

Western New York Referee Association

State Referee Committee

United States Soccer Federation Affiliate

March 6, 2005 Meeting Minutes - **UNAPPROVED DRAFT**

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. Art Jaspe, SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org)
4. William Pasnak, SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org)
5. Dennis Rice, Recording Secretary (secretary@wnyreferee.org)
6. Jim Gabor, Sr., Treasurer (wizjg@yahoo.com)
7. James Pitcher, DRA (Binghamton) (soccer-referee@juno.com)
8. Christopher Chilano, DRA (Batavia) (cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
9. William Helwig, DRA (Buffalo) (billreferee@yahoo.com)
10. William Campbell, DRA (Ithaca) (tripsdad@aol.com)
11. Kevin Barci for Paul Lysiak, DRA (Rochester) (paul.lysiak@kodak.com)
12. Joe Delity, DRA (Southern Tier) (jdelity@localnet.com)
13. Ronald Kuck, DRA (Syracuse) (rakuck@baldcom.net)
14. Greg Wheeler, guest from "Twin Tiers" (wheeler@consultassoc.com)
15. Tom Barker (acting DRA, Elmira) (TLBARK1078@verizon.net)
16. John Kramer, guest from Buffalo

Not Present:

1. Jerry Sullivan, WNYSAs representative (Adult Soccer Assoc)(ejsreft@hotmail.com)
2. Sandy Ostebo, President of NYSWYSA (president@nyswysa.org)

Roll Call Notes:

1. Tom Barker will continue as acting DRA for Elmira in Alex Badr's absence.
2. Greg Wheeler attended meeting researching the possibility of bringing back the Twin Tier District and him becoming the DRA.

Approval of last Minutes

Minutes of December 12, 2004 were approved with a change of start time to 10:00.

Reports of Officers

1. SRA - (Curt Hamlin)

- a. Dennis Rice will no longer be Recording Secretary in anticipation of moving out of the area. Any nominations for this position should be submitted to Curt Hamlin or Bill Fahey by May 1.
- b. Registrations – to date at 56% overall. Much less than expected, and nationally, there has been a large turnover as well. Curt requests that the Districts should advertise locally for new referees. This will be reimbursed by the SRC. Bill Campbell agreed to create a template to which local names and contacts can be added.
- c. Fitness tests – One more fitness test at the Pro clinic on April 30 will be available. In addition, another fitness and registration opportunity in Rochester is being planned.
- d. Written tests are being given along with the recertification clinics.
- e. Each District should hold an additional local clinic in the spring to provide additional opportunity for those not registered to do so.

2. SYRA - (Bill Fahey)

- a. 2005 Youth Tournament referee candidates are needed by the following dates:
 - State Cup Finals: May 1
 - Region I ODP: April 8
 - Region I Championships: May 7
- b. State Cup candidate numbers by District:
 - Elmira – 4, Ithaca – 3, Buffalo 12-14, Binghamton – 6, Batavia – 2, Syracuse – 6, Rochester - 28
- c. John Kramer provided a special report on three topics:
 - Risk Management – OSPRA is used in HS Section 6 for Risk Management (cost is now up to approx. \$150) and the background check is more extensive than the Choicepoint through NYSW. The SRC agrees that this is acceptable for Risk Management, and that clearance will be honored for two years from the date of the certificate or documentation. All DRAs should forward to John the names of all those who have OSPRA certification so that he can assemble all the data and forward to Curt.
 - BDSL Adult League – New preliminary agreement is in place, and the financial and other issues are resolved and will be monitored in the future.
 - Grade 9 – Buffalo has several instances where young referees not yet 14 want to be able to participate in more competitive games. Bill Pasnak advises that the guidelines are guidelines and are meant to have some flexibility. Bill P. will issue an instructor memorandum that each instructor will issue a recommended level of game for each new referee to the local District. The DRAs and local boards will ensure the recommended game level balances the instructor assessment and desires of the new referees.

It was also agreed that the instructor contact these people seeking an exception and verifying to the best of their ability that they are ready. This can be accomplished by meeting young referee, talking to parents, etc.

3. SDA - (Art Jaspe)

- a. See New Business

4. SDI - (Bill Pasnak) –

- a. The April 30 Pro Clinic and Advanced Clinic is confirmed. Please give candidate names to Bill Pasnak ASAP. Order of precedence: Pro referees, upgrade requirements, and then current State referees.
- b. The date for the Intermediate Clinic is on hold for now. Tentative plans are for a Sunday this summer. Candidates should be those wanting to upgrade to Grade 7 and current Grade 7s looking to upgrade in the future.
- c. The ITIP course is scheduled for April 1, 2, and 3. Seven people are enrolled currently with additional requests from out of state.

