

Western NY Referee Association
State Referee Committee
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION AFFILIATE

January 18, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Roll Call:

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| 1. Michael Tata; SRA | sra@wnyreferee.org |
| 2. Dave Baxter, Chairperson | chair@wnyreferee.org |
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| 7. Bill Helwig, DRA Buffalo | buffalo@wnyreferee.org |
| 8. Tom Ross, SDI | sdi@wnyreferee.org |
| 9. Bill Bianchi, Rochester | Rochester@wnyreferee.org |
| 10. Steve Wu, Treasurer | Treasurer@wnyreferee.org |
| 11. John Cook, Ithaca (Susie Varvayanis) | Ithaca@wnyreferee.org |
| 12. Batavia, TBD | Batavia@wnyreferee.org |
| 13. Tom Barker, Elmira (Kyle Burke) | Elmira@wnyreferee.org |
| 14. Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier | Southerntier@wnyreferee.org |
| 15. Angela Paparo, DRA Syracuse | Syracuse@wnyreferee.org |

Not Present

Bill Campbell, Bill Helwig, Angela Paparo and Bill Bianchi

Meeting minutes were reviewed from the September SRC meeting.

There was a motion to accept the minutes by James Pitcher, Seconded by Bill Phearsdorf . Minutes are approved.

New Business, SRA report and topics:

Michael Tata; SRA

- If your local unit has a bank account they must fill out the conflict of interest statement and send it to Vicki
- Would like a recertification course applicable to assignors and assessors

Bill Campbell; SYRA

- State cup is in Cortland at the end of May
- Will need nominations from SRC members by March 1st
- Presidents cup – 6 referees (same as last year) – 1 assessor – 5/23-25,2015 Slippery Rock PA
- ODP tournament -10 referees (+1 over last year) – 2 assessors – 6/6-8,2015 Lawrenceville NJ
- Region 1 Championships – 15 referees (+2 over last year) – 2 assessors – 6/25-30,2015 in Barboursville, WV
- State Cup
 - Will need nominations from SRC members for the final 4 by April 1
 - Playdowns will be the same format as last year – all games likely in Syracuse, Rochester and Buffalo –maybe a couple of odd ones outside those three.

○	Dates	○
○	WK 1 – Playdown Games	○
○	All U12 to U15 Boys and Girls (SAT test date)	○ 5/2/14
○	All U16 to U18 Boys and girls	○ 5/3/14
○		○
○	WK 2 – 2nd round Playdown Games	○
○	All Girls games	○ 5/9/14
○	All Boys Games	○ 5/10/14
○		○
○	WK 3 – Back up play date and All U19 Playdown Games	○
○	All Boys games	○ 5/16/15
○	All Girls Games	○ 5/17/14
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○	State cup Final 4 – Cortland NY	○ 5/29-31,2015

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- **Champions League**
 - Replaces the sub-regional and director’s premier leagues
 - Should be starting play in February....but I have nothing more than that yet
 - Should also have finals on Mother’s Day weekend that we will need to nominate 2-4 people for.....but I have nothing more than that yet
- Region 1 is rebuilding from the ground up – this could be a very interesting year
- New Directors, new programs, many changes from previous years. Things are very chaotic]

John Kramer; SAC

- Has the Velcro for the DRA’s – needs number of referees in the unit
- He has 1500 here – will leave the balance with Michael
- Whistles are in Bill’s possession
- College tournament in Batavia – try to get in some different referees – will talk to Frank Marino as he is their assignor – use referees from Buffalo, Syracuse and Rochester to get more referees
 - A good way to expose our referees to these higher level games
- Will talk to Rob Richman in Batavia as well
- Does not want to recertify Chris Chilano – will deny his registration and inform him of the reasons why
 - Contact RDYSL to recommend that he not return as their assignor as his assignor registration will be denied
- Received emails from several Rochester referees who were on the upgrade list and didn’t get the appropriate number of games – they did have availability – their rankings didn’t change is the root cause as to why they did not get enough games (no ranking meeting in Rochester).
 - Will have an assignor meeting in the Rochester district – he will not allow registration to go through until this meeting has been conducted

Tom Ross; SDI

- Motion to send a\$2,500 donation to CURE (Cure childhood cancer) in Lydia Tata’s name– All in favor – none opposed – motion passed

