



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

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## Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester, NY on April 22, 2001. Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm.

## Roll Call

1. Reinhold M. Spath, SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org)
2. William Fahey, SYRA, Chairperson (syra@wnyreferee.org)
3. Art Jaspe, SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org)
4. William Pasnak, SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org)
5. Curt Hamlin, SCA, Recording Secretary (sca@wnyreferee.org)
6. Christopher Chilano, DRA (Batavia) (cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
7. Wally Wiegert (Binghamton) (wwiegert@stny.rr.com)
8. Alexander Badr, DRA (Elmira) (badram@stny.rr.com)  
Robert Johnson (Elmira) (amj45@juno.com)
9. Richard Reif (Rochester) (rar0@eznet.net)
10. Joe Delity, Acting DRA (Southern Tier)
11. Angelo Paparo, DRA (Syracuse) (juve736@aol.com)  
Ronald Kuck (Syracuse) (rakuck@baldcom.net)

## Not Represented

1. Arman Capan, Amateurs WNY (arman@eznet.net)
2. Tony Buiniskis, President of NYSW (ajb4soccer@aol.com)
3. William Helwig, DRA (Buffalo) (billreferee@yahoo.com)
4. David Atwood, DRA (Ithaca) (dmawhf@clarityconnect.com)
5. Dave Herron, DRA (Twin Tier) (dherron@campbellsavona.wnyric.org)

## Miscellaneous

Welcome to all for the third meeting in the 2000-1 season. We are very pleased that so many people could show up for this meeting. Agendas for the state meeting are always set by the Action Items that appear at the end of the previous meetings minutes.

## Old Business

1. An entry-level assignors course has been arranged for April 28, 2001 at Greece Olympia High School, Rochester. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Curt Hamlin, SCA as soon as possible.

Review courses for all current assessors have been set up. The course in Rochester already took place and the one in Buffalo will be taking place on April 26. Assignments for all maintenance and upgrade assessments made by the SDA will be posted on the web. Please let everyone know in your district that this is happening so there is no excuse of people not getting in contact with each other.

The ITIP course for current instructors took place with Sam Cho and David Wolgast instructing. Nine people successfully completed the course and the paper work has all been submitted to Chicago.

2. William Fahey, Chairmen introduced William Pasnak the new SDI for WNY. Pasnak stated that he was looking forward to the challenge. He was going to the SDI course in May. Pasnak also stated that there were still many entry-level referee courses taking place around WNY. Reinhold Spath, SRA announced that our numbers were close to 2000 which is not bad, but is not good either. The number of referees may have stayed the same but the number of teams and games have increased.
3. Fahey wrote the letter to the Amateurs on February 14. The Amateurs refused all financial support of the committee. Fahey asked Spath whether we were sending any referees to the Amateur Cup tournament. Spath said that we were and that the Amateurs were paying for the rooms. Fahey would like them to pay for the mileage as well. The committee requested that Fahey pursue a follow up with the Amateurs.
4. Some of the districts were able to compile a list for Project 50. Fahey distributed the updated list to the various districts asking them to further review their list and to get any changes to him. This list is the principle list used in compiling names for the various state and regionally sponsored tournaments.
5. Art Jaspe, SDA announced that at this time he would like to discontinue the DDA jobs. He stated that the call for assessments did not change and that he thought it would be better handled centrally out of his office. This will continued to be reviewed in case the need or desire is there to attempt it again. The mandate for grade 7 to have an annual/bi-annual assessment is just not happening at this time.
6. The ITIP course was successful with 9 graduates. The course cost \$1,600 but was very well received and many thanks were extended to Spath for pulling this together.
7. Richard Reif, Rochester stated that they just did not have enough time to submit a grant proposal to the Soccer Foundation for instructional materials. There is still a need and desire to do this, so Reif and Pasnak will try to compile something together during the summer and fall and try to get it submitted at the end of this year.
8. Hamlin again announced that the web site is moving along quite smoothly. He would like more of an involvement from the various districts. If any district has anything that they would like posted. Please contact Hamlin and he will get it posted promptly. This is a great tool which is being used by some, but should be used by all.
9. With the Project 50 list working as well as it is, getting referees for the State Cup has been much easier. There were over 100 applicants for the various state/regional competitions. Correspondence has been going out from Fahey responding to each applicant stating which of the tournaments they have been selected to work. This way the applicants are expected to notify their local assignors to block out those dates. Fahey did turn to Wally Wiegert from Binghamton asking that he get better support for the State Cup locally. Fahey only has so large a budget to bring in out of area referees, the local district is expected to pick up the slack.
10. Fahey stated that he did not receive any documentation for NYSW about the \$20/team additional registration fee for indoor teams.
11. Fahey requested that Pasnak write up a proposed budget for putting on an intermediate referee course. This has been on the agenda for the committee but fell through the cracks with the turn over of the SDI position.

