

Western NY Referee Association
State Referee Committee
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION AFFILIATE

April 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Meeting held at the Holiday Inn, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Roll Call:

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Not Present

Dave Baxter, Steve Wu, Bill Bianchi, Tom Ross and Eric Bryant

Meeting began at 10:08 am. Meeting minutes were reviewed from the January SRC meeting.

There was a motion to accept the minutes by James Pitcher, Seconded by Bill Campbell; All in favor, none opposed; the minutes are approved.

New Business, SRA report and topics:

Michael Tata; SRA

- Referees out of uniform: Please be familiar with US Soccer policy, our policies and our bylaws
- We do review our policies in August with the executive board and in September with the entire club. They are available with the secretary and on our website
- Finances are very good
- Registrations were uploaded twice (another problem with US Soccer's program – money will be refunded to us)
- There may possibly be some dormant funds refunded to the club – further details will be forthcoming
- Assessors and Assignors have not been uploaded to national – they will go in the next upload
- Is very apprehensive about Arbiter – will have further discussion with the executive board
 - While it is a problem with Arbiter, US Soccer is not helping them
 - The new system is very difficult to search and use
- Eric Bryant is the new Batavia DRA; he is a dentist from Perry

- AGM – annual general meeting – met with Lauren Dearman to get some ideas (coordinator)
 - Gave her some ideas of districts to hold it in
 - She is based in Rochester
 - Courses, training (directly and indirectly), social events
 - Friday evening until Sunday noon event
 - Topics to include: Nutrition and fitness, finances, FIFA panel, awards luncheon for district to recognize referees, dinner with main guest speaker (Saturday evening); swag bags (welcome goodies), official sports to be on site one day, assessor meeting, assignor meeting, district member meeting, etc.
 - Lauren will appoint a committee to work on these events
 - If you have any ideas, please communicate these
- Registrations – 1387 (approx) with another upload coming through
 - Last year 2180 all badges
- What does the DRA do? DRA primary responsibility – registrations! Registering the referees each year; recruitment, recertification and registration!
 - Liaison with the SRC and local area
 - Mediator - should not have a vote on the local board as you are the mediator for disputes prior to coming to SRC (your vote is with SRC)
- Grant money for mentoring is still available – let Michael know what the districts need
 - Lisa Augustine sent presentation to Michael (not received)
- Buffalo has a state referee who has completed all requirements but has not taken the fitness test - - - - is there anyone who has a fitness test in their district?
 - A district is free to schedule another fitness test if required; but will be for anyone in the state
- Tom set up an academy 2 years ago with the Greece Cobra – there is a US Youth soccer Emeritus cup at the end of July – recreational club tournament – it is in Churchville – the Rochester referee unit will send in some referees. He would like to make this an academy. They would like to make this a charitable event in honor of Michael’s daughter – and add to the title “...and the Lydia Tata tournament”
 - We will invite referees and pay a flat fee (not per game fee)
 - Dinner Saturday evening
 - Bring in assessors (to help qualify for D&G)(SRC will cover the cost)
 - Club will donate in Lydia’s honor
 - July 17– 18 – 19
 - There are more logistics to work out (accommodations, etc) – SRC to cover the cost
 - There is only 2 rec tournaments in the Rochester area (the hot dog cup in Chili)
 - Will probably work with the Rochester Referees but if you have anyone, contact Michael

Bill Campbell; SYRA

- Will post tournaments on our website for the state
- Region 1 is a mess!
 - Everyone is new to the job!
 - We are working through the issues; please be patient
- Regional’s
 - Made appointment for presidents cup -had 3 turn downs
 - ODP – has all but 2 people, 4-5 turn downs
 - Champion league finals – invited 4, 1 turn down

- Regional championships - 8 accepted, 5 turn down
- State cup – invitations going out middle of the week
 - If you want to send additional people, please contact Bill by Tuesday this week
 - DRA's – when Bill sends out the invitations, please send to the referees and ask them when they get the invites, please communicate to Bill that they received the email
 - State cup deadline to reply is April 27th so he has a few days to fill the turn backs (need 54)
 - Please make sure that they are eligible
- When can we expect the next list of risk management candidates? The next download to USSF will occur within the next 10 days and then Bill will send it in for a new list
- If the referees say that they have the risk management pass but are on the “No” list, they must demonstrate that they have risk management – give Bill a list to investigate and get corrected – Note: the referees should have applied in December!
- President's cup is Memorial day weekend

