

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

June 11, 2006 Meeting Minutes

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

Roll Call:

1. Curt Hamlin; SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org/chamlin@email.com)
2. William Fahey; Chairperson/SCA (sca@wnyreferee.org/wdf28@aol.com)
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4. William Pasnak; SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org/pazref@frontiernet.net)
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7. William Helwig; DRA Buffalo (buffalo@wnyreferee.org/billreferee@yahoo.com)
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10. Jeff Bird; Rochester Rep (calmumref@hotmail.com)
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14. Jerry Sullivan; WNYSA Rep. (ejsreft@hotmail.com)
15. Katherine Dziedzic; Secretary (secretary@wnyreferee.org/ktd23hart@aol.com)

Guests:

1. John Barbuto (italianref@aol.com)

Not Present:

1. William Campbell; SYRA (syra@wnyreferee.org/tripsdad@printswilliam.com)
2. Chris Chilano; DRA Batavia (batavia@wnyreferee.org/cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
3. Paul Lysiak; DRA Rochester (rochester@wnyreferee.org/plysiak@rochester.rr.com)
4. Ron Kuck, DRA Syracuse (syracuse@wnyreferee.org/rakuck@a-znet.com)
5. Sandy Ostebo; NYSWYSA President (president@nyswysa.org)

Approval of last meeting minutes:

The March 5, 2006 minutes were present for approval in the new proposed format. Joe Delity moved to accept the minutes as presented and Jeff Bird seconded the 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 (CLOSED) Curt passed out the National Referee Development organization and job descriptions. To be reviewed at a later date. Referee Numbers are down by 3%

1-A (CLOSED) 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. [No action needed at this time]

1-AD (CLOSED) Prepare a list for PRO CLINIC attendance by March 10, 2006 for invitations to referees. Please send this list to SRA Hamlin. 26 individuals were invited. For 2007 Pro-Clinic: WNY will host a pre-run six (6) weeks prior to the clinic date. We will hand out documents that explain the standards 2700 / 3000. We will offer much encouragement, provide trainers, water, t-shirt, patch/badge.

2-AD (CLOSED) Feedback from each district / local board on enhancing registration for 2006. Send this request to Curt Hamlin.

SYRA – (Bill Campbell)

1-R (CLOSED) 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 Recreational Referees-It has been noted that in the two districts that have large numbers of recreational referees (Ithaca and Buffalo) that the return rate seems to be more effected by the games the kids are getting. If they are being assigned to lines on travel games with more experienced officials acting as centers the return/upgrade rate is near 80%. Currently return rates of Rec refs only doing house/rec games is less than 25%.

1-AD (CLOSED) Input from each district as to candidates for Regionals and ODP... due to Bill Campbell by March 14.

SDA – (Art Jaspe)

1-A (CLOSED) 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: June 8th.

SDI – (Bill Pasnak)

1-R (CLOSED) New computer equipment was made available to the district on March 5th.

1-A (CLOSED) Determine what books can be used in the entry-level clinics, [Laws made Easy] vs the normal laws book. USSF input required, cost and availability. It has been determined that Advice to Referees will be the educational material to fulfill this need.

SCA – (Bill Fahey)

1-R (CLOSED) 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)

1-A (CLOSED) SCA will contact each assignor to get Tournaments and league names and dates.

1-AD Accepting names for the Assignor class of 2007 & Assessor class of 2007. Criteria: 25 years old & Grade 7 Referee. DRA's determine interest level and send an e-mail to Fahey for planning purposes. Please place focus on the south eastern part of WNY for these positions. Due September 17th.

2-AD (CLOSED) DRA's are to review the handout "Assignor Guidelines", input due by March 30th.

Old Business

1. 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.

2. (CLOSED) 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 1st, Ov 30 2nd, W 1st and W 2nd, Ov 40.... Input due from Rochester.

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, Bill Bianchi and Chris Chilano will draft up ways to market / communicate the need for new / returning referees.

3. 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?
4. (CLOSED) Prepare a list for PRO CLINIC attendance by March 10, 2006 for invitations to referees. Please send this list to SRA Hamlin.
5. (CLOSED) Please post re-cert clinics on the website AND send them to SRA Hamlin for posting on the other site.
6. Carry Over to 2007 Assignor class for 2006, DRA's determine interest level and send an e-mail to Fahey for planning purposes by March 30th
7. (CLOSED) New Business from SDA: A sketch of plan of a performance of a referee. ART to submit a way / form to do this. Due April 2006
8. Bill C. to come up with a document describing the methods and charges allowed for Recreational Youth Referee certification/recertification/upgrade.

Financial Report

Bill Fahey, Interim.

We are in the process of finding a new treasurer to coordinate the 9 districts. Duties of Treasurer: Report to SRC on a quarterly basis, maintaining balance of checking account, if a candidate is interested, speak to Curt for further background.

Good of the Organization

1. Bylaws for WNYSSRA are posted on the web site. If a local board wants to have their own, they must submit them to the SRA and will be reviewed by the Exce. Committee for approval.
2. Recreational referees that work travel games will pay local dues the second year they register. The first year is ... No Dues. Program will come from SYRA.
3. Recommend Gr.8 referees that due a regular rotation of adult games should meet the annual requirements of a grade 7 to receive priority for game assignments.
June 11th group review.
4. (CLOSED) New for 2006, a request for upgrade form is available to all DRA's, This form should be signed by the DRA and SYRA before going to the SRA. The process allows the DRA and Local Board to identify those candidates that are going beyond the annual requirements. If for 2006, if a request is already with the SRA, you do not need a second form unless the SRA request it.
5. SDI handed out a recommendation for re-certification clinics.

New Business

1. Risk Management: Referees, Assessors, Assignors, Instructors, Board Members must all comply & lead by example.
- 2-A. Add Expiry date to each district listing. Make a recommendation for the 2007 season that if a person is holding a board position, they must lead by example and complete the risk management. MOTION (by Fahey, seconded by Pitcher) Unanimously passed.
- 2-AD Effective 9/1/06 for the 2007 season, it is mandatory that all administration complete their risk management. Reminder: US Club Soccer, NYS West, NYS Dept. of Education each

have own risk management and the respective leagues risk management does not cross over to the other.

3. Assault situation discussion.
4. Registration policy & online registration.
5. Upgrades: April 1st is the deadline to request an upgrade to the SRA. Bond for upgrade is due by April 15.

Adjournment

Motion to close the meeting was made by Bill Fahey. Bill Helwig seconds this motion. **The next meeting will be September 16, 2006 at 10am. At this meeting the dates for the upcoming year will be set. Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 PM.**