

Western NY Referees Association
State Referee Committee
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION AFFILIATE
Meeting Minutes – APRIL 10, 2016- APPROVED

Meeting held at the Brooks Avenue Holiday Inn, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10:00 am
Adjourned at 12:07 pm

Roll Call:

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| 1. Michael Tata; SRA v | sra@wnyreferee.org |
| 2. Bill Pasnak, Chairperson v | chair@wnyreferee.org |
| 3. William Campbell, SYRA v | syra@wnyreferee.org |
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| 5. John Kramer, SAC v | sac@wnyreferee.org |
| 6. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton v | Binghamton@wnyreferee.org |
| 7. Bill Helwig, Buffalo v | buffalo@wnyreferee.org |
| 8. Tom Ross, SDI (excused) | sdi@wnyreferee.org |
| 9. Bill Bianchi, Rochester (excused) | Rochester@wnyreferee.org |
| 10. Steve Wu, Treasurer v | Treasurer@wnyreferee.org |
| 11. John Cook, Ithaca v | Ithaca@wnyreferee.org |
| 12. Eric Bryant, Batavia v | Batavia@wnyreferee.org |
| 13. Tom Barker, Elmira (excused) | Elmira@wnyreferee.org |
| 14. Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier v | Southerntier@wnyreferee.org |
| 15. Angela Paparo, Syracuse v | Syracuse@wnyreferee.org |
| 16. Chris Rollins v | Secretary@wnyreferee.org |

Not Present

Tom Ross, SDI; Bill Bianchi, Rochester; Tom Barker, Elmira

Old Business:

WNY Secretary (Chris Rollins) reviewed WNY SRC **January 10, 2016** Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: There was a motion to accept the minutes by Bill Pasnak, seconded by Bill Campbell. All in favor, none opposed, the minutes are approved. The next executive meetings are scheduled for August 16, 2016 and December 4, 2016. Full meetings are scheduled September 11, 2016.

New Business, SRA report and topics:

Michael Tata; SRA

- AGM Meeting that was held in Rochester was as successful event given that it was our first ever. We plan to hold a second AGM in 2017 and if there are any other districts that would like to host the event please contact Michael no later than 8/1/2016. An event checklist can be provided for help.
- The AGM date for 2017 is likely to be the first weekend of March so we need to target September 2016 to start promoting the event.
- RECERTIFICATION FOR 2017
 - Emeritus candidates must be a least 45 years of age
 - Emeritus can go to grade 8, 7 or 6 for 2017

- USSF Fitness Test for 2017 is going to change. Likely to return to previous 2015 test
- Referees who intend to try and go back to a grade 6 for 2017 must notify the SRA and SDA of their intentions.
- Grade 5 (National Candidate Badge)
 - Must be grade 6 for at least 2 years
 - Pass national written test
 - Pass three (3) assessments
 - WNY will pay for assessments
 - There will be a Referee National Candidate and an Assistant Referee Candidate
 - Verification of assessor qualifications required
- Grade 6 (State Referee)
 - Must be at least 18 years of age
- Grade 7 (Adult Matches)
 - Remain "as is"
- Arbiter dues outstanding – Southern Tier and Buffalo – what is the status?
- Game Officials will be used for 2017 registration. The assignor module is available. It is likely that WNY will launch Game Officials Assigning in 2018. DRA's will have access to prior registration information.

Bill Campbell; SYRA

- State Cup and ESCA district will test Game Officials for assignments in 2017.
- It is important that we have consistency throughout the state.
- Issues that were raised relating to the Region 1 league are being addressed.
- ODP – invites have been sent.
- Region 1 Invites (15) – to be sent on April 12, 2016
- State Cup Invites to be sent April 19, 2016.
- Presidents Cup – no representation.
- WNY Academy – invitations and selection criteria forthcoming

John Kramer; SAC

- No comments

Tom Ross; SDI

- EXCUSED – Written Report Attached as Addendum "1"

Steve Wu; Treasurer

- Financial Report distributed for period ended March 31, 2016. Attached as Addendum "2".

Art Jaspe; SDA

- Assessors course held and 23 candidates attended.
- Assessors will be available for the WNY Academy to be held in July, 2016.
- COMMENT "If a district does not have need for a certain level referee (i.e. grade 6), then WNY should not require another district to find them an eligible game".

District reports:

Syracuse

- Last fitness test for 2016 to be held on 4/10/2016
- AR Clinic to be held on 4/16/2016

- Working through some minor registration issues.
- THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. A scholarship fund will be established on behalf of my father Angelo Paparo.

Buffalo

- Buffalo would like assistance from the Batavia unit to cover games in the middle of Buffalo and Batavia (Pembroke and Medina).
- Bill Helwig would like to have some input regarding the assigning system software.
- Buffalo has added approximately 215 new referees for a total of 588 for 2016 season.

Rochester

- Bill Bianchi has been excused. Chris Rollins will provide the report for Rochester.
- Arbiter icon issue – 167 referees do not have icons. Bill has contacted Arbiter for support.
- Can we use referees with icons but not on the “approved list”? SRA – “yes, provided they have cleared risk management.
- 2 more entry classes remaining.
- RRU has established a separate Arbiter account for RDSL Adult League – 52 referees have accepted.

Southern Tier

- Excused

Ithaca

- AR Clinic scheduled for 4/17/2016

Binghamton

- Currently searching for a replacement Asst. DRA.

Elmira

- Excused

Batavia

- Fitness test occurred in August
- Courses are set up through GCC

Next meetings:

Executive meetings: August 16, 2016

Full SRC Meetings: September 11, 2016

MOTIONS AND VOTES:

- Michael Tata made a motion to increase the badge fee by \$10.00 in 2017. Bill Campbell, seconded the motion.
- Vote Held – Unanimously approved.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bill Campbell, motion was seconded by John Kramer all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and the meeting concluded at 12:07 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to Approve April 10, 2016 SRC Meeting Minutes made by Bill Campbell, seconded by Bill Pasnak, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and April 10, 2016 SRC Meeting Minutes APPROVED.

Recorded and Submitted By:

Christopher Rollins
Secretary, WNY Referees Association
April 10, 2016

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September 11, 2016
10:10 AM

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BOARD APPROVED SEPTEMBER 11, 2016