

Western NY Referees Association
State Referee Committee
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION AFFILIATE
Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2016- APPROVED

Meeting held at the Lexington Hotel, Brooks Avenue, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10:05 am
adjourned at 12:30 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 v | sdi@wnyreferee.org |
| 9. Bill Bianchi, Rochester v | Rochester@wnyreferee.org |
| 10. Steve Wu, Treasurer v | Treasurer@wnyreferee.org |
| 11. John Cook, Ithaca v | Ithaca@wnyreferee.org |
| 12. Eric Bryant, Batavia (not present – resigned) | Batavia@wnyreferee.org |
| 13. Tom Barker, Elmira v | Elmira@wnyreferee.org |
| 14. Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier v | Southerntier@wnyreferee.org |
| 15. Angela Paparo, Syracuse (not present) | Syracuse@wnyreferee.org |
| 16. Chris Rollins v | Secretary@wnyreferee.org |

Not Present

Eric Bryant, Batavia; Angela Paparo, Syracuse

MOMENT OF SILENCE HELD IN HONOR ON VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

Old Business:

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

MOTION: There was a motion to accept the minutes by Bill Campbell, seconded by Michael Tata. All in favor, none opposed, the minutes are approved. The next executive meeting is scheduled for December 4, 2016.

2017 Meeting Dates:

FULL SRC:

January 8, 2017
April 9, 2017
September 10, 2017

EXEC SRC:

August 13, 2017
December 3, 2017

New Business, SRA report and topics:

Michael Tata; SRA

- Final draft of *Procedure for Adopting "Policy and Procedures" Revised September 2016* distributed."
- MOTION: There was a motion to approve the final draft of *Procedure for Adopting "Policy and Procedures" Revised September 2016* by Bill Pasnak., seconded by James Pitcher. All in favor, none opposed; MOTION APPROVED.
- Mobile App for WNY Referees in process of being finalized. Hope to unveil the App and the 2017 AGM.
- Reviewed the role of the DRA and emphasized that it is specified in the BYLAWS and includes referee registration, retention of referees, schedule entry courses, liaison with the SRC.
RECERTIFICATION FOR 2017
- Eric Bryant, Batavia DRA has resigned. SRA in process of seeking replacement.
- Resignation of Chris Chilano was received by the Batavia Unit.
- DRA's – new 2 year term has started today.
- Local units should advise SRC of election results for 2016/2017.

Bill Campbell; SYRA

- 5 referees attended Presidents Cup
- 3 referees attended the ODP Region I Finals
- National Championship – no candidates invited
- Youth Referees of the Year – Mat Spurr (Rochester) and Meagan Nalley (Binghamton)
- SYRA will be attending the Region I meeting in New Hampshire in October
- NYSWYSA Annual Meeting 11/12/2016 – table reserved

John Kramer; SAC

- Recertification clinics for 2017 Assignors will be held in Rochester, Buffalo, and Cortland.
- Currently looking for an assigning solution for Twin Tiers – would prefer to use an existing Assignor rather than a new one.
- Arbiter fees are due in January 2017.
- Considering setting a minimum standard for Assignors to maintain certification.

Tom Ross; SDI

- AGM – visiting Woodcliff to review facility for AGM.
- Tentative date for AGM – March 10-12, 2017.
- Dates for all Recertification Clinics due to SDI by 11/1/2016.
- DRA's have been granted access to Game Officials.
- Clinic Instructors – must be provided to the SDI by local units. SDI will only assign Advanced Clinics.
- Basic Recertification Clinics for Grade 8 & 9.
- Advanced Recertification Clinics for Grade 6, 7 and Emeritus.
- No Laws of the Game books will be distributed to Referees, except for, State Referees, Instructors, and Assessors.
- SDI will make instructors available to local leagues to help education relating to the 2017 Law changes.

- Game Officials will contain Referee information from 2011 forward.

Steve Wu; Treasurer

- FY 2016 financials have been closed and waiting for the SRC to submit audit deadline to Finance Committee.
- Smolen, Bonghi & Fleischmann LLP has been selected as the new accounting firm for WNY Referees.
- 2014/2015 – IRS notice of non-filing was in error. No tax or penalty due.

Art Jaspe; SDA

- 2016 was busy for Assessors. 596 assessments were posted to date.
- Drafting a Mentor Training Program for Referee Mentors to mirror U.S. Soccer Referee Mentor Program.

District reports:

Syracuse

- No report

Buffalo

- U10 mandates – what is the status? Bill Campbell responded “*as long as the leagues meet or exceed the requirements of U.S. Soccer that complies with NYSWYSA*”.
- 2017 is going to be a very challenging year for Buffalo. A lot on the table with Mentor Program, Unit Training, Assigning and Project Referee.
- 2018 USASA AGM to be held in Buffalo.

Rochester

- 2017 Recertification Clinics are being scheduled.

Southern Tier

- Looking for another Assessor
- 2017 Recertification Clinics are being scheduled.

Ithaca

- 2017 Recertification Clinics are being scheduled.

Binghamton

- 2017 Recertification Clinics and Entry Courses have been scheduled.

Elmira

- Planning 3 Recertification Clinics and 1 Entry Class.
- What is the status of the new uniform requirements? Michael Tata responded that current uniforms are acceptable until 2018.

Batavia

- No fitness tests scheduled

Next meetings:

Executive meetings: December 4, 2016

Full SRC Meetings: January 8, 2017

MOTIONS AND VOTES:

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 12:30 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Recorded and Submitted By:

Christopher Rollins

Secretary, WNY Referees Association

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