

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

September 18, 2005 Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call:

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| 1. Curt Hamlin, SRA | (sra@wnyreferee.org) |
| 2. William Fahey, SYRA | (syra@wnyreferee.org) |
| 3. Art Jaspe, SDA | (sda@wnyreferee.org) |
| 4. William Pasnak, SDI | (sdi@wnyreferee.org) |
| 5. Curt Hamlin, (acting SCA pending appointment) | (sca@wnyreferee.org) |
| 6. Katherine Dziedzic; Recording Secretary | (ktd23hart@aol.com) |
| 7. Jim Gabor, Sr., Treasurer | (wizjg@yahoo.com) |
| 8. James Pitcher, DRA (Binghamton) | (soccer-referee@juno.com) |
| 9. Christopher Chilano, DRA (Batavia) | (cchilan1@rochester.rr.com) |
| 10. William Helwig, DRA (Buffalo) | (billreferee@yahoo.com) |
| 11. William Campbell, DRA (Ithaca) | (tripsdad@aol.com) |
| 12. Paul Lysiak, DRA (Rochester) | (paul.lysiak@kodak.com) |
| 13. Joe Delity, DRA (Southern Tier) | (jdelity@localnet.com) |
| 14. Ronald Kuck, DRA (Syracuse) | (rakuck@baldcom.net) |
| 15. Greg Wheeler, DRA (Twin Tiers) | (wheeler@consultassoc.com) |
| 16. Tom Barker (acting DRA, Elmira) | (TLBARK1078@verizon.net) |
| 17. Jerry Sullivan, WNYSA representative (Adult Soccer Assoc) | (ejsreft@hotmail.com) |
| 18. Sandy Ostebo, President of NYSWYSA | (president@nyswysa.org) |

Not Present:

Sandy Ostebo, President of NYSWYSA
Paul Lysiak, DRA (Rochester)

Guests:

None

Approval of last Minutes

Minutes approved from May 2005 SRC meeting.

Reports of Officers

1. SRA - (Curt Hamlin)

- Registrations to date: We were down by 19 referees. As compared to the national average we did very well since some states were showing dramatic decreases. On average we were in the upper 25% of states.
- Instructors and Assessors are to be given the "procedures" book with their 2006 registration.
- Assignors are to be supplied with the Referee Administrative Handbook with their 2006 registration.

2. SYRA - (Bill Fahey)

- Please review the "UPGRADING TO GRADE 6" hand out for the next SRC meeting.

3. SDA - (Art Jaspe)

- Preliminary number of assessments have been completed: 25 AR; 60 Referee Maintenance; 94 Pro; 85

D & G. Finalization of numbers will be in by end of year.

- b. The hand out “ASSESSMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES UPDATES – DAVE McKEE 5/27/2004” was a Motion to approve this. Accepted by Jim Pitcher and Seconded by Bill Pasnak. (Curt; I did not write that down, only that there WAS a Motion to approve & it was Accepted by Jim & Bill)
- c. The hand out “ASSESSMENT FEE GUIDELINES IN WNYSRA [proposed 7/18/2005]” has a Motion to approve. Accepted by Bill Pasnak and Bill Helwig. (Curt: Again, I did not write down Who made the Motion or if it was put to a Vote; Only that there WAS a Motion made, it was Accepted by Paznak & 2nd by Helwig.)
- d. The hand out “MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR UPGRADE ASSESSMENTS AND MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS / EVALUATIONS [PROPOSED 9/18/2005]” had a Motion to approve. Accepted by Bill Campbell, Jim Pitcher. (Curt: Same situation with this document as well)

4. SDI - (Bill Pasnak) –

- a. Wants to buy 5 lap tops & 1 projector for clinic use. SYRA Fahey suggested to place this request towards the projected budget as a capital improvement expense; write it up & submit it.

5. SCA -

- a. No Report.

6. Treasurer - (Jim Gabor)

- a. Requesting a treasure’s recording device as an organization lap top to place a permanent recording system into place, rather than an individuals personal PC. It was agreed to look into this along with the laptops that the SDI was looking into.

