dherron@campbellsavona.wnyric.org)

Old Business

1. Still looking for ongoing review and update by all districts for the Project 50 list. The season is winding down and now would be a good time to reassess the list for the next year's season. William Fahey distributed a packet which contained a complete explanation of how the Project 50 started, implementation and the process which should be followed. This was well received by all who were in attendance. Everyone was asked to review these guidelines and get back to Fahey prior to the next SRC meeting with any revisions or concerns.
2. Richard Reif has all of the materials explaining the grant proposal to the US Soccer Foundation. He announced that WNY now owns three pairs of equipment including laptop and projector. Before he started to write the grant he needed to know specifically what we were looking for. He reviewed some of the grants which were funded last year. It was agreed that the grant should state that WNY's goal was to Extend instructional process used to educate referees, instructors, coaches, assessors and assignors.
3. The internet continues to be a good tool for communication to all referees in WNY. Alexander Badr said that he would check for the website used in Oneonta so that it can be linked to by WNY's.

4. Fahey informed the SRC that when he met with NYSW two weeks ago that they were putting the \$20/team for indoor registration under review. Sometime within the next two years something new will most likely be implemented.
5. William Pasnak was not present to report on a proposed budget for an intermediate course. This will be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.
6. Fahey proposed a policy of 50% attendance at meetings or lose voting privileges for one year. Please review this policy and report back to Fahey with any concerns or suggestions.
7. The proposed policy for definite term renewal periods for the SDA, SDI and SCA was put off until the next meeting.
8. The problem of getting three referees to high level leagues such as the Upstate Premier League was discussed. It was agreed that the SRC needs to prioritize assignments to ensure this coverage. This prioritization should take on the same format as those set nationally by USSF in the administration handbook. These guidelines would be based on the youth level. Fahey and Curt Hamlin agreed to come up with some proposed policy by the next meeting.
9. The southern tier problem of getting referees to needed meetings is still a problem. Fahey and Spath have been appointed to work with Joe Delity in that district for this problem.
10. The field development in Rochester is still a very hot issue. It has been decided that Chili will not be the location for the new fields. It is now proposed to go into Gates, but this is meeting much residential pressure to fail as well for both personal and financial reasons. It is proposed that Gates house the new fields but the county would benefit by the revenue generated.
11. Fahey reported on how the various state and regional tournaments went. Reif stated that something needs to happen at the ODP tournament. It was agreed that it needs to be cleaned up administratively before anything else can happen.
12. The "Youth Referee of the Year" nominations are coming to a close. Syracuse/Binghamton submitted a name of a boy. Buffalo has one of each but has not gotten them to Fahey yet. Rochester is still scurrying to accomplish this. All districts have until 9/24 to get their nominations to Fahey. It was agreed that the nominee must be able to attend the AGM meeting and will be requested to attend the Regionals in 2002.
13. The problem of some referees wanting to join Buffalo as opposed to the Southern Tier district for which they reside was resolved. These people will be registered in the district that they reside in and must meet all of the requirements of the local board. They can if they wish, and the other district accepts, affiliate with another district as well with the understanding that they will meet that district's requirements as well.

New Business

1. Elmira's new web site is up and operational. The address for it is www.bgsr.com.
2. Batavia reported that 25 out of the 52 registered received Development and Guidance assessments. Art Jaspé thought this was great for the referees and the associate assessors who need the experience. This was a win-win situation for everyone involved.
3. Syracuse reported that they tried some mentoring where senior referees volunteered to go watch some games. Ron Kuck will keep the SRC informed as to how well it is working out for them. Kuck also reported that two new indoor facilities have been built to make a total of 5 facilities. Of the two new

facilities, one will be using the board to help with assignments. The facility in Oswego wants to go to FUTSAL.

4. Spath introduced William Campbell from Ithaca district. Spath offered and Campbell accepted to become the new DRA for the Ithaca district. Campbell announced that they only have one active assessor and he is the assignor. The instructor in the district only wants to do one course in the spring for new referees. They are having problem covering all of the games. It was put to him from the other members of the SRC that any outlying games near another district could be covered by that other district to help relieve some of the problem.
5. Joe Delity announced that he just got a new district commissioner who is also a referee. This may help in some of his problems, but really time will tell.
6. Reinhold Spath announced that a Rochester referee, Steve Teremy, had his foot surgically removed due to a complication of diabetes. It was agreed that he would send a little something to Steve.
7. Art Jaspe proposed a new policy that all upgrade requests must be made to the SRA by April 1. Chris Chilano made the motion that the conversation be closed and requested that a vote be made, this was seconded by William Campbell. The vote was unanimous with all in attendance.
8. Jaspe proposed that in late winter/early spring there will most likely be an entry level assessors course.
9. Jaspe announced that the tides seem to be shifting with expectations at the Regionals which really forces WNY to change their expectations for the State Youth Cup which leads upto it. Several years ago veteran referees were sent to the Regionals. Then the expectation was to use this tournament to showcase young and upcoming referees. Last year, and more so this year, the thinking seems to be a bit more in the middle. What this all means is that all nine districts should try to identify upcoming referees for the state youth tournaments with **3 or more years of experience**.
10. William Helwig announced that the current board in Buffalo was re-elected for another term. Buffalo's mentor program was a success as funded by their leagues. They were able to mentor about 122 first or second year referees in 240 U10-12 games. The approximate cost of this program was around \$30 per game.

Other items which they were able to do was provide an AR clinic, provide an orientation clinic for first year referees, and held an intermediate clinic. Their website includes an online game report for one of their leagues which was very well received. They are looking into expanding this in the near future to other leagues in the Buffalo area.

The board also allocated \$1,500.00 for Development and Guidance assessments. They were able to do this because their local dues is \$35.00

11. William Fahey announced that at the last NYSW board meeting the 2002 budget was discussed. They are proposing that money be allocated once again to the mentor program and the mom and pop clinics. Also this year they are allocating some money for Regional shirts for those representing NYSW at that tournament.
12. Spath handed out packets to each district which contained all of the information which will be necessary for testing and registration for 2002. It was stated to start looking for the registration forms from Chicago around October 20. There is no increase in the registration fee for 2002.

13. Alexander Badr stated that the SRC meeting has been in Rochester for 2 years now. That the NYSW state office has been offered to hold these meetings and was wondering if the next meeting could be held down there. Fahey agreed to look into this.

Action Items

1. Review status of commitment from the amateurs to the SRC **(Fahey, Capan)**
2. Continue review of the project 50 list for 2002 **(All)**
3. Status of grant proposal for instructional materials to be completed by Dec. 1 **(Pasnak, Reif)**
4. Write proposal for budget of intermediate referee course **(Pasnak)**
5. Review proposed policy of how to deal with districts consistently not represented at SRC meetings **(All)**
6. Review proposed policy to include definite term for renewal of the SDA, SDI and SCA positions **(Fahey)**
7. Propose a policy for prioritization of youth level tournaments **(Fahey, Hamlin)**
8. "Youth Referee of the Year" Nominations due by September 24, 2001 **(All)**
9. Propose schedule for assessor, instructor and assignor clinics **(Jaspe, Pasnak, Hamlin)**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:15. The next meeting is tentatively set for January 13, 2002 at the NYSW office.