5. SCA - (Curt Hamlin/Bill Fahey acting) – No Report.

6. Treasurer - (Jim Gabor)

- a. Need the inventory report from each District and the Budget to Jim Gabor ASAP.
- b. The DRAs need to work with the local Treasurers to ensure the minimum quarterly reporting is done.
- c. Approximately \$21K is in the account.

Old Business

Reviewed and verified completion of **action items** from December meeting:

Old Items:

1. The SCA will contact the Districts for input to final Assignor's report and setup an Assignor's clinic. - **Closed**
2. WNYSRC Assignment Procedures document is to be reviewed by all with response to Curt before next meeting so that we can adopt this on March 6 without further debate and changes. - **Closed**
3. All DRAs and board members are to contact Bill Fahey for needed supplies of coins and patches. - **Closed**
4. DRAs are to include the requirement for supplemental reports when incidents occur in recertification clinics. - **Closed**
5. All DRAs and Board Members must sign on and start using the Florida software system at wnyra.com. - **Ongoing**
6. DRAs must return to Curt all remaining referee badges. - **Give badges to Bill F. or Curt**

December's Items:

1. DRAs are asked to forward to Curt information on those who have obtained or are currently obtaining risk management as coaches. - **Ongoing**
2. letter should be sent to each of the affected Twin Tier District Referees that they may individually choose which of the two neighboring Districts to join - **Reversed decision - Greg Wheeler is now the DRA**
3. Advise Bill Pasnak of local coaches meetings and get for him an invitation to speak (30-45 min). - **Ongoing**
4. Art to write proposed guidelines for acceptable level of play with respect to "Division 2" and higher and a proposal for D&G assessments for Grade 7 Referees. - **Ongoing**
5. Bill P. and Curt to arrange for one new laptop and projector purchased. - **Complete**
6. Anyone wishing to nominate candidates for SYRA please contact Curt by May 1. - **Open**

New Business

SRA

1. Need numbers of prospective candidates for Assignor's clinic from the Districts ASAP.
2. Risk Management - NYSW is not affected by the recent Choicepoint issue of personal information getting into the hands of unauthorized people. Notification of those people affected went out a week ago, and no referees from WNY were affected.
3. There is a hearing today in Corning for a Risk Management issue for one individual referee.
4. Need Pro candidate names ASAP. Would also like additional candidates from Grade 7 level and moving up.
5. Assignment Procedures - Moved that the State Committee adopt as written (Chris Chilano) and seconded by Bill Campbell. Motion was unanimously approved.

SYRA

1. Youth Referees of the Year - Bill Helwig sent in his write-up, and Jim Pitcher needs to write and submit his.
2. Homer Youth Soccer Association - Request received that they do not wish to use USSF referees but that they would like for the SRA to arrange a free clinic to train non-certified referees. Bill Campbell advised

that a Grade 9 class is scheduled, and there may be a Grade 8 class for those referees doing High School age games. The organization does not have a USSF assignor, and the situation is 'on watch'.

3. There were some Grade 9 registrations renewals that were missing from National, per Ron Kuck.

SDA

1. No new business

SDI

1. The set of FIFA instructional DVDs should be reviewed thoroughly by instructors before use, as there is little or no commentary.

Good of the Organization

1. Jim Pitcher advised that Bill Pasnak will attend/present at the recertification clinic in Binghamton.
2. Ron Kuck has an entry level recertification clinic scheduled as well as a 'mom and pop' clinic in Syracuse.
3. Bill Helwig has completed a recertification clinic with Bill Pasnak and Tom Ross, and states it was very well received. Bill Helwig will continue as DRA for Buffalo through 2006, assisted by John Kramer.
4. Greg Wheeler has accepted the position of DRA for the Twin Tier District.
5. Tom Barker is again assuming DRA duties for Alex Badr in Elmira.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Next meetings will be May 22, and Sep 18 from 10AM until 2PM at the Hampton Inn, Rochester (Greece), NY.

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3. Advise Bill Pasnak of local coaches meetings and get for him an invitation to speak (30-45 min). –
4. Art to write proposed guidelines for acceptable level of play with respect to "Division 2" and higher and a proposal for D&G assessments for Grade 7 Referees.
5. Anyone wishing to nominate candidates for SYRA please contact Curt by May 1.
6. Anyone wishing to nominate candidates for Recording Secretary please contact Curt by May 1.