

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

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Held at the Hampton Inn, Rochester, NY, on March 16, 2003. Meeting called to order at 12:00 PM.

Communications

Starting in 2003, the Amateurs will be known as the US Adult Soccer Association.

Roll Call

1. Curt Hamlin, SRA (sra@wnyreferee.org)
2. William Fahey, SYRA, (syra@wnyreferee.org)
3. William Pasnak, SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org)
4. Art Jaspe, SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org)
5. Christopher Chilano, SCA, and DRA (Batavia) (cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
6. James Gabor, Sr., Treasurer (wizjg@yahoo.com)
7. Dennis Rice, Recording Secretary (drice1@rochester.rr.com)
8. James Pitcher, DRA (Binghamton) (soccer_referee@juno.com)
9. William Helwig, DRA (Buffalo) (billreferee@yahoo.com)
10. William Campbell, DRA (Ithaca) (tripsdad@aol.com)
11. Richard Reif, DRA (Rochester) (rar0@eznet.net)
12. Joe Delity, DRA (Southern Tier) (baraab@localnet.com)
13. Ronald Kuck, DRA (Syracuse) (rakuck@baldcom.net)
14. Alexander Badr, DRA (Elmira) (badram@stny.rr.com)
15. Arman Capan, USASA, WNY represented by Reinhold Spath (arman@eznet.net)

Guests

Jennifer Jones, VP Buffalo Unit

Russ Gorman, President, Southern Tier

Ted Kamas, Treasurer, Elmira

Not Present

14. Dave Herron, DRA (Twin Tier) (dherron@campbellsavona.wnyric.org)

Not Represented

1. Tony Buiniskis, President of NYSW (ajb4soccer@aol.com)

Approval of December 1, 2002 Minutes

1. The minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers

1. SRA - (Curt Hamlin)
 - a. Registrations still being received – behind in some areas. People are not registered until approved through Chicago. The checks are not cashed until all requirements are met.
2. SYRA - (Bill Fahey)
 - a. Grade 9 youth program summary was reviewed. The target is 150 new referees this year through the program, to be re-evaluated in 2004. Grade 9s can referee up to u14 recreational or youth AR. Voted and approved unanimously. Bill F. will forward the program details to Tony Buiniskis.
3. SDA - (Art Jaspe)
 - a. see SDA proposals (separate attachments) and Old Business, item #4
4. SDI - (Bill Pasnak)
 - a. The central warehousing of tapes and materials is in place. More tapes are available.
 - b. Intermediate clinic is still open (25 registered).
 - c. Pro clinic – all applicants must take new fitness test. (May 3).
 - d. Have 2 projectors and laptops in Rochester and Buffalo. There was discussion around cost of replacement bulbs (@ \$400/ea) vs. risk of losing the projector in the middle of class. Action: get surge protectors for the projectors (Bill P/ Dick Reif) that will mitigate the risk of a blown bulb from power surge. It was not agreed to purchase additional backups. Bill Pasnak has one or two spare bulbs. See Bill if one is needed.
5. SCA - (Chris Chilano)
 - a. No new news

Old Business (Action items)

1. File federal and state forms, and obtain state tax-exempt number (Ian Redpath)
 - Sent out – not returned still pending
2. Develop budget codes and standard vouchers (Jim Gabor)
 - The accounts and voucher forms are setup.
 - Contact Ian Redpath for approval of the structure and amountsRecommend the account numbers be setup by Jim, pending approval by Ian. Curt will contact Ian within a week and return with an answer.
3. Develop proposal for use of certified referees & assignors and Grade 9 (Bill Helwig, Bill Fahey)
 - completed
4. Repackage and submit SDA proposals for next meeting (as amended). All four proposals passed. There was one nay vote with exception (R Kuck)
 - Assessment fee guidelines
 - Policy for upgrade – clarifying statements added: the fee should be made out to WNYRA for \$50 to grade 7; all others (state grades, one middle and two lines required) - \$100 sent to SRA within two weeks of receipt of acceptance letter for upgrade request by the SRA.
 - Assessment of referees assigned to Adult level games. Eliminated the reference to specific number of games.
 - Missed maintenance assessments
5. Report financial status to Jim Gabor, retroactive to July 1, 2002. (DRAs)
 - Binghamton, Rochester, Elmira, others not done
6. Provide youth league referee fee information to Bill Fahey (DRAs)
 - completed
7. Submit names of those interested in Assignor's class to Chris Chilano (DRAs)

- Closed – not enough for a course
- 8. Forward copy of Assignor’s league contracts to Chris Chilano (all Assignors, DRAs)
 - Some feedback received- still open
- 9. Complete the budget, voucher, and financial details (Jim Gabor)
 - completed
- 10. Communicate Project 20 and “Mom and Pop” guidelines to Districts (DRAs)
 - completed
- 11. Forward Buffalo Mentor program info. To Bill Fahey (Bill Helwig)
 - completed

New Business

1. Resolve the issue relative to referees for the pro game on April 12 (Ron K / Curt H)
2. The SRA requests that all those attending the bi-annual conference in Pittsburg be allowed to submit expenses for partial reimbursement. No policy exists now for national programs. We will keep this open for next meeting. WNY now have 3 national referees and 4 national assessors. The SDI recommends support also to the 5C (National candidate) program.
3. Adult soccer association news provided by Reinhold Spath. Cup games will be starting soon. WNY is requested to send referees and assessors to Binghamton. The referees will receive no fees – room and board only will be provided. Assessments will be able to be used for upgrade or maintenance at no charge. The announcement will come to the SRA.