John Kramer; SAC

- Is getting a list from NYSW as to are the tournament assignors – will send list to DRA's so that they can send assignors
 - This will help with the D&G assessments
- Has sent out an email to all assignors
 - Still getting email questions concerning ranking
 - If you are not ranking your referees within the district it is a problem
 - Not sure if Rochester has had a ranking meeting this year
 - RDSL has decided to use their own assignors
- Has heard a complaint about referees not wearing proper uniforms – it is within the policies – if the assessor sees this it must be noted as a deficiency
 - Since this is an ongoing problem with this particular referee, this referee must not be assigned a game until he is properly attired
- Has been struggling with official sports – poor supply of uniforms since the end of January as they have had a problem with their supplier -they hope to get this rectified by mid May
- If assignors have problems, see John
- An email will be sent to all upgrade candidates

Tom Ross; SDI

- No report

Art Jaspe; SDA

- Contracts were fulfilled with referees and assessors
- Have completed those assessments which were lacking in arbiter
- The assessment assignments will be sent to Bill for posting after the meeting today
- Used both Arbiter and Bill's last spreadsheet to get as complete a list as possible
- Upgrade list is available
- Assessment process for this year is on its way
 - ODP – Sam and Dick
 - Regional's – Dick and Art
- Sent a request that each assessor does 5 D&G each season on young referees
 - We have yet to identify our young referees that we should be watching closely

- This is an identification of the referee's personality and ability at a young level to determine their potential
- This is 5-6 hours of the assessor's time for the season as part of their requirement
- Find these games at tournaments or a house league game
- This can help to build a pool of young referees
- They will not be assigned by Art
- If the assessor does not complete this requirement they will not get registered for the next season - this will be part of the next email and allow them to understand the rationale that this is part of the recert for the 2015 badge
- There is not a requirement to leave the assessor's home area to complete these D&G's
 - If a district requires a mileage program (Syracuse to Watertown) or any other special needs to complete this requirement, please discuss this with Art
- Art can also reach out to the assessors to help make themselves available to the neighboring districts to complete this requirement
- Optimum age – grade 8 under 18 years of age, at least 3-4 years of service (remember minimum years of service for state cup is 3 years)

Steve Wu – Treasurer

- No report – Steve is out of the country

District reports:

Syracuse

- Finishing up registrations
- 2 referees refused to register for a recert online
- Board has not changed, next executive board meeting is May 11th
- Working to have an annual meeting and recertification schedule at the beginning of each year
- Completed their fitness test and AR clinic last weekend
- Biggest issue this year was weather as their recerts are at school – discuss with Tom adding a recert to Syracuse and holding in a smaller venue
- 142 total registrations
- Has a handful that didn't complete the registration requirements – follow up email will occur – April 25th is the last day to complete registration
- There are 2 referees out of Syracuse that are not eligible that are getting games – this needs to be corrected

Buffalo

- New board members – Mark Deinhart is the new president
- Buffalo's numbers about the same as last year
- Buffalo has 150 new referees (50 more than last year)
- Buffalo will have a push to identify 3rd and 4th year referees and help those that need help
- Some referees who have attended out of area clinics received a big blue law book – Bill Campbell has them and if you want them, send him an email
- Released U10 – U14 travel league yesterday

Rochester

- No representative

Southern Tier

- They have lost half of their referees, but those that came back are players and possess a good knowledge of the game
- 2 games transferred – are we 100% on field site? Thruway league – coaches reserve field

Ithaca

- Ran AR clinic and referee clinic last weekend
- Total number down to 100
- Struggling to get people to come to clinics

Binghamton

- Changing By-laws – treasurer does not have to be a referee
- Question of a few specific referees for clarification of eligibility

Elmira

- Numbers the same as last year however have 20 new referees
- Issue with assignor who does not assign the Elmira area (old Twin Tiers area)
 - Individual would like to resurrect this old area – asked for a “Yay” or “Ney” answer
 - If we have individuals who are willing to be responsible to take ownership for this area, Michael is not opposed to this for the 2016 season
 - Inquire if they can tap the old referees and Michael would like at least one entry class (and a recert class) in the area
 - Note this area is still on the coin!
- All other aspects in the area are going well

Batavia

- No representative

Next meetings:

Executive meetings: August 9

Full SRC Meetings: September 13

New Business:

- US Soccer is looking for a new director – must move to Chicago
- Rochester has missed the last 2 meetings – our bylaws state that 3 missed meetings in a row will mean that the individual has resigned their position

Note: There have not been any additional new conflict of interest statements since the last club meeting; if you have not sent them, please scan and email or mail the completed paperwork – If you have a bank account you **MUST** have a conflict of interest statement!

Motion to adjourn the meeting by John Kramer, motion was seconded by Bill Phearsdorf ;all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and the meeting concluded at 1:27 pm.