12. The two proposed policy changes were put on hold until the next meeting. The two policy changes were to deal with districts consistently not represented at the committee meetings and to include definite term for renewal limits on the SDA, SDI and SCA positions.
13. Fahey handed out the regional form to be used by districts to nominate both a male and female "Youth Referee of the Year". These forms should be completed by the August committee meeting and submitted to the committee for review. The committee then can take action to submit names to NYSW for this award. The nominations should be for referees with 1-3 years of experience, possible Project 50 candidates, well rounded academic and sports and have a good character and style.
14. Fahey and Spath will be talking to Joe Delity of the Southern Tier about his problem of getting referees to attend needed meetings. They will give the support needed to get this done because it is getting to be quite a problem.
15. The review of getting three referees to the Upstate Premier League games will be reviewed under new business. This is a current problem which needs to be dealt with immediately.
16. With the absence of Tony Buiniskis, President of NYSW, the review of field development status was pushed off to the next meeting.
17. Gary at NYSW did not have an answer as to whether the statement already signed by referees on the registration form was good enough to meet their "Risk Management" criteria. Fahey has a meeting with NYSW on 4/29 and will try to discuss this with them at that time.

Ron Kuck, Syracuse stated that Buckley has a desire to get rid of all these tournaments. Reasoning being that many teams are putting emphasis on the tournaments and not enough on their regular season. This takes a lot out of the youth and the referees. Buckley would like to see a development of a pyramid of the leagues.

## **New Business**

1. Spath handed out copies of reports stating where WNY stands with referees, assignors and assessors. Most of the districts are at a number equal to last year. Many districts stated that they still had a couple of training sessions to take place. Spath announced that April 28, 2001 will be the last day to re-register and May 10, 2001 for any new referees to register.
2. About 30 referees from Fredonia and Dunkirk are trying to transfer from Southern Tier to Buffalo. William Helwig, Buffalo, stated that this is fine as long as nobody else has a problem. Joe Delity, Southern Tier, states that this is a real mess and very little communication has happened. There was a lot of discussion as to whether referees should be allowed to pick/choose their affiliation with a district. It was stated that if we allow it here, then we would have to allow it everywhere in WNY. It was agreed that Spath, Fahey, Delity and Helwig would have to have a meeting to discuss what is going on.
3. Angelo Papara requested that he be removed as DRA of Syracuse. He recommends that Ronald Kuck replace him.
4. Spath brought to the attention of the board that 17 people attended a new referee clinic in Ithaca, but to date Spath has only received 10 registrations. Fahey stated that he would contact David Atwood, Ithaca, to see what is going on.

5. Hamlin brought to the attention of the committee that nobody has come to the SRC meetings from Twin Tier since November, 1999. Fahey stated that he would contact David Herron, Twin Tier, to see what is going on.
6. The State Cup is in Binghamton this year. Good support has come from all districts with more than ample support with the exception to the host district. Fahey will be contacting Binghamton formerly soon and making sure that this changes.

Alexander Badr, Elmira, stated that he has a meeting the next day. He will announce the need for referees to see if he can help out being the closest district.

7. Fahey announced that on June 15 through 17 the Junior Rhinos in Rochester will be hosting a demonstration weekend with five out of state teams. Any one interested in helping out should contact Fahey. These will be high level, full length matches that should be entertaining if nothing else.

### **Action Items**

1. Review status of commitment from the amateurs to the SRC **(Fahey, Capan)**
2. Continue review of the project 50 list for 2001 **(All)**
3. Status of grant proposal for instructional materials to be completed by Dec. 1 **(SDI, Reif)**
4. Ongoing review of the internet site and its use by all districts **(Hamlin)**
5. Send documentation covering the \$20/team for indoor registration **(Buiniskis)**
6. Write proposal for budget of intermediate referee course **(SDI)**
7. Review proposed policy of how to deal with districts consistently not represented at SRC meetings **(Fahey)**
8. Review proposed policy to include definite term for renewal of the SDA, SDI and SCA positions **(Fahey)**
9. Review the problems of getting three referees to the Upstate Premier League Games **(Fahey)**
10. Review possible solutions for getting referees to attend needed meetings in the Southern Tier **(Fahey, Spath)**
11. Review status of field development in the Rochester area **(Buiniskis)**
12. Review how the various state and/or regional tournaments went **(Fahey)**
13. "Youth Referee of the Year" Nominations due by end of August **(All)**
14. Review the problem with referees wanting to go to Buffalo **(Fahey, Spath, Delity, Helwig)**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm. The next meeting is tentatively set for September 16, 2001.