

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

September 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes - APPROVED 1/14/07

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/chamlin@email.com) |
| 2. William Fahey; Chairperson/SCA | (sca@wnyreferee.org/wdf28@aol.com) |
| 3. Art Jaspe; SDA | (sda@wnyreferee.org/ajaspe@aol.com) |
| 4. William Pasnak; SDI | (sdi@wnyreferee.org/pazref@frontiernet.net) |
| 5. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton | (binghamton@wnyreferee.org) |
| 6. William Helwig; DRA Buffalo | (buffalo@wnyreferee.org/billreferee@yahoo.com) |
| 7. Tom Barker; DRA Elmira | (elmira@wnyreferee.org/tdbarkerdra@yahoo.com) |
| 8. Mike Allmendinger; DRA Ithaca | (ithaca@wnyreferee.org/mea2@cornell.edu) |
| 9. Joe Delity; DRA Southern Tier | (southerntier@wnyreferee.org/jdelity@localnet.com) |
| 10. Ron Kuck; Syracuse Rep | (syracuse@wnyreferee.org /rakuck@frontiernet.net) |
| 11. Greg Wheeler; DRA Twin Tiers | (twintier@wnyreferee.org/wheels7ref@hotmail.com) |
| 12. Jerry Sullivan; WNYSA Rep. | (ejsreft@hotmail.com) |
| 13. William Campbell; SYRA | (syra@wnyreferee.org/tripsdad@printswilliam.com) |
| 14. Chris Chilano; DRA Batavia | (batavia@wnyreferee.org/ cchilan1@rochester.rr.com) |
| 15. Katherine Dziedzic; Secretary | (secretary@wnyreferee.org/ktd23hart@aol.com) |

Guests:

Dave Weaver, Rochester Unit

Not Present:

1. Bill Bianchi; Rochester Rep (rochester@wnyreferee.org /Wbianchi@rochester.rr.com)
2. Sandy Ostebo; NYSWYSA President (president@nyswysa.org)

Approval of last meeting minutes:

The June 11, 2006 minutes were present for approval in the new proposed format. Chris Chilano moved to accept the minutes as presented and Bill Campbell 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 The game is growing and the referee numbers are at status quo. We need to know what the issues are in our area for retention and help advance recruitment of new officials.

2.R Recertification clinics are being held in each district and out of town officials will be charged a \$15 fee from WNYSRA. Once recertification has been completed, the DRA's, SDI, SRA respectively must sign off to verify the forms.

3-R Registration: no change in the process starting 9/7/06. Two on-line receipt copies have been received in their entirety. www.ussoccer.info User Name: the letter R with the individuals' 16 digit USSF identification number. Password: the individuals' Last Name.

4.R Treasurer: Financial Report Issued {item # 1}. A decision will be made at the January 14, 2007 meeting if we should post this report online for all to view.

SYRA – (Bill Campbell)

1-R Passed out the Registration On-Line Instructions – Western New York State Referees Association manual.

2-R Passed out the SYRA 2006 Annual Report

1-AD Requested that DRA's push their grade 7's & 6's for Regional games to obtain higher level matches. Advised that there be an unwritten code of ethics that officials follow when at the Regional tournaments, though this is not mandatory as per the Policy and Procedure.

2-AD Requested that the DRA's keep a running record of all future 6's in their area.

3-AD Recommends that the DRA's prepare a list of youth male and female officials that can be nominated as up and coming referees in their area to attend state level tournaments.

SDA – (Art Jaspe)

1-R Request for a report regarding assessment status for the 2006 season was made, and to have this document sent electronically to Secretary for minutes and to the SRA for the annual report.

1-R (Continued)

Assessments completed:

2 officials for upgrade to 05

6 officials for upgrade to 06

16 officials for upgrade to 07

98 officials for Grade Maintenance

(of which 57 were Grade 07)

1-AD Accepting names for the Associate Assessor class of 2007. Criteria: 25 years old & Grade 7 Referee. DRA's determine interest level and send an e-mail with name and e-mail address of candidates to Fahey and Jaspe (SDA) for planning purposes. Please place focus on the south eastern part of WNY for these positions. Bond amount of \$ 50.00.

SDI – (Bill Pasnak)

1-R The Referee Training Guide, that documents each level of officiating and how a referee can up grade to the next level.

1-A Recommended that this document be utilized by the DRA's to provide to individual referees and place the outline in the individuals' portfolio.

1-AD Accepting names for the Instructor 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. Bond amount of \$ 50.00.

SCA – (Bill Fahey)

1-AD Accepting names for the Assignor 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. Bond amount of \$ 25.00.

Old Business

1-R SYRA Bill Campbell will clarify the recreational youth referee / grade 9 program for September 2007. This will be emailed to all assignors, so they are aware of the individual's grade level for game placement.

2-R Registration On-Line Instructions – Western New York State Referees Association manual: Note that item # 11 is for debit / credit cards.
Motion made by Bill Fahey; Seconded by Bill Helwig.

3-R ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Adult League in respective local areas:

Batavia = group into Rochester for RDSL use

Binghamton = None.

Buffalo: Premier; Over 30 Premier; D1; U30; U23 (women & open)

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 Women's D1; One Men's D1

Twin Tiers = None.

1-A Professional Clinic 2007. SDI (Pasnak) will obtain the announcement from National Office. SRA (Hamlin) will work with Pasnak and the State committee. SCA (Fahey) will work with the SRA and area DRA's.

DRA/Committee Action Items:

1. 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?
2. Please post ALL clinics on the website AND send them to SRA Hamlin for posting on the other site (Recert, Entry Level, etc...).

Financial Report

- see SRA Report {Item # 1 }

Good of the Organization

1. Bylaws for WNYSRA 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. ***Incorporated into the P & P:*** 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.
3. New for 2007, 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 2007, if a request is already with the SRA, you do not need a second form unless the SRA request it.

New Business

Incorporated into the P & P: Risk Management: Referees, Assessors, Assignors, Instructors, Board Members must all comply & lead by example.

Incorporated into the P & P: Add Expiration 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: Helwig, Seconded by Pitcher. Unanimously passed.

Incorporated into the P & P: Effective 9/1/06 for the 2007 season, it is mandatory that all administration complete their risk management.

- 1.-R Assault situation discussion: 9 youth level games; 3 adult level games.
- 1-AD Upgrades: April 1st is the deadline to request an upgrade to the SRA. Bond for upgrade is due by April 1. Individual requests, through the appropriate channels for upgrade, will be given preference for assessments.
- 2-R/AD Price of new books; contact SYRA Campbell.
- 3-R Assessor assignments will be posted early in the season so arrangement and accommodations will be made with ample time to schedule.
- 4-R/AD Courses offered: DRA's please send the names of potential people interested to take this seminar, given by the SDA, SDI & SCA by (date). The courses will be offered in the spring of 2007. Assignors \$25; Instructor \$50, Assessor \$50; Deposit fee. This will be applied towards tuition cost and will include a \$25 non-refundable bond.

2007 MEETING DATES:

2006

Dec. 10 Exec. Board.

2007

January 14	SRC
March 24	Exec. Board
April 22	SRC
June 1	Exec Board (Friday of S.C.)
June 24	SRC
August 12	Exec. Board
Sept 16	SRC

Adjournment

Motion to close the meeting was made by Jim Pitcher. Bill Helwig seconds this motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

The next meeting will be January 14, 2007 at 10am.