

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

September 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester, NY. Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call:

1. Curt Hamlin; SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org/chamlin@email.com)
2. William Fahey; Chairperson/SCA (sca@wnyreferee.org/wdf28@aol.com)
3. William Campbell; SYRA (syra@wnyreferee.org/tripsdad@printswilliam.com)
4. Art Jaspe; SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org/ajaspe@aol.com)
5. Andrew Evangelos; Secretary (secretary@wnyreferee.org)
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9. Jerry Sullivan; WNYSA Rep. (ejsreft@hotmail.com)
10. Bill Helwig; DRA Buffalo (buffalo@wnyreferee.org)
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12. Mike Allmendinger; DRA Ithaca (ithaca@wnyreferee.org/mea2@cornell.edu)
13. Ron Kuck; DRA Syracuse (syracuse@wnyreferee.org /rakuck@frontiernet.net)

Not Present:

1. Michael Radecke; NYSWYSA President (president@nyswysa.org)
2. William Pasnak; SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org/pazref@frontiernet.net)
3. Bruce Rosekrans; Treasurer (treasurer@wnyreferee.com)
4. Tom Barker; DRA Elmira (elmira@wnyreferee.org/tdbarkerdra@yahoo.com)
5. Greg Wheeler; DRA Twin Tiers (twintier@wnyreferee.org/wheels7ref@hotmail.com)

Approval of last meeting minutes:

The June 24, 2007 minutes were approved.

ACTION ITEM CODES:

R: Report

A: Action by DRA's/ Committee member

Reports on old business

SRA – Curt Hamlin

R-1 A report was given on the current status of registrations. The total number of referees increased about 10%.

R-2 It was confirmed that starting 2008 all risk management applications must go through NYW. DOE, Police, FBI etc. clearances will no longer be accepted.

SYRA – Bill Campbell

No reports on old business.

SDA – Art Jaspe

R-1 An amended policy for upgrade was presented and discussed. It was accepted as amended for use in the policies and procedures.

R-2 Fees and policies on developmental assessments were set. The fee will be half the game fee.

SDI – Curt Hamlin for Bill Pasnak

No reports on old business.

SCA – William Fahey

No reports on old business.

Treasurer – Bruce Rosekrans

R-1 The guide of WNYSRA account reporting protocols was distributed.

A-1 Curt Hamlin announced that Bruce Rosekrans has tendered his resignation. It was agreed that a priority need be given to finding someone who can devote the time necessary for this position. Some stability in this must be found soon.

New Business and Action Items

SRA – Curt Hamlin

R-1 There are two assault/abuse cases already heard for 2007. Assault by a youth player resulted in a 1 year suspension/6 months if that person takes a referee course. Assault case by an adult resulted in a 3 year suspension. There are two cases of inappropriate referee behavior that are pending with NYSWYSA.

R-2 For 2008, registration fees are remaining the same. The state fee will continue to be \$5. Fees will be the same for online registrations. DRAs have been instructed to keep waivers for the fitness tests.

A-1 The spreadsheet simplifying the calculations needed to determine the amount of money owed to the State Referee Association will be sent again to the DRAs.

A-2 SRA will verify that the SRC email addresses are working.

A-3 Will gather proposal to request funding for mentoring program from adult board.

SDI – Bill Pasnak

R-1 The agenda for recertification clinics will include game report writing, handling, keeper possession, and setting walls.

SDA – Art Jaspe

R-1 The process to deal with missed assessments was discussed. It was determined that those missing the assessments will be dealt with by the SDA and SRA. Those missing assessments are subject to losing grade as per USSF policy.

R-2 Presented an amended upgrade policy document.

A-1 Will attempt to increase the available resources for assessments during state cup. Will seek funding through NYW and SRC.

SYRA – Bill Campbell

R-1 An end of year report was distributed.

R-2 SYRA will send criteria to DRAs to select young referee of the year. Nominees should be received by 10/1/07

A-1 Dates will be set up to certify recreational instructors. These clinics will be immediately followed by the recreational referee course.

SCA – William Fahey

R-1 SCA is collecting information for any assigning concerns for the 2007 season.

R-2 SCA is continuing to collect information desiring to take instructor, assessor, and assignor courses. This will be used to determine which courses will be offered for the 2008 season.

A-1 Will set a date for an assignors course.

Andrew Evangelos (Secretary)

A-1 Will add approved amendments to the Policies and Procedures for review at the next SRC Meeting.

James Pitcher (DRA Binghamton)

A-1 Will review 3 for 1 policy used for game count upgrading from grade 8 to 7 using time shortened games often found at tournaments.

Mike Allmendinger (DRA Ithaca)

R-1 Report of a successful mentoring program on youth matches.

Bill Helwig (DRA Buffalo)

R-1 Will submit a report of the status of the mentoring program in Buffalo.

Jerry Sullivan (WNYS)

R-1 SRC needs to submit a plan for a mentoring plan at the intermediate (grades 7 + 6) level.

2008 MEETING DATES:

2008

Jan 13th

April 13th

June 22nd

September 14th

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

The next meeting will be January 13th, 2008 at 10am.