Old Business:

1. All DRAs and Board Members must sign on and start using the Florida software system at wnyreferee.com. This is ongoing since the system was upgraded and the use will have to increase otherwise the project will have to be halted.
2. DRAs are asked to forward to Curt information on those who have obtained or are currently obtaining risk management as coaches. This item is on-going without question and no longer needs to be in the action items.
3. Art wrote proposed guidelines for acceptable level of play with respect to “Division 2” and higher and a proposal for D&G assessments for Grade 7 Referees. Found further detail of acceptable level of play and dictated what the level of play should be. The purpose is to define in terms what the local level of play is in each area (Buffalo, Rochester, Binghamton, Syracuse, Twin Tiers, Elmira). Art researched and found further details of proposal for acceptable level of play: dictating level of play. Purposes of definition in terms of local areas (Buffalo, Rochester, Elmira, Binghamton, Ithaca, Twin Tiers, Syracuse) will be defined by those areas. Next meeting: DRAs are to IDENTIFY highest level of play in their areas; D1 of Adult / Amateur. Stating that “they haven’t any” is appropriate.
4. Curt to write recommendations to NYSWYSA for SYRA. – This was accomplished.
5. DRAs are directed to use the data made available to identify young up-and-coming referees. Once identified then they are directed to try to work with these individuals. People also need to identify alternative people which can be invited to Pro Clinic in 2006.
6. Bill C. and Curt to work on advertisements to be used for 2006 season. Bill Campbell had done a lot of research into this and found that it was quite cost prohibitive. He approached NYSWYSA to see what it would take to use their services for some distribution to clubs/leagues, etc. Bill will continue to work along these lines.
7. Bill F. to write letter to Pat Tata about conclusions drawn by the committee. - Accomplished
8. Paul L. to investigate the misinformation from the referee to the assessor. Paul was not present and therefore this will be carried onto the next agenda.
9. All districts must continue to send treasurer reports. Paul L is to find out what is going on with Rochester treasurer in this regard. Paul Lysiak was not present, but Curt reported that the data was finally received from

Rochester. There are still a lot of reports missing or not complete. Jim Gabor will follow up with districts so taxes and reports can be filed on time.

10. Bill P. to create outline for 2006 recertification clinics. A draft of this was completed. Bill will finalize this and get it out to the instructors for these clinics.

11. Curt to write up a procedure which can be followed for 2006 registrations. While Curt was working on this the universe changed with on-line registration. More research will be given to this and a process will be presented at the next meeting. This will be too late for some, but will help with others for 2006.

12. Curt is to contact National Office about games which can be used for grade 7 upgrade/recertification. This was accomplished and a reply was received: Ok 8 & 7's – State 6 & 5 = U17 full length, D1 and higher. NYS should put a proviso on the form to verify all 19's get to upgrade. Fahey Presentation: Upgrade to 6. Jaspe stated: this seems like a fast-track list; are we giving up game count needed? A) Middles as a REFEREE -- 2 for 1 ... 3 for 1... Paznak stated: no more than 2 – 1, less than 3-1; up to 33% of schedule. *Motion:* Chief assignor: 3 to 1 up to 25 games total of 75 accumulative – approved tournaments. Effective for the 2006 -2007 year. Motioned made by: Joe Delity, 2nd by Greg Wheeler. (Curt: Same situation with this document as well)

13. Bill F. continue to monitor situation between UNYPSL and NYSWYSA. NYSWYSA at this time does not want to pursue this matter.

December's Items:

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New Business

SRA

1. On-line Registration with www.ussoccer.info information – this is only an application for registration. The individual is not actually registered until the SRA verifies the data. The Log In is: “R-USSF ID#” and the Passcode is: “lastname”. At this time the referee must use a credit card (Visa/Mastercard). Only the registration fee is collected. People still have to write a check to the local unit to include the local dues if any and the additional \$5 fee which goes into effect for 2006. At this point National is picking up the credit card transaction fees...there is no promise that this will continue.
2. Curt announced that Bill Fahey will take over as the State Coordinator of Assignors effective immediately. This post has been vacant since Chris Chilano left the post. This is a good fit for Bill and will keep him involved and bring to the table his years of experience and knowledge.

SYRA

1. Bill Campbell was selected by NYSWYSA to take over as SYRA when Bill Fahey steps down at their AGM in November. Transfer of grade 9 program to Bill Campbell – effective 9/18/05.
2. Youth referee of the year – names into the DRA for a write up. There will be a selection squad for placement. This is a closed nomination process by end of the year. (Motioned by Joe & Greg)
3. A grid of up coming youth opportunities for the year will be established.
4. Fahey will continue to work with Region I (Adele Dolanski) for ODP – Regional Selections as the assignor for WNSYRA.

