



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

Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester, NY, on October 20, 2002. Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM.

Roll Call

1. Curt Hamlin, SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org)
2. William Fahey, SYRA, (syra@wnyreferee.org)
3. William Pasnak, SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org)
4. Art Jaspe, SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org)
5. Christopher Chilano, SCA, and DRA (Batavia) (cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
6. James Gabor, Sr., Treasurer (wizjg@yahoo.com)
7. Dennis Rice, Recording Secretary (drice1@rochester.rr.com)
8. James Pitcher, DRA (Binghamton) (soccer_referee@juno.com)
9. William Helwig, DRA (Buffalo) (billreferee@yahoo.com)
10. William Campbell (Ithaca) (tripsdad@aol.com)
11. Richard Reif, DRA (Rochester) (rar0@eznet.net)
12. Joe Delity, DRA (Southern Tier) (baraab@localnet.com)

Not Represented

1. Tony Buiniskis, President of NYSW (ajb4soccer@aol.com)
2. Arman Capan, Amateurs WNY (arman@eznet.net)
3. Alexander Badr, DRA (Elmira) (badram@stny.rr.com)
4. Ronald Kuck, DRA (Syracuse) (rakuck@baldcom.net)
5. Dave Herron, DRA (Twin Tier) (dherron@campbellsavona.wnyric.org)

Special Guest:

1. Ian Redpath (Attorney) (coachredpath@aol.com)

Introduction of New Officers

1. Chris Chilano, (SCA), Jim Gabor, (Treasurer), Dennis Rice, (Recording Secretary), and Dick Reif, (DRA, Rochester)

Reports of Officers

1. SRA – (discussion points and highlights on proposed by-laws, led by Ian Redpath)
 - a. The proposed new alignment of the SRC is to position the organization independent from the Amateurs (current or previous alignment) and the youth organizations. In addition, reporting has been difficult in the past for the above and other reasons.
 - b. We anticipate that a re-write of the referee manual may cause additional changes in the by-laws in the future, and we will modify them as needed.
 - c. We also anticipate that USSF may request some minor change(s).
 - d. We need to accommodate an open membership (Grade 17) participation for those who wish to pay dues and belong to the organization but not officiate or vote. A recent court ruling mandates this.

- e. Non-voting ex-officio members (e.g., youth representative) should also be included, consistent with our status as members on the youth and amateur boards.
 - f. Removal of directors – this board cannot remove state-appointed directors (SRA, SYRA), in compliance with USSF directives. Similarly, this board cannot independently appoint a state-appointed position.
 - g. The by-laws will be updated to include:
 - i. Art VI – 1.1 – DRAs are voting members.
 - ii. Art VI – 2.1 – Removal of directors
 - iii. Art. VI – 12.1 – Nominations
 - iv. Include a separate article for accommodate precedence of USSF rules if requested by USSF (Ian will verify if this is needed).
 - h. Motion to accept by-laws as amended with a 30-day review period – (adopted after 30 days) was made and seconded. Vote to accept unanimous: Curt Hamlin, SRA, William Fahey, SYRA, William Pasnak, SDI, Art Jaspe, SDA, and Chris Chilano, SCA.
 - i. Next steps: file federal and state forms, and then obtain tax exempt sales tax number.
2. SYRA – (Bill Fahey)
- a. Snickers Cup WNY Championship will be at West Seneca May 30 – Jun 1
 - b. Snickers Cup Regionals will be at University of Rhode Island July 3-7
 - c. Snickers Cup Nationals will be in Maryland July 22-27
 - d. Regional ODP will be at Ryder College (NJ) June 6-8
 - e. ODP semi-finals and finals will be at Kirkwood, DE June 20-21
 - f. Mentor program – the individual Districts will move this forward for 2003. Past efforts to coordinate this from the SRC produced mixed results. This program is best administered at a local level.
 - g. Youth referee of the year: bio sheets to be written by Dick Reif
 - i. Amanda Ross – Rochester (selected from two candidates submitted)
 - ii. Chris Chen – Rochester (selected from three candidates submitted)
 - iii. Special thanks to those districts that submitted candidates or advised Bill that they did not have candidates.
 - h. Project “50” – this program will be directed down to the District level, to administer as a “Project 20.” The DRAs will forward to the SYRA high potential youth candidates 16-21 years of age with 2-3 years experience.
3. SDA –
- a. 75 full assessments and 225 developmental assessments were given during the past season.
4. SDI –
- a. Commentary – given the new alignment, we need to renew how we communicate with the Districts in a way that is consistent
 - b. Bill Fahey will provide written descriptions of the “Mom and Pop”, Project 20, and Mentor programs for use in the upcoming season.
5. SCA – no report for this meeting
6. Finance Director –
- a. Balance received from prior administration \$28,664.66
 - b. Proposed budget highlights:
 - i. 2002 pending tax review
 - ii. 2003 budget highlights
 - 1. Telephone increase with sharing the cost of SYRA with the Youth Organization in the past will now be borne by the SRC budget.

