

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

January 18, 2008 Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester, NY. Meeting called to order at 10:00 AM.

Roll Call:

1. Curt Hamlin; SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org/chamlin@email.com)
2. William Fahey; Chairperson/SCA (sca@wnyreferee.org/wdf28@aol.com)
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14. Ron Kuck; Syracuse Rep (syracuse@wnyreferee.org /rakuck@frontiernet.net)
15. Bruce Rosenkrans; Treasurer (treasurer@wnyreferee.com)

Not Present:

1. Michael Radecke; NYSWYSA President (president@nyswysa.org)
2. Chris Chilano; DRA Batavia (batavia@wnyreferee.org/ cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
3. Andrew Evangelos; Secretary (secretary@wnyreferee.org)
4. Greg Wheeler; DRA Twin Tiers (twintier@wnyreferee.org/wheels7ref@hotmail.com)

ACTION ITEM CODES:

R: Report

A: Action by DRA's/ Committee member

Reports on Old Business

SRA – Curt Hamlin

R-1 A report was given on the current status of registrations. Approximately 22% of referees have re-registered for 2008. Some districts are far behind with their registrations, some need to schedule re-cert clinics.

R-2 Risk management must go through NYSW starting this season. NYS fingerprint clearances issued to teachers and high school officials will no longer be valid for clearance.

A-1 Bill Helwig brought to the attention of the committee that the NYSWYSA website does not list specific criteria of what they are looking for? What will definitely disqualify you for? How far back are they looking? Curt to lead the team of Bill C and Bill F to write the procedure from WNYSRA.

New Business and Action Items

SDI – Bill Pasnak

R-1 The 2008 pro-clinic will be held at Roberts Wesleyan College on May 10th.

R-2 An intermediate clinic will be offered for grade 7 + 8 referees needed the time to fulfill upgrade requirements. Planning on April 12. An Instructor / assessor workshop is planned for April 13.

R-3 A list of proposed entry level clinic fees was distributed. The new schedule of course fees was approved for classes beginning after August 2008.

SDA – Art Jaspe

R-1 Developmental assessments will be given during spring regional leagues. The assessors will receive half of the game fee for the assessments. The state committee will pay for the assessments up to \$500.

SRA – Curt Hamlin

R-1 An update was given regarding two cases of inappropriate referee behavior. One case was dismissed due to lack of evidence. The second case was regarding inappropriate touching.

R-2 Bill Pasnak has notified the board that he will be stepping down from his post as SDI. A move was made to appoint Tom Ross as SDI. This move was unanimously approved.

A-1 Curt will next bring this to the attention of the two state associations for their approval and finally get the approval of the National Office since he does not as of yet hold a state instructor badge.

R-3 A move was made to send Tom Ross to the State Instructor course. This was unanimously approved.

R-4 Curt Hamlin and Bill Campbell will travel to Colorado for the SRA conference the 28th and 29th of March.

R-5 Steve Montanino, Kate Dziedzic, and Islam Sallaj have applied to become national candidates for the 2009 season.

SYRA – Bill Campbell

R-1 There is a shortage of books and badges for the upcoming season. DRAs need to stay in touch with Bill to make sure that books and badges are distributed. These items can be ordered if more are needed.

R-2 State cup nominees need to be received by 15th April for the 5/30 – 6/1 finals.

R-3 Nominees are needed for the Region I ODP tournament 6/6 – 6/8. Nine referees and two assessors are needed. Referees should have at least one year of state cup experience.

R-4 Nominees are needed for the Region I championships held in Maine 6/25 – 7/1.

R-5 Nominees are needed for the Region I boys (7/5 – 7/8) and Region I girls (7/6 – 7/10) ODP camps.

R-6 So far, of the 4 scheduled recreational instructor/referee course combos, only one Recreational Youth Referee class has had enough participants (Syracuse). Currently scheduled ones include: Owego (2/16 and 2/23), and Rochester (3/8 and 3/9). The Wayne County group is progressing well.

R-7 A beta of a new WNYSRA website is up and running. The site will continue to be tweaked before taking the place of the current site.

Bill Fahey – SCA

R-1 An assignor's course is in the works for 3/29. A group of 10-12 is needed for the course to be held.

R-2 There were referees living out of district that had trouble getting games during 2007. All assignors are to use the WNYSRA registered referees, especially if registered in the second district.

Jim Pitcher

R-1 Gave report on status of using tournament games for game count for grade 8 and grade 7 referees. A motion was made to accept USSF affiliated games 1:1 and to rescind the 3:1 policy. This was unanimously approved.

Mike Allmendinger

R-1 Will give a report on the status of the mentoring program taking place in Ithaca. Will supply information collected to the committee for further review.

Andy Evangelos

R-1 Will give the yearly update on the Policy and Procedures at the next meeting

2008 Meetings

Executive Committee

3/12, State cup, 8/24

SRC

4/6, 6/24, 9/14