SDA

1. What do Assessments do for Assignors at: Regionals, State Youth Cup, ODP. We should come up with an idea / ideas of how the assessments can be used as recommendations; which are made to assignors to help the assignor know who is a higher ranking official or lower ranked official.
2. Assessor Re-Registration and Re-Certification will be held: 12/4 (Sunday) 10am -1pm; 12/11 (Sunday) 10am-1pm.
3. Operation of Executive Committee begin to meet before General Meeting so there is a reasonable presentation of effects to the large group. Set agenda for the annual meeting.

SDI

1. Guidelines for Game Assignments; falls into the Assessment process. Are we or not: forcing the

assignor to give games to specific badges. Begin to think about ramifications with this action.

DRA Kuck

1. Indoor associations within Western New York Association have affiliated leagues playing at them; why is the insurance not covered for officials? Curt will look into the various aspects of this to see if there is any way to resolve the issue.

DRA Delity

1. No report.

TREASURER Gabor

1. (Curt: the piece for Treasurer Report that I have is what he stated earlier: “ Treasurer wants to go on record that a Labtop should be in place as a permanent recording system and not have a personal P.C. for this business.) He did give a report.

DRA Pitcher

1. No Report

DRA Wheeler

1. No Report

DRA Barker

1. Requests for an Introduction Referee Course be offered in his area to solicit new members.
2. The Elmira group has decided at this time that it was in their best interest to move forward without Alex Badr. They have communicated their desire to have Tom Barker as their new DRA and they will start to look for another president of their local unit.

Good of the Organization

1. DRA Campbell: No report.
2. DRA Wheeler: Referees cover the land as best as possible. There are not many available to send out for games.
3. DRA Pitcher: No report.
4. DRA Delity: No report.
5. DRA Kuck: Ron was wondering how far up the age grouping does the youth association go. Bill Fahey stated that youth is really upto U21. U 23 & Women’s are Amateur Status.
6. WNY Sullivan: A)Upset with “team nonsense” there have been an exceptional number of assaults in the Amateur leagues with the leagues supporting the officials. B) Official Sports sold more High School referee shirts and ran out. Either everyone is meeting the requirements or we have a lot new High School Officials available in the area. C) Tournaments: out of state referees visiting WNY had a great time working our local tournaments. They commented on our assistant referees, which only means the training system we have established is finally coming together.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 PM.

Next meetings will be December 18 from 10AM until 2PM at the Hampton Inn, Rochester (Greece), NY.

Action Items:

1. Next meeting: DRAs are to IDENTIFY highest level of play in their areas; D1 of Adult / Amateur. Stating that “they haven’t any” is appropriate.
1. Japse is to forward the “ASSESSMENT FEE GUIDELINES IN WNYSRA [proposed 7/18/2005]” to Dzedzic with any edits and changes to the document, for the next SRC meeting.
2. Japse is to forward the “MATCH REQUIREMENTS FOR UPGRADE ASSESSMENTS AND

MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS / EVALUATIONS [PROPOSED 9/18/2005]" revisions and changes to Dziedzic for the next SRC meeting.

3. DRAs are directed to use the data made available to identify young up-and-coming referees. Once identified, then they are directed to try to work with these individuals. People also need to identify alternative people which can be invited to the Pro Clinic in 2006. (OK)
4. Bill Campbell will advertise for the 2006 season with a mailing through the state.
5. (WAIT FOR PAUL to give report) Paul Lysiak to investigate the misinformation from the referee to assessor.
6. Regular treasury reports: not receiving them at a balanced time. Let's try to bring it back together. Start at state w/ process outline in writing to each DRA who then reports to treasure in area. NOTE: invite treasurers for meeting / seminar to 'flow information.'
Fahey & Gabor will Format Layout – mail package with expectations and specific guidelines for each district [Hamlin & Gabor] to compile districts into a sum.
7. Bill Pasmak to create an outline for 2006 recertification clinics – present during his time of meeting.
8. Hamlin to write up / modify a procedure which can be followed for 2006 registrations.
9. DRA: Helwig – hours of recertification & registration – One Shot Deal for Dates to Recertify in Each Area. Pasmak stated: we should think about this @ the next meeting to finalize it then publish it.
10. 2006 RECOMMENDATIONS: Registration / Recertification process; watch & listen for feedback from committee to be compiled and reviewed before the next SRC meeting. SUGGESTION: Membership should not be allowed to fill out registration until they fulfilled their recertification clinic time.
This has always been in the Administrative Handbook by USSF – always.