Good of the Organization

1. SYRA – Request that all communications from the local organizations come through the board. Referee selections for Regionals, ODP, State tournaments to be submitted through the DRAs to Bill Fahey.
2. SCA – Website is up to date for all tournaments and leagues. Contact Chris Chilano if you have updates.
3. SDA – Assessor clinic being firmed up in April for Rochester.
4. Discussion of meeting dates. The meeting dates should be negotiated based on the Executive Committee’s availability.
5. New website for Buffalo now in existence without names and addresses published.
6. Syracuse has the next entry level clinic published on website.
7. Ron Kuck and Bill Fahey will assign the Super Y league
8. The SRA and SYRA recently attended a soccer Youth conference in Indiana.
9. Jim Gabor gave summary of financial status. \$36,618.84 balance as of today.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Action Items:

1. File federal and state forms, and obtain state tax-exempt number (Ian Redpath)
 - Sent out – not returned still pending
2. Jim to setup account numbers, pending approval by Ian Redpath (Jim Gabor)
3. Report financial financial status to Jim Gabor, retroactive to July 1, 2002. (DRAs)
4. Get surge protectors for the projectors to reduce threat of lamp failure. (Pasnak/Reif)
5. Forward copy of Assignor’s league contracts to Chris Chilano (all Assignors, DRAs)
6. Resolve the issue relative to referees for the pro game on April 12 (Ron K / Curt H)
7. Submit referee selections for Regionals, ODP, State tournaments to Bill Fahey. (DRAs)

Proposal addressing

**ASSESSMENT/EVALUATION OF REFEREES
ASSIGNED TO AMATEUR GAMES IN WNY**

All WNYSRA officials assigned to referee Amateur games in Western New York on a regular basis must successfully complete a yearly: 1. written test, 2. physical fitness test and 3. an assessment/evaluation in order to continue refereeing at that level.

Rationale: Amateur leagues throughout the state have expressed concern regarding the quality of the officiating in their games. In an effort to put their concern to rest, the SRC will require officials to meet the standards established by NRC for referees at the Amateur level.

Submitted to SRC by Art Jaspe, 3/16/03

Proposal addressing
UPGRADE PROCEDURES FOR WNYSRA
REFEREES

- 1. Qualified referees make formal application to the SRA by April 1.**
- 2. After the required game experience review, the candidate will receive a written acceptance or denial of the request from the SRA**
- 3. Successful candidates will be advised to send a fee of \$50.00 for upgrade to Grade 07 or \$100.00 for upgrade to either Grade 06 or 05 to the WNYSRA in care of the SRA by April 21. This fee will be returned to the candidate upon completion of the required assessment(s). Should the candidate withdraw before the completion of the assessment(s), this fee will be forwarded to the assigned assessor(s) in compensation for their withdrawn assignments.**
- 4. The SDA will then be notified by the SRA that the assessment process should proceed for this candidate. The SDA will then notify the candidate as to the procedures required to arrange and complete the assessment process.**

ASSESSMENT FEES GUIDELINES IN WNYSRA

Section 3.45 of the USSF Assessor's Handbook, 1996, contains guidelines for payment of assessor compensation. The fundamental principle is that all assessors must be compensated for work performed. The fee to be paid is dependent upon who assigns the assessment.

1. Assessments approved and assessors appointed by the National Director of Assessment, or the Director of Professional Assignments and Assessments:

For these assessments, the assessor will be paid the assessment fee established for the level game assigned. For all USL games (A, D3, PDL, W), the assessment fee will be \$50.00 regardless of who does the assigning. The Federation will pay regular and post-season A-League and D3 assessment fees. The SRC of the WNYSRA will pay assessment fees for preseason A-League, all PDL and all W-League games. For all other games (including amateur) on the pro list, the official(s) requesting the assessment for either upgrade or maintenance will pay the \$50.00 assessment fee.

2. Assessors approved and assessments appointed by the State Director of Assessment:

For any assessment within the WNYSRA, all assessors, officially appointed by the SDA, are to be compensated by the amount of the game fee for the official requesting the assessment, but the amount may be no less than the referee fee for that match. If the other officials in the match have not requested the assessment and have not contributed to the total assessment fee, they may not use the assessment for maintenance or upgrade. If one or more of the three officials request an assessment, the assessment fee is the amount of the game fees of the officials requesting assessment, provided the total is equal to or higher than the referee's game fee. For example, consider an amateur match in which the referee fee is \$60.00 and each AR fee is \$30.00. If only the referee requests assessment, the minimum fee is \$60.00. If only the AR requests assessment, the minimum fee is \$60.00. If all three request an assessment, the fee is \$60.00 (R) + \$30.00 (AR) + \$30.00 (AR) = \$120.00 total.

Proposal addressing

MISSED MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENTS

Any WNYSA referee who is not assessed or who does not pass a required yearly maintenance assessment will be downgraded one grade level at his/her next registration. Upon completion of a successful assessment, said referee may immediately apply for upgrade to his/her previous grade. This would only apply for one year. Two years of missed required maintenance assessments would make the downgrade permanent and require that referee to apply for upgrade to his previous grade through the process required by the NRC.