

Western New York Referee Association

State Referee Committee

September 13, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Held at Hampton Inn, Rochester, N.Y. Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roll Call:

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Not Present:

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| 1. Tom Ross, SDI                      | <a href="mailto:sdi@wnyreferee.org">sdi@wnyreferee.org</a>             |
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Meeting Minutes approval from previous meeting

This could not be done due to no minutes submitted to SRC.

Introduction of current SRC and SRC Update

Pat gave an update on the new members of the SRC:

- Dave Baxter is the new Committee Chair and John Kramer is the new S.A.C.
- Bruce Rosenkrans has announced he will not seek re-appointment to treasurer when His term expires. If you know of anyone in your District who may be interested, have them submit a letter to Pat ASAP.
- Bill Campbell has been re-appointed to another 2-year term as SYRA.

### SRA Report

#### 1) Policies and Procedures Document

-Pat gave a brief synopsis on the revisions made and the updated policies. **Motion made by Bill Campbell to accept the Policies and Procedures as presented by Pat to the SRC. Second by Joe Delity. Voted on and approved 13-0.**

#### 2) Registration Process

-Pat distributed 2 handouts which outlined the process for upgrade and for registration. All Upgrade request forms must be sent to Pat.

### SYRA Report

#### 1) Bill gave a Regional report for 2009:

-Directors League Final – we had 1 Referee sent to Regional Championships out of 3 attending the finals.

-Presidents Cup Play downs – We sent a full crew from Buffalo District.

-O.D.P. Tournament – we had 2 Referees invited to Region I final, 1 Referee to Presidents Cup finals and Steph McKay was invited to ODP National Tourney.

-Region I Championships – We had 2 referees recognized with National Appointments: Ashley Cedro as a Referee and Chris Trottier as an AR. All 12 Referees were assigned to Semi-finals. 7 of them (6 of the 7 first timers) received Finals assignments. A GREAT job by our Referees!

#### 2) Young Referees of the Year

Male – Mike Ertel – Buffalo District

Female – Samantha Randall – Ithaca District

#### 3) Website

Site has been down for maintenance this month, be patient. You can use the website to set up your district re-certs as well. Contact Bill with any questions. As soon as Bill can update the website he will notify everyone.

4) 2010 State/Regional Tournament Dates (TENTATIVE)

State Cup (Cortland, NY) – May 21-23, 2010

O.D.P. (Princeton, NJ) – June 11-13, 2010

Region I (Huntington, WV) – June 30- July 6, 2010

Veterans Cup (Lancaster, MA) – June 30 – July 2, 2010

- 5) State Cup negotiations – ongoing and if anyone has any ideas/suggestions, please contact Bill ASAP.
- 6) Thruway League –Bill has not had much luck getting Mr. Knittel to contact him regarding the fee variances in the league which have caused so many issues. Since some Assignors have NOT been paid yet for 2009 games, if failure to pay and contact the SYRA about the league fees continues, Bill is considering contacting NYSWYSA with the possible suggestion of putting the Thruway League in bad standing to get them to the table.
- 7) 2010 Books & Badges – Bill distributed books and badges to the 5 districts not near his location. He anticipates being about 200 books short. If you have extras or may need more, get with Bill on this as soon as the shortage is recognized.

SDI Report

- 1) Tom could not attend the meeting due to attending the Increasing Instructor Effectiveness course (required for State Instructor badge) in Lake Placid. He did place a request with the SRC to purchase a camcorder to use to help in training and development of Referees. **Motion made by Bill Campbell to give Tom up to \$1,500 from the SRC to purchase a camcorder for training use. Second by Jim Pitcher. Voted and approved 13-0.**

SDA Report

- 1) Art held recerts with his Assessors recently to inform and instruct them of the new directives and the new criteria and forms to fill out for assessments.
- 2) All full assessments are now paperless, as they will be done online. Working on a way to do D&G's as well for internet capability.
- 3) Discussion amongst Assessors was that Grade 7 Referees do not have to have an A.R. assessment at anytime, except for upgrade to State Grade 6. Possibility of a Grade 7 Referee needing an A.R. maintenance assessment every 3 years, taking place of Center assessment. This is all discussion at this point and not on agenda for 2010.

- 4) As stated in revised Policies & Procedures (see above in SRA report), any Referee being assessed and the Assessor deem the game insufficient, only ½ fees will be paid to the Assessor.
- 5) Art again stressed the importance of finding quality games in areas for Referees to get their assessments. Referees and Assessors should be working together to find games to do and if help is needed, to contact Art.

#### SAC Report

- 1) John would like to compile a list of all Referees who we think are “up-and-comers” and get the list to Assignors so these Referees can get looked at. The hope is to do this early on so we can fast track them if needed.

#### Treasurer Report

- 1) Bruce was absent from meeting but sent an email to Dave stating the account is “healthy”.
- 2) Stated he was caught up on checks, but had not received a bill for the 2 projectors.
- 3) Anyone needing mileage re-imbusement should send to Bruce ASAP.
- 4) Has been meeting with Ian Redpath to finalize both the 2007-8 and 2008-9 tax return.

#### New Business

- 1) Pat indicated there were 2 Assignor Issues
  - a. Issue #1 had been resolved in the Rochester Unit. Use of a non-registered Assignor was being used for a tournament to help the Assignor. Pat spoke with the Registered Assignor and the matter has been resolved.
  - b. Issue #2 was a situation where Grade 8 Referees were getting assigned Amateur Centers while Grade 7 Referees were not. John Kramer expressed the fact that if Grade 7 Referees are available, they should be getting the assignment over a Grade 8.
- 2) Bill Fahey Recognition

The committee was in agreement that we need to recognize Bill’s many years of contribution to the committee. Pat to look into a suggested recognition for Bill by the committee.
- 3) Power Soccer

Ron Kuck brought up the fact that Power Soccer is coming to Syracuse and they have requested USSF Referees. Power soccer is for disabled players in wheelchairs. They play 4v4 on a basketball court and are an affiliated league. A training class is being planned and anyone interested should contact Ron. More information can be found at [www.powersoccerusa.com](http://www.powersoccerusa.com).

4) Job Duties + Assignments

Pat wants to compile a list of essentially who is doing what on the SRC. All feedback is appreciated. If anyone feels overwhelmed or needs help, just ask!!!!

5) 2010 SRC Meeting Dates

The following dates were set for 2010. All meetings are 10am-2pm at the Hampton Inn.

January 10, April 11, June 6, September 12.

If you can't attend, please try to have a representative there for you.

District Reports

-BATAVIA – will be holding a clinic in conjunction with Tom Ross in January.

-BUFFALO – held informative meeting to try and find ways to open up things for more people to get involved. Looking to expanding committees as well to do this.

-BINGHAMTON – Held first recert on August 8. Plan to have all done by end of calendar year.

-SYRACUSE – Inquired about what our liability insurance covers. Basically, just liability. Ron would like to possibly compile a list of what Referees are getting and what Assignors fees are to compare with what he has.

-AMATEURS – Pat is attending the USASA conference in Phoenix. There was one case of an assault on a Referee from Batavia District. Player was suspended for 1 year and put on probation for another.

**Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bill Campbell, second by Joe Delity. Approved 12-0. Meeting adjourned at 1:23 pm.**

Next meeting – January 10, 2010 – Hampton Inn, Rochester 10-2pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Chilano (Temp Secretary)