

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

December 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                      | ( <a href="mailto:sra@wnyreferee.org">sra@wnyreferee.org</a> )                   |
| 2. William Campbell; SYRA                | ( <a href="mailto:syra@wnyreferee.org">syra@wnyreferee.org</a> )                 |
| 3. William Fahey; Chairperson/SCA        | ( <a href="mailto:sca@wnyreferee.org">sca@wnyreferee.org</a> )                   |
| 4. Art Jaspe; SDA                        | ( <a href="mailto:sda@wnyreferee.org">sda@wnyreferee.org</a> )                   |
| 5. William Pasnak; SDI                   | ( <a href="mailto:sdi@wnyreferee.org">sdi@wnyreferee.org</a> )                   |
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| 7. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton         | ( <a href="mailto:binghamton@wnyreferee.org">binghamton@wnyreferee.org</a> )     |
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| 9. William Helwig; DRA Buffalo           | ( <a href="mailto:buffalo@wnyreferee.org">buffalo@wnyreferee.org</a> )           |
| 10. Paul Lysiak; DRA Rochester           | ( <a href="mailto:rochester@wnyreferee.org">rochester@wnyreferee.org</a> )       |
| 11. Joe Delity; DRA Southern Tier        | ( <a href="mailto:southerntier@wnyreferee.org">southerntier@wnyreferee.org</a> ) |
| 12. Tom Barker; DRA Elmira               | ( <a href="mailto:elmira@wnyreferee.org">elmira@wnyreferee.org</a> )             |
| 13. Jerry Sullivan; WNYSA Representative | ( <a href="mailto:ejstreft@hotmail.com">ejstreft@hotmail.com</a> )               |
| 14. Dan Roark; acting DRA Syracuse       | ( <a href="mailto:steeleman91@twcny.rr.com">steeleman91@twcny.rr.com</a> )       |

Guests:

Mike Allmendinger; Acting DRA Ithaca

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Gary Fisher; President of Ithaca District

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Not Present:

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Approval of last meeting minutes:

Minutes of September 18, 2005 were approved, with a change of spelling for William Pasnak in action item #7. Stand approved w/ one spelling change.

Joe Delity made the Motion to approve.

Chris Chilano seconds this motion.

**ACTION ITEM CODES:**

**R: Report**

**A: Action by Executive Officer**

**AD: Action by DRA's/ Committee member**

## Reports of Officers

### SRA – (Curt Hamlin)

1-R End of Year Report from Curt Hamlin, which is a 2-page document submitted for review & discussion. This same report was supplied to USSF National Office and the two state associations as required.

2-R 2006 Recertification is going slowly; behind where we were last year & really need to get it going. What ever is sent to Curt; make certain forms are complete. If someone fails (written, fitness, etc...) do NOT send recertification forms. Curt does not want to hold (200) forms that are missing data. Give courtesy to everyone in the testing scenario. [Handout.] Numbers are a bit skewed due to recreational officials that are listed. Each district needs to do self-evaluation to find out what is going on & why we cannot retain the referees. This should be put into writing and sent to the SRA for review at the next Executive Meeting.

3-R Risk Management is moving towards paperless.

4-R Job descriptions will be revisited at the end of 2006 for modifications and enhancements made at the December 2006 meeting.

1-A Motion: by Pasnak; seconded by Campbell that the SRC empower the SRA to write a letter dissolving the agreement between the Rochester unit & the RDYLS, which includes the appointment of a lead assignor, should this issue not be resolved in any other manner, in accordance with USSF Policy.

1-AD Prepare a list for PRO CLINIC attendance by March 5, 2006 for invitations to referees. Please send this list to SRA Hamlin.

### SYRA – (Bill Campbell)

1-R ODP June 9-11, 2006. We will be sending 9 referees, 2 assessors.

Region I June 29 – July 4, 2006. We will be sending 11 referees, 2 assessors.

2-R Project Referees: WNYSRA has interest in the solid, Up-&-Coming Referees in our area. Bill C. will post this form on the [www.wnyreferee.org](http://www.wnyreferee.org) website & will change constantly. Spreadsheet for use will be posted.

3-R Recreational program all grade 9 certification & re-certification goes to SYRA Campbell FROM THIS DATE FORWARD.

4-R Will be ordering more badges & recreational books. Shipping time is 2 weeks. Give SYRA Campbell a 4-week window prior to class.

1-AD Please post re-cert clinics on the website AND send them to SRA Hamlin for posting on the other site.

**SDA – (Art Jaspe)**

**1-R** SDA will draft a sketch of plan for performance of a referee. Cannot give a full assessment review to assignors with numbers & such. Art put into words four levels of communication for assignors.

- **A solid passing assessment or evaluation: RECOMMENDATION “continue to assign level or possibly higher.”**
- **A “positive” marginal assessment or evaluation: RECOMMENDATION “continue to assign but needs more work at this level and should be assigned to a lower level for more experience.”**
- **A “negative” marginal assessment or evaluation: RECOMMENDATION “should be assigned to a lower level for more experience.”**
- **A clearly “negative” assessment or evaluation: RECOMMENDATION “do not assign at this level until another assessment or evaluation is done after more experience at a lower level.”**

**2-R** Re Cert Clinics for assessors: Two were held; 22 of 30 attended. Art would like to hold one more for the remaining individuals to attend clinic.