2. Postage increase expected
3. Occupancy remains the same
4. Referee coins will be purchased on a break-even basis, the officers will include give-aways in their respective budgets
5. SDI and SCA expects budget increase needed to allow for increased programs.
- iii. Budget codes will be developed for line items along with standard vouchers for the officers to use. The SRA must approve all expenditures that are not in the budget prior to issuance of a check.
- c. 2003 budget unanimously approved : Curt Hamlin, SRA, William Fahey, SYRA, William Pasnak, SDI, Art Jaspe, SDA, and Chris Chilano, SCA.
- d. Current balance \$27,449.49, and a written report will be submitted at the next meeting.

Old Business

- Review of old business waived.

New Business

1. Registration at approximately 1% now.
2. Referee coin – Curt will obtain quotes for different quantities. Bill F. will consult on procurement.
3. A local issue in the Buffalo District was addressed with the help of board members.
4. Southern Tier news – Fredonia may request a separate District.
5. It is noted that some affiliated leagues are not using certified referees and assignors (e.g., house leagues). Bill Helwig will work with Bill Fahey on this issue. (relates to Grade 9 discussion below)

Good of the Organization

1. SDI - All courses in the Districts and otherwise shall be scheduled through the SDI.
2. SDA – the following were proposed and discussed; to be repackaged and submitted at the next meeting:
 - a. Proposed policy on missed maintenance assessments was presented and discussed.
 - b. Emeritus status and level of game/currency requirements
 - c. Upgrade procedures and proposed nonrefundable application fee
 - d. The minimum assessment fee will be the amount of the referee's fee, i.e., if the referee or the AR uses the assessment for upgrade or maintenance, the fee is the amount of the referee's game fee; if both use the assessment, the assessment fee is the amount of both officials' fees, and so forth.
3. SDI –
 - a. Discussed new laws highlights and newly revised refresher tests.
 - b. Grade 9: some discussion on how/when to recommend and use Grade 9 vs. Grade 8.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30. The next meeting is to be determined, tentatively set for December, 2002, at the Hampton Inn, Rochester (Greece), NY. The SRA will confirm the future meeting dates.

Action Items

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| 1. Amend by-laws as discussed and distribute | (Ian Redpath, Curt) |
| 2. File federal and state forms, and obtain state tax-exempt number | (Ian Redpath) |
| 3. Develop and administer mentor program in Districts | (all DRAs) |
| 4. Write bio sheets for Youth Referee of the Year and submit to SYRA | (Dick Reif) |
| 5. Forward candidates to SYRA for “Project 20” | (all DRAs) |
| 6. Provide write-ups of “Mom and Pop”, Project 20, and Mentor programs | (Bill Fahey) |
| 7. Develop budget codes and standard vouchers | (Jim Gabor) |
| 8. Obtain additional quotes and procure referee coins | (Curt, Bill Fahey) |
| 9. Develop proposal for use of certified referees & assignors and Grade 9 | (Bill Helwig, Bill Fahey) |
| 10. Schedule courses through the SDI | (all DRAs) |

11. Repackage and submit SDA proposals for next meeting

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