

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

January 14, 2007 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)
3. William Campbell; SYRA (syra@wnyreferee.org/tripsdad@printswilliam.com)
4. Art Jaspe; SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org/ajaspe@aol.com)
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6. Katherine Dzedzic; Secretary (secretary@wnyreferee.org/ktd23hart@aol.com)
7. Chris Chilano; DRA Batavia (batavia@wnyreferee.org/cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
8. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton (binghamton@wnyreferee.org)
9. William Helwig; DRA Buffalo (buffalo@wnyreferee.org/billreferee@yahoo.com)
10. Tom Barker; DRA Elmira (elmira@wnyreferee.org/tdbarkerdra@yahoo.com)
11. Mike Allmendinger; DRA Ithaca (ithaca@wnyreferee.org/mea2@cornell.edu)
12. Bill Bianchi; Rochester Rep (rochester@wnyreferee.org/Wbianchi@rochester.rr.com)
13. Joe Delity; DRA Southern Tier (southerntier@wnyreferee.org/jdelity@localnet.com)
14. Ron Kuck; Syracuse Rep (syracuse@wnyreferee.org/rakuck@frontiernet.net)
15. Greg Wheeler; DRA Twin Tiers (twintier@wnyreferee.org/wheels7ref@hotmail.com)
16. Jerry Sullivan; WNYSYSA Rep. (ejsreft@hotmail.com)

Not Present:

1. Michael Radecke; NYSWYSA President (president@nyswysa.org)

Approval of last meeting minutes:

The September 17, 2006 minutes were present for approval in the new proposed format. Chris Chilano moved to accept the minutes as presented and Joe Delity seconded the motion.

ACTION ITEM CODES:

R: Report

AD: Action by DRA's/ Committee member

Reports of Officers

SRA – (Curt Hamlin)

1-AD Documents were handed out to all individuals showing progress to date for each of the districts. DRAs are to review and get back to Curt if there are any particular issues that they do not understand.

2-AD Written document 1/21/07 from Joe Delity is needed regarding the Southern Tier.

3-AD Submit Pro List candidate names to Curt by 2/1/07. Fitness test will be held in May 5th, 2007– Location will be announced at a later date.

SYRA – (Bill Campbell)

1-R Olympic Development Nationals is sending Steve Montanino from New York West. Send him congratulations.

2-R The youth referees of the year were announced at the November AGM. They were Dan Cheatham of Ithaca and Stephanie McKay of Buffalo.

1-AD Badges for referees were sent to the DRA's. Please hand them out at registrations.

2-AD Please submit contender list for ODP, and Regionals by March 1st. Include name, phone, email, and comfort zone of the individual. Remember: Anyone nominated for regional competitions MUST plan on doing the S. C. in June 07.

SDA – (Art Jaspe)

1-R No Report.

SDI – (Bill Pasmak)

1-R No Report.

SCA – (Bill Fahey)

1-AD The Assignor class of 2007 will be sent out on a spreadsheet.

ARBITER: DISCUSSION

SRC & WNY are trying to find a way so all of WNY can share possible cost savings of this program. Handed out the Arbiter Vision Statement that details how the Arbiter System will be operated, the method of payment of the system and the structure for operation of the system.

Each current license number will remain with the district that currently owns it. We are simply trying to aggregate all of the districts in WNYSRA for a cost savings.

In the Elmira district, the Arbiter system may be used by both the High School association and the WNYSRA district. Tom Barker recommended that each be set up locally as separate sports. Should this become an issue in the future, WNYSRA will set up a different account for the Elmira group.

President of the Rochester Unit, Dave Weaver, sent an email on 1/13/07 with his thoughts to the SRC. Each assignor will purchase an Arbiter License. Rochester DRA, Bill Bianchi, stated that we must rescind the email that Weaver sent out.

WNYSRA will embrace that 9 districts under each district license number. Each district will report the number of referees, assignors, and assessors to the SRC to gain the cost advantage for 1000 slots with technical support at \$3.00 a person.

Motion to move made by: Mike Allmendinger, seconded by Bill Helwig.

1-AD Update the roster on the Arbiter system for each district by 1/31/07.

US CLUB SOCCER: DISCUSSION & IMPACT ON WNYSRA

In Buffalo, one team wants to join the national association of US Club Soccer. Some concern exists with this decision because if there is an assault or abuse onto a referee it has to be dealt with at the US Club Soccer National level.

SRC needs in writing a guideline from the Great Lakes Alliance that their "Friendlies" are under jurisdiction of USSF, and not to be confused with the ASL.

1-AD SRA to prepare a bullet point list of what the needs are for US Club Soccer to operate in WNY.

TRAINING PROGRAMS: ASSESSOR, INSTRUCTORS, ASSIGNORS

Assessors: (Art Jaspe)

Date of clinic: March 9, 10, 11, 2007, in Buffalo, NY.

Bond: \$50.00 /each
20 candidates
\$10.00/each for registration fee for successful completion of course.

