



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

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## Meeting Minutes

Held at the NYS West Youth Soccer Association office, Corning, NY on March 3, 2002. Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

## Roll Call

1. William Fahey, SYRA, Chairperson, Rochester ([syra@wnyreferee.org](mailto:syra@wnyreferee.org))
2. Art Jaspe, SDA ([sda@wnyreferee.org](mailto:sda@wnyreferee.org))
3. Curt Hamlin, SCA, Recording Secretary ([sca@wnyreferee.org](mailto:sca@wnyreferee.org))
4. Tony Buiniskis, President of NYSW ([ajb4soccer@aol.com](mailto:ajb4soccer@aol.com))
5. James Pitcher, DRA (Binghamton) ([soccer\\_referee@juno.com](mailto:soccer_referee@juno.com))
6. William Helwig, DRA (Buffalo) ([billreferee@yahoo.com](mailto:billreferee@yahoo.com))
7. Alexander Badr, DRA (Elmira) ([badram@stny.rr.com](mailto:badram@stny.rr.com))
8. Joe Delity, DRA (Southern Tier) ([baraab@hotmail.com](mailto:baraab@hotmail.com))
9. Dave Herron, DRA (Twin Tier) ([dherron@campbellsavona.wnyric.org](mailto:dherron@campbellsavona.wnyric.org))

## Not Represented

1. Reinhold M. Spath, SRA ([sra@wnyreferee.org](mailto:sra@wnyreferee.org))
2. William Pasnak, SDI ([sdi@wnyreferee.org](mailto:sdi@wnyreferee.org))
3. Arman Capan, Amateurs WNY ([arman@eznet.net](mailto:arman@eznet.net))
4. Christopher Chilano, DRA (Batavia) ([cchilan1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cchilan1@rochester.rr.com))
5. William Campbell (Ithaca) ([tripsdad@aol.com](mailto:tripsdad@aol.com))
6. Ronald Kuck, DRA (Syracuse) ([rakuck@baldcom.net](mailto:rakuck@baldcom.net))

## Old Business

1. Nothing has changed with the status of commitment of the Amateurs to the SRC. This item is considered closed. The Amateurs will not be able to financially support the SRC at all.
2. William Fahey reviewed the Project 50 list. He would like all districts to get back to me quickly on any updates.
3. Neither Richard Reif from Rochester or William Pasnak were present to report on the grant writing for instructional equipment. William Fahey did not know of any further news on this at all.
4. William Pasnak was not present to report on an intermediate course. It was reported that it was all setup along with an advanced course. Districts were told to spread the news and the information is posted out on the web site.
5. It appears that the need for the item of how to deal with districts for attendance is not necessary. It has been "self-policed" itself and in the past year and a half we have had three new DRA's appointed because of this.

6. It was agreed that term limits for the positions of SRA, SYRA, SDI, SDA and SCA are already in place and the SRC does not need to come up with any on its own. There was a lot of discussion about the need of a succession plan for all of these positions.
7. The idea of prioritizing the youth level matches like the national standards was discussed. It is already stated that from the State Cup Competitions on up. The question is priority or precedence of matches within our state organization. William Fahey will try to come up with something to present at the next SRC meeting.
8. Youth referee of the year was Chris Luhrs (Binghamton) and Jenna Gage (Buffalo). James Pitcher and William Helwig were given forms to be filled out on how to best present these people at the Regionals. All of their documentation is due back to Fahey by March 21. Tony Buiniskis announced that Dan Shoniker (Rochester) was chosen as the coach of the year and went on to become the National Coach of the Year. William Fahey will take the information present by Pitcher and Helwig and put it in a nice package so that these young people can be shown at their best at the Regionals.
9. Clinics- Psnak was not present to discuss plans of dealing with the shortfall which is becoming apparent especially in Rochester. It was announced that an Instructor's clinic already took place in Rochester and an assignor's clinic was already done in Buffalo. Art Jaspe announced that he would like to try to have an assessor's clinic in Binghamton at the same time as the President's cup.

## **New Business**

1. Packets from Reinhold were distributed and the contents were reviewed. During this William Helwig stated that the Buffalo area was interested in the grade 9 referee which can do all recreational games U14 and below. William Helwig and William Psnak will discuss this further.
2. William Fahey passed out the new availability form to be used for the state tournaments. All districts are to make these forms available and people that they feel would benefit from the experience should be given some personal invitations to send it in.
3. Joe Delity was concerned because he was bypassed for a recertification clinic in the Fredonia/Dunkirk area. William Fahey stated that he was contacted by those referees and he informed the SDI to set it up.
4. William Helwig announced that they did an annual review of their mentor program. It hasn't helped significantly in the retention area but has shown signs of great progress in referee development. He was glad that NYSW has gotten at least a portion of this back into their budget. Buffalo is going to require EVERY new referee go through at least one mentored game.
5. Art Jaspe announced that Buffalo is now giving out heavy black t-shirts for re-registering in Buffalo. He wants something similar for all referees who go to the state/president's cup. Buffalo is getting them for under \$5. Tony Buiniskis asked William Fahey to write up an estimate, but it would have to be with Adidas shirts and his cost on them starts at \$5.50.
6. Elmira's new web site is up and operational. The address for it is [www.egsr.com](http://www.egsr.com).
7. Tony Buiniskis discussed a little about the \$20 fee per team annually for indoor registrations. This is currently being reviewed at NYSW and changes will be made within the year. He did however state that NYSW's \$20 per team annual fee is lower than what most other state organizations have. Tony wanted clarification of the item in the minutes from the last meeting about Richard Reif stating that ODP needs to administratively clean up. William Fahey stated that he would contact Richard and see what he can

find out specifically. He also requested a packet like the districts receive of information. He did not think that information should go to the districts that the executive board themselves are not seeing.

### **Action Items**

1. Continue review of the project 50 list for 2002 **(All)**
2. Status of grant proposal for instructional materials to be completed by Dec. 1 **(Pasnak)**
3. Propose a policy for prioritization of youth level tournaments **(Fahey, Hamlin)**
4. Regional presentation of "Youth Referee of the Year" **(Fahey, Helwig, Pitcher)**
5. Plan for 2002-3 to get more referees **(Pasnak)**
6. Set up assessor's clinic at President's cup **(Jaspe)**
7. Review Grade 9 and its uses to the districts for recreational games **(Pasnak, Helwig)**
8. Review assignments for the state tournaments from availabilities **(Fahey)**
9. Propose expenditure for t-shirts for referees at state tournaments **(Fahey, Buiniskis)**
10. ODP review of "Administrative Clean-up" which is needed **(Fahey, Buiniskis)**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00. The next meeting is tentatively set for Next meeting will take place around Saturday 5/11 and will probably be in Buffalo/Niagara Falls region.