

Western New York Referee Association

State Referee Committee

United States Soccer Federation Affiliate

January 18, 2004 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)
2. William Fahey, SYRA, (syra@wnyreferee.org)
3. William Pasnak, SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org)
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13. Alexander Badr, DRA (Elmira) (badram@stny.rr.com)
Represented by Tom Barker (TLBARK1078@aol.com)
14. Tony Buiniskis, President of NYSW (ajb4soccer@aol.com)

Not Present:

1. James Gabor, Sr., Treasurer (wizjg@yahoo.com)
2. Dave Herron, DRA (Twin Tier) (dherron@campbellsavona.wnyric.org)
3. Arman Capan, Adult Soccer Assoc. WNY (arman@eznet.net)
Represented by Al Caruso and Jerry Sullivan

Approval of last Minutes

Minutes of October 26, 2003 were amended and approved.

Reports of Officers

1. SRA - (Curt Hamlin)

- a. **Registration:** as of this meeting, only 23% of expected WNYSRA registrations are completed, per USSF National. We must increase effort to increase the completed registrations in the Districts. Target registration date for 2005 for recertification will be 12/31/2004.
- b. **Other Requirements and Guidelines:** we are behind in fulfilling other requirements such as 1099s and tax forms because Jim Gabor does not have the needed inputs from all Districts. We are filing for extensions, but these will not be able to be extended past March 15. The Districts that need to provide input will hear from Jim within a week. Please be proactive in completing this request.
- c. **Individual Registrations:** There are still registrations that lack requirements such as written and fitness tests. Curt passed out a spreadsheet showing the missing requirements by District and individual.
- d. **WNYSRA Logo Bags:** WNYSRA logo bags and badges were passed out to SRC members as thank you for efforts in the past year.
- e. **New Courses:** Please e-mail the SRA if you have additional new courses scheduled so that they can

be put on the website.

2. SYRA - (Bill Fahey)

- a. **Rochester District Mentor Program:** Rochester District will have a mentor program for 2004, headed by Tom Ross and Vlad Rabinovich. Other Districts that want a similar program sponsored by the NYSWYSA must submit application to Bill Fahey.
- b. **Referee Camp:** It is requested by the Rochester District to run a Paul Tambourino referee camp during the Brockport tournament. Need minimum 12 people to participate. The camp features both on-field and off-field learning and coaching, and requires additional fees from the participants.
- c. **Youth Tournament Dates:**
 - i. **State Cup finals** will be June 5 and 6 at Total Sports in Rochester. SYRA requests referee support as follows: Syracuse 6, Binghamton 4, Buffalo 12, Ithaca and Southern Tier 4, and Rochester 32. These numbers will keep the number of rooms below 14.
 - ii. **Actions:** DRAs please submit names to Bill Fahey not any later than the March SRC meeting. Bill and Dennis will request Dan Shonniker to not schedule Youth Premier league games during this weekend.
 - iii. **Region 1 ODP:** will be June 11-13 at Rider University, NJ. 9 referees and 2 assessors will support this event.
 - iv. **Region 1 championships:** June 30 – July 5 at University of Rhode Island. 10 referees and 2 assessors will support this event.
 - v. **Local Tournament Schedules:** will be on the website before end of January.
- d. **Youth Referee of the Year:** There were no nominees received from WNY for the first time ever. This was an embarrassment to our organization. Additionally, these names are used for input to Regional Referee of the Year presented at the Regionals during June 30-July 5. Next year, the DRAs *must ensure* that names of candidates are submitted to Bill in a timely manner.
- e. **Recreational Youth Referee Program:**
 - i. We are experiencing approximately 70% return rate.
 - ii. NYSW is requesting that we hold more of these classes. Clubs have, in the past, resisted holding this program due to costs. Bill and Tony will continue to work through this and other issues.
 - iii. DRAs must respond to Bill Fahey by February 15 if they will hold one or more of these classes. Bill will forward this information on to NYSW (Tony B.). Packages were handed out to DRAs from Rochester, Syracuse, Buffalo, Binghamton, and Ithaca.
 - iv. Bill related that, in areas where this works well (e.g., Texas), they use certified associate instructors to teach this course.

3. SDA - (Art Jaspe)

- a. No report. Reminder that Assessor entry-level courses will be scheduled only as needed.