Art distributed a proposed budget for the course which explains what is needed to hold the course at little to no expense to the state. He was given the go ahead by the SRC to hold this course.

Instructors:

Date: Course will be offered in November / fall of 2007.

Bond: \$75.00 / each
Unlimited number in class listed at meeting
\$10.00/each for registration fee for successful completion of course.

Assignors:

Date: 2/24/07 at the Hampton Inn 9 to 4

Bond: \$35.00/ each
15 in a class
\$10.00/each for registration fee for successful completion of course.

WNY CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE SENT FROM SRA TO ALL MEMBER CLUBS/LEAGUES OF NYSWYSA.

The point of the questionnaire was to attempt to find out exactly where the WNYSRA stands in terms of covering all youth matches in the state with certified officials using the diagonal system of control and USSF certified assignors.

One thing that has already come from this are the two new proposals presented by the SRA/SYRA in conjunction with the SDI at the meeting. The first is to resurrect the Grade 12 (Assistant Referee) badge. The second is a new cost structure to be offered to youth soccer clubs for both the Grade 12 and Grade 9 (Recreational Youth Referee) classes stipulating that the club must do the advertising and setup of the classes in order to receive the discount.

1-AD SYRA will attempt to come up with a "club friendly" version of these documents will be written and posted to the WNYSRA web site and published in an upcoming issue of Striker West (NYSW) .

DRA REPORTS (continued from Report of Officers)

R-Batavia: An entry-level class is coming up.

- R-Southern Tier:** Registration classes are being set up and will in send materials.
- R-Binghamton:** Four re-cert clinics are completed to date.
- R-Syracuse:** The contingent registration is ½ completed. It will be interesting to see how the “Club Letter / Grade 12” will be responded to.
- R-Twin Tiers:** Anticipates a reaction to the “Club Letter / Grade 12” from this area.
The Cohocton Adult leagues in the fall are unaffiliated with USSF.
The U18 league in this area might disband.
- R-Elmira:** No report
- R-Ithaca** No report
- R-Buffalo:** Annual report for grade 9: 2006 participants have disappeared. 130 new have joined.
Two more re-cert clinics are coming up, 300 referees are returning.

Old Business

1-R Registration On-Line Instructions – Western New York State Referees Association manual: Note that item # 11 is for debit / credit cards.

2-R Adult League in respective local areas:
Batavia = group into Rochester for RDSL use
Binghamton = None.
Buffalo: Premier; Over 30 Premier; D1; U30; U23 (women & open)
Elmira = Adult D1
Ithaca = None.
Rochester = Premier, D1, D2, D3, Ov 30P, Ov 30 1st, Ov 30 2nd, W 1st and W 2nd, Ov 40.... Input due from Rochester.
Southern Tier = None.
Syracuse = One Women’s D1; One Men’s D1
Twin Tiers = None.

3-AD Professional Clinic 2007 will be held the first weekend of May. SDI (Pasnak) will obtain the announcement from National Office. SRA (Hamlin) will work with Pasnak and the State committee. SCA (Fahey) will work with the SRA and area DRA’s.

4-AD Advance clinic: individual attendees should write in and ask to attend. This should be completed by March 31.

DRA/Committee Action Items:

1-AD SYRA requests that the DRA's write a report of how each district handles mentoring. SYRA wants to set up system state-wide. He is looking for open ended comments, rather than form letter.

- a. What has worked?
- b. What has not worked?

2-AD Please post ALL clinics on the website AND send them to SRA Hamlin for posting on the other site (Recert, Entry Level, etc...).

Financial Report

1-R Not going to post the annual report on the web site.

2-R Waiting for more dollar figures to come in

Good of the Organization

1. New for 2007, a request for upgrade form is available to all DRA's, This form should be signed by the DRA and SYRA before going to the SRA. The process allows the DRA and Local Board to identify those candidates that are going beyond the annual requirements. If for 2007, if a request is already with the SRA, you do not need a second form unless the SRA requested.

New Business

1-AD Upgrades: April 1st is the deadline to request an upgrade to the SRA. Bond for upgrade is due by April 1. Individual requests, through the appropriate channels for upgrade, will be given preference for assessments. Please refer to the Assessment Process map that Art Jaspe prepared for our group.

2-R Assessor assignments will be posted early in the season so arrangement and accommodations will be made with ample time to schedule.

3-R SYRA: handed out the "USSF Annual Recertification in the Western New York State Referee Association" (packet / document). Please use this in the up coming registrations.

- 4-R Review of Policy and Procedures. This will be done annually.
- 5-R Review of the presentation by Steve Montanino; "Assault – STOP!"
Comments back to Fahey by Jan. 31/07

2007 MEETING DATES:

2007

March 24	Exec. Board
April 22	SRC
June 1	Exec Board (Friday of S.C.)
June 24	SRC
August 12	Exec. Board
Sept 16	SRC

Adjournment

Motion to close the meeting was made by Joe Delity. Bill Helwig seconds this motion.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

The next meeting will be April 22, 2007 at 10am.