- Clinics are proving challenging – Emeritus referees, grade 9 referees and life time referees cannot sign up in advance for a clinic – they must show up and sign in – the DRA has to send a separate list to Tom with their status
- The advanced clinics will in March (21,22)in Valicia’s restaurant in Rochester - he will post registration this week – cost is \$50 which includes lunch
- Grade 6 candidates must attend the grade 6 clinic
- Grade 7 candidates must attend a grade7 clinic
- Both clinics are open to anyone else – encourage all to attend the clinics
- If anyone is planning to upgrade within the next 2 years this will cover that requirement if they are in the first or second year this year
- From US Soccer – we have the option of administering a pro fitness test for the non-nationals
 - The one requirement is that there has to be a sound system
 - We will set up a date and they will send someone to oversee the fitness test
 - We will have to provide people to assist in the testing
 - It will be in Rochester as this is the bulk of where the games are played
 - Tom is looking for some place to hold this in early May (Roberts Wesleyan or one f the high schools) most likely on a Saturday – we will also most likely have to pay to use the facility
 - He will need volunteers to come and help run the event

Art Jaspe; SDA

- Will be going to Chicago next month
- Will submit a list with recommendations for eligibility to be on the pro list
- If you have any recommendations please get them to Art
- Empire League in Rochester in March for development academy
- Recommendations is that those candidates that we have should be given appointments in our state
- Candidates this year – anyone who applied to be national, those accepted or denied will still be on the list
 - Those interested to be a national candidate need to apply to be on the list
 - There are 20 or so names on the list
- Has reviewed the list of assessments from last year and he will get back to Mike with the list of those who did not pay for their assessment – which is a small list
- The list that Tom Ross has is the list of completed assessments
- We won’t be posting assessments until the first week of May
- Will start appointment of assessors by mid April

Steve Wu – Treasurer

- DRA – please let him know if there is an election in the local unit as he needs to know the president and treasurer in each area
- If the local unit has any questions on the financial report or how to do anything – please feel free to call or email Steve
- Attended a meeting in December in the Buffalo area with their board – he encourages any local unit or the board to invite him to the meeting to talk to them
- We are on a new fiscal year beginning September 1st
 - Our registration season begins September 1st

- Submitted 1099 for 2014 to our tax accountant - please remind the local unit treasurer to ensure when they are issuing a check to have all of the pertinent information – a W9 must be on file
- We have all of our checking accounts with M&T bank –all areas are up to date with their information in quick books
- SRC now has the ability to get all information required from all the local units
 - The account name must be WNYSRA INC. (or spelled out) to follow the laws of the state
- Ian's cost is approximately \$1200 a year

District reports:

Syracuse

- Not present

Buffalo -

- Not present

Rochester

- Mike Smith is the president
- Lauren Dearman is the treasurer

Southern Tier

- New President is German Lesmes (who sent a letter to the board)
- Mark Jackson is the treasurer
- Mike Schneider is the new secretary
- They are moving forward to get higher level referees

Ithaca

- Will stay with 125 Arbiter slots this year
- Ithaca gets a free assignor slot

Binghamton

- Need more instructors this year – they have to apply but have to have shown some commitment
 - Tom will put instructor qualification statement on our website
 - Must submit a resume if someone is interested in becoming an instructor to Tom with their training and teaching experience
- Warren has an interest in becoming a life member – Michael needs to have some additional information as to his qualification to becoming a life member

Elmira

- 50 referees
- Entry level course is coming up at the end of March
- Assignor recertification course – none
- New president – Steve Huber (HuberSF@yahoo.com)
- New treasurer – Barry Winters
- Constitution and bylaws are not required by the local unit- if they choose it they have to be in line with the state by laws – recommend to have a process or procedure on how the DRA is chosen to represent your district

Batavia

- No representative

Next meetings:

Executive meetings: Will not be a March meeting as all will be in Chicago

Full SRC Meetings: April 19 (tentative date)

New Business:

- Funds for mentor program – (\$2,000)there is funding set aside at the SRC level – let us know what the program is and we will get some funds available to you. Hopefully the local leagues will also participate.
- Have the DRA petition the SRC for this program funding
- Lauren Dearman has agreed to be the chair of the AGM meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bill Phearsdorf, motion was seconded by Tom Ross; all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and meeting concluded at 12:02 pm.