

Western NY Referees Association
State Referee Committee
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION AFFILIATE
Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2017 - APPROVED

Meeting held at the Lexington Hotel, Brooks Avenue, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order 10:02 AM
adjourned 1:06 PM

Roll Call:

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| 1. Michael Tata; SRA ✓ | sra@wnyreferee.org |
| 2. Bill Pasnak, Chairperson ✓ | chair@wnyreferee.org |
| 3. William Campbell, SYRA ✓ | syra@wnyreferee.org |
| 4. Art Jaspe, SDA ✓ | sda@wnyreferee.org |
| 5. SAC | sac@wnyreferee.org |
| 6. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton ✓ | Binghamton@wnyreferee.org |
| 7. Bill Helwig, Buffalo ✓ | buffalo@wnyreferee.org |
| 8. Tom Ross, SDI ✓ | sdi@wnyreferee.org |
| 9. Rochester (Mike Smith) ✓ | Rochester@wnyreferee.org |
| 10. Steve Wu, Treasurer ✓ | Treasurer@wnyreferee.org |
| 11. John Cook, Ithaca ✓ | Ithaca@wnyreferee.org |
| 12. Brett Ernenwein, Batavia ✓ | Batavia@wnyreferee.org |
| 13. Tom Barker, Elmira | Elmira@wnyreferee.org |
| 14. Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier | Southerntier@wnyreferee.org |
| 15. Angela Paparo, Syracuse | Syracuse@wnyreferee.org |
| 16. Chris Rollins, Secretary ✓ | Secretary@wnyreferee.org |

Not Present

Tom Barker (Elmira), Bill Phearsdorf (Southern Tier), Angela Paparo (Syracuse),

Old Business:

Motion: Tom Ross made a motion at 10:25 AM to Approve the January 8, 2017 minutes. Bill Campbell 2nd the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Minutes Approved.

2017 Meeting Dates:

FULL SRC:
September 10, 2017

EXEC SRC:
August 13, 2017
December 3, 2017

New Business, SRA report and topics:

Michael Tata; SRA

- SRC terms that have ended are SDA, SYRA and SAC. Art Jaspe (SDA) and Bill Campbell (SYRA) will return without objection for a 2-year term.
- SAC – Bill Pasnak will hold position of SAC on an interim basis.
- AGM – overall the meeting was a successful event. Unfortunately, the hotel staff suffered from several service issues that negatively impacted accommodations, food, and overall use of the meeting areas. The Lexington Hotel will likely not be a host for next year.
- Attendee numbers were similar to the 2016 AGM. 2/3rds attended in 2016. 1/3 were new attendees.
- 2018 may NOT include a Sunday event.
- 2018 – is open to other WNYSRA districts if they would like to host.
- Batavia DRA – Brett Ernenwein has been appointed the Batavia DRA.
- WNYSRA “Mobile App” is near completion.
- SRA attended the US Soccer AGM which was held in February. The most significant event was that the Bylaws (US Soccer) were going to be changed without review. They were as follows:
 - 1) Eliminating Local Registration – this change did NOT pass by 2/3 of attendees. We expect an update sometime in the future. This proposed change did not go through the National Referee Board either.
- USASA AGM 2018 will now be held in Buffalo, NY in October 2018.
- USASA AGM 2017 will be held in Lake Tahoe. SRA will attend.
- ENYSRC is experiencing organizational issues.
- Registration update – approx. 1700 have been registered to date.

Bill Campbell; SYRA

- Surplus 2017 badges are being collected and redistributed to cover future class needs.
- ODP, Region 1 invites have been sent out.
- NYSWYSA will not sign off on risk management for accommodations.
- Road Runner Email Accounts – these emails are being blocked from time to time. SYRA suggests that referees use an alternate email address.
- SYRA is requesting \$200.00 to correct “email services” related to Road Runner.
- Game Officials – working well so far, no issues
- SYRA would like to propose that “Southern Tier” change their name to “Jamestown”. SRA will review for 2018 change.

Motion: Michael Tata made a motion to add \$200.00 to the “web hosting” expense category and allow the SYRA to use to improve/reduce Road Runner issues. Tom Ross seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion approved.

SAC

- Bill Pasnak has been appointed by the SRA as “interim SAC. No report at this time.

Tom Ross; SDI

- Grade 6/7 “Advanced” clinic will occur every year, based upon need. This clinic must be taken in the current year or after upgrade assessment. The annual recertification clinic, FOR THE REFEREE’S CURRENT GRADE is also a requirement.
- 2017 AGM Speakers deviated from the requested content. That was a concern of SDI.
- 2018 AGM – we may look at combining “break out” sessions and ass more “group” sessions.
- Looking for 2018 AGM topic and speaker suggestions.
- Referee Recruitment – we need to continue to focus on recruiting. SDI distributed a handout to the SRC. Attached.

Steve Wu; Treasurer

- WNYSRA YTD March 2017 Financials presented
- 2017 AGM – cost savings of approximately 60% over the 2016 AGM.
- SRC has acceptable cash reserves

Motion: Brett Ernenwein made a motion to accept the March 2017 financial report. Bill Campbell seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Approved.

Art Jaspe; SDA

- in the process of recruiting assessors for State Cup
- working on assignments of assessors for Grade 7 and above assessments in 2017

District reports:

Syracuse

No Report

Buffalo

- Numbers for entry level classes was up over last year
- A house league wanted an entry level class this year
- The district will have most of the recertification’s done by Christmas
- The district will be changing locations of recertification’s to lower costs for facilities
- Use of Game Officials could save money in the district
- The district will need to add slots to Arbitrator

Rochester

- Recertification’s done
- Fitness tests on 8/5, 8/10, 8/19 at Penfield High School
- Mentor program (see attached sheet with dates, places, and budget)
- Mike Smith asked if advanced recertification’s can be held before December. Tom said this was okay if the district sets up the course and notifies Tom.

Southern Tier

No Report

Ithaca

- Same numbers as last year
- AR clinic on 4/11/17

Binghamton

- Numbers almost the same as last year
- 85% of attendees at entry level classes came by word of mouth

Elmira

No Report

Batavia

No Report – Brett Ernenwein left early.

Conflict of Interest forms were supposed to be submitted by Brett from Batavia District. He left meeting early and no forms submitted.

NEW BUSINESS:

Michael Tata informed the board that there will no longer be a Grade 16 State Emeritus.

Mr. Tata made a motion for the 2018 season that a State Emeritus can only do Youth games and AR lines in Adult games. Bill Campbell seconded the motion. All members voted Yes, none opposed. The motion passed.

Michael Tata proposed that assigners as part of their recertification must provide all affiliated leagues and tournaments that they assign. There will be further discussion on this matter at the next SRC meeting.

Bill Campbell asked what we are going to do about the old Twin Tiers district for recertification's. Tom will not take responsibility for scheduling recertification clinics. Inform Tom where it will be held and when.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Michael Tata, Bill Campbell seconded motion, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and the meeting concluded at 1:06 PM

Recorded By:

Christopher Rollins

Secretary, WNY Referees Association

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