4. SDI - (Bill Pasnak)

- a. **Associate Instructor Course:** This course was recently held, and graduated 13 new Associate Instructors. *DRAs* – please understand that new Associate Instructors cannot work alone.
- b. **Upgrade and Recertification Clinics:**
 - i. There will be an intermediate/advanced level recertification clinic in Buffalo on February 7. All are welcome.
 - ii. Rochester has published 6 dates for general recertification clinics. For this year, the general clinic will meet requirements for all.
 - iii. There will be an intermediate clinic in Binghamton March 26.
 - iv. All other Districts are also setting up clinics. For next year, the goal is to have them completed by December along with registrations.
 - v. All DRAs must complete the clinic form and sign-in sheet and submit to Bill Pasnak for reimbursement through the SRC.

- vi. Pro Clinic will be held May 1 and 2 in Rochester. First day is officials only for fitness testing and classes. All candidates must pass the fitness test at that time. The second day includes Instructors, Assessors, and other Administrators. **Action:** Please submit candidates directly to Curt Hamlin as soon as possible.

5. SCA - (Chris Chilano)

- a. **Assignor Course:** March 27 at Total Sports in Rochester.
 - i. Send names of nominees to Chris. Cost is \$35/person.
 - ii. Chris will send a copy of the posting to NYSW through Tony B. to disseminate through that organization's channels.
 - iii. List of tournaments will be posted next week
 - iv. Chris will contact all the assignors of the tournaments to verify dates and availability of referees.
 - v. We discussed the process of verifying availability of assignors and referees before tournament dates are announced, and whether this can be moved back to end of year. Tony Buiniskis will verify how the current process is being followed through NYSW.
 - vi. Assignors can re-register by sending in their form to the SRA. The course is good to meet requirements for life. No assignor refresher courses are needed.

6. Finance Director - (Jim Gabor) no report for this meeting

Old Business

1. Reviewed and verified completion of action items from last meeting.

New Business

1. Clarification from Curt that we do not need social security numbers for registration, and that Districts and the SRC should not have referees SS#s. They are necessary for Risk Management input, but we do not keep the forms.
2. Risk Management clearance is required for any and all NYSW affiliated youth games including tournaments.
3. Handed out several sheets of guidelines and requirements for referees:
 - i. Guidelines for Game Assignment Within Western New York
 - ii. United States Soccer Federation Referee Grades (age, badge, assignment level standards, criteria for certifying and upgrading, and emeritus referee)
 - iii. WNYSRA Training Requirements
4. Re: Guidelines for Assignors: for the 2005 registration, please document all upgrades, persons who did not meet expectations, and exceptional individuals.
5. There are many advanced and intermediate level classes throughout the country. We should make this known for those referees who need the classes and/or who are out of town (like college students)
6. The contract between WNYSRA and NYSW was signed. The SYRA will send copies to the DRAs for reference. Originals are in the possession of Tony Buiniskis and Dennis Rice.
7. Reviewed the qualification and recertification requirements for tests and assessments. Game experience for upgrade cannot be waived. All SRC members please review and provide feedback to Curt before Jan 25. The DRAs will then communicate this to their respective Districts.
8. The local Professional League Coordinator is now Jackie Abel (formerly Reinhold Spath). Any referee who wants consideration must contact the SRA (Curt) directly each year.
9. Local WNYSRA badges were delivered to Curt. Similar to the coins, districts and officers can purchase at cost for give-aways, or sell directly for \$2.00.
10. Regional adult tournament – we need to send 2 referees and 1 assessor which will be held at Binghamton University on June 4-6.
11. Question was raised as to whether we can get the registration forms in August. National determines this.
12. Mentor Program – Jim Pitcher wants to start one for Binghamton. He will contact Tom Ross for info.

13. All DRAs please send recertification clinic info to the SRA so that they can be posted to referees recertification requirements.

Good of the Organization

1. no new items

Meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Next meetings will be Mar 21, Jun 20, and Sep 12 from 10AM until 2PM at the Hampton Inn, Rochester (Greece), NY.

Action Items:

1. Registration / Recertification process must be completed by all DRAs.
2. Those Districts that still need to provide Jim Gabor information, follow up ASAP
3. Information on any new courses scheduled are to be sent to Curt for inclusion on the website.
4. DRAs submit State Cup names to Bill Fahey on or before the March SRC meeting.
5. DRAs submit to Bill Fahey requests to hold Recreational Youth Referee Training Programs by Feb. 15.
6. DRAs review and submit changes needed for the two guideline documents (Guidelines for Game Assignment Within Western New York and WNYSRA Training Requirements) that the SRA presented by January 25.
7. DRAs submit to Curt recertification clinic attendees and other needed information for registration.
8. DRAs need to urge qualified people to contact the SRA for consideration for the professional leagues.
9. We need to present the sale of coins/patches to all. \$2.00 for each patch or coin, cheaper price on coins is only for free distribution by the district and not for resale and private acquisition.