**3-R** Art would like a developmental form that federation uses NCR forms; Art would like to order packages for each assessor. Packs of 50 sold for \$5.00 so assessors have the materials.

**4-R** New assessment form is available on line. “Word Fill” Grade 5 & above needs to be sent to Federation. Motion made by the SRC. Unanimously approved funding for the forms by the SRC.

**1-A** Curt noted that real time data can be developed & posted on the website as assessors submit data from current assessments for assignors to view and utilize in coding for their decisions for game placement. ART to submit a way / form to do this. Due: January 15, 2006.

**SDI – (Bill Pasnak)**

**1-R** Pro Clinic tentatively scheduled for 5/20/06 – held at Roberts Wesleyan College.

**2-R** Have received permission to upgrade equipment for instructors. If you need a laptop, let Pasnak know (\$500-600) by January 20, 2006

**3-R** Entry level was mentioned with use of new books. If someone wants to run one this way; Pasnak wants feedback from this course & how it went.

**1-AD** Feedback is needed from the DRA’s regarding Clinics:

- Instructors effectiveness
- Material covered
- Good Q&A session

**SCA – (Bill Fahey)****1-R MEETING DATES**

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 2/12/06; 8/13/06 from 10 - 2 PM

SRC DATES: 3/5/06; 6/11/06; 9/17/06 from 10 – 2 PM.

STATE CUP JUNE 3-4, 2006 (ROCHESTER, TSE 2 MORE YEARS)

ODP JUNE 9-11, 2006 (RIDER UNIV., NEW JERSEY)

REGION 1 JUNE 29- JULY 4, 2006 (VIRGINIA)

1-AD 2006 CONTACT LIST FOR LEAGUES/ TOURNAMENTS. Please let SCA Fahey know when an assignor is selected. Please get back to Fahey with dates and assignors in 2006. This will be a working league/tournament document.

2-AD Assignor class for 2006, DRA's determine interest level and send an e-mail to Fahey for planning purposes.

**Old Business**

1. Florida system site is misleading when trying to register on line. They are truly not registered until the document & check comes to the 'accountant'. **THIS MIGHT BE AN ACTION ITEM FOR OUR NEXT DISCUSSION.**
2. A NOTIFICATION TO MEMBERS MUST GO OUT: Please announce at your next local board meeting –Grade 7 Referees will be assessed in 2006!
3. National says we must follow the rule book: Grade 7's up to our discretion. 3 to 1 up to 25 games total of 75 accumulative.
4. SYRA Bill Campbell to bring a suggested process / document for acceptance of referee registration via Visa or MasterCard to review with a group. To be set up with 2007 / 2008 & USSF National.
5. Adult League in respective local areas:
  - Batavia = group into Rochester for RDSL use
  - Binghamton = None.
  - Buffalo: Premier; Over 30 Premier; D1; U23 (women = open / other)
  - Elmira = Adult D1
  - Ithaca = None.
  - Rochester = Premier, D1, D2, D3, Ov 30P, Ov 30 1<sup>st</sup>, Ov 30 2<sup>nd</sup>, W 1<sup>st</sup> and W 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ov 40
  - Southern Tier = None.
  - Syracuse = One D1
  - Twin Tiers = None.

**DRA/Committee Action Items:**

1. Recommendation by Fahey – adopted into policy & procedures for document at the next meeting. *KD will change the text* = Change “Amateur” to “Adult” in the documents and bring changes to the next SRC meeting.

2. Bill Campbell, Bill Pasnak, Paul Lysiak, and Chris Chilano will draft up ways to market / communicate the need for new / returning referees.
3. SYRA wants each DRA to INITALLY submit this list by March 5, 2006 to coordinate list for Regional Games (\*\*) & ODP (\*). Use your 2005 list of referees in specific area due to lack of registration availability for 2006.
4. SYRA requests that the DRA's write a report of how each district handles mentoring. SYRA wants to set up system state-wide. He is looking for open ended comments, rather than form letter.
  - a. What has worked?
  - b. What has not worked?
5. SCA: Every DRA take a look at the assignors presentation packet & make notes for discussion at next meeting.
6. Prepare a list for PRO CLINIC attendance by March 5, 2006 for invitations to referees. Please send this list to SRA Hamlin.
7. Please post re-cert clinics on the website AND send them to SRA Hamlin for posting on the other site.
8. Feedback is needed from the DRA's regarding Clinics:
  - Instructors effectiveness
  - Material covered
  - Good Q&A session
9. Assignor class for 2006, DRA's determine interest level and send an e-mail to Fahey for planning purposes.
10. New Business from SDA: A sketch of plan of a performance of a referee. ART to submit a way / form to do this. Due March 5, 2006
11. New Business from the SCA: Please get back to Fahey for tournament dates in 2006. This will be a working tournament document. List if there are changes & send it back.

#### **Good of the Organization/ New Business:**

1. Bill Campbell introduced Mike Allmendinger. He recommended Mike as his replacement as the DRA for the Ithaca district. There were no objections, so welcome Mike to our ranks.

#### **Financial Report**

Treasurer, Sam Paradise

#### **Adjournment**

Motion to close the meeting was made by Chris Chilano. Mike Allmendinger seconds this motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

**SRC sends special thanks to Jerry Sullivan for the Holiday gift of Referee Key Chains.**