

## Western New York Referee Association

State Referee Committee

### Meeting Minutes

Held at Holidome, Henrietta, NY on November 14, 1999. Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.

### Roll Call

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| 1. Reinhold M. Spath, SRA                  | (rms1@eznet.net)            |
| 2. William Fahey, SYRA                     | (wdf28@aol.com)             |
| 3. David Wolgast, SDI                      | (dwolgas1@rochester.rr.com) |
| 4. Art Jaspe, SDA                          | (ajaspe@aol.com)            |
| 5. Wally Wiegert (Binghamton)              | (wwiegert@pronetisp.net)    |
| 6. Dave Herron (Twin Tier)                 | (herrond@hotmail.com)       |
| 7. William Pasnak (Rochester)              | (pazref@aol.com)            |
| 8. Curt Hamlin, Acting Recording Secretary | (curt_hamlin@msn.com)       |

### Miscellaneous

Thanks are extended to Dan Watson for setting up the facilities for our meeting.

Main objective of this meeting is to schedule activities for NYSW so that all districts are made aware of items before they happen.

### Old Business

1. ASRA's were to nominate a person to the State Coordinator of Assignors (SCA) position by October 15, 1999. As of November 14<sup>th</sup>, no nominations have been made.
2. Dates for the various competitions under our auspices have been finalized. They are:

President's Cup in Brockport	May 20-21, 2000
State Cup in Binghamton	June 3-4, 2000
ODP at Ryder College	June 10-11, 2000
Regionals in Rhode Island	July 1-5, 2000
3. No competitive U-10 in President's Cup this year (2000). Problem is the introduction of score. Need more development of policy before this would work. The kids may suffer a bit, but the coaches and parents have ruined it. There was at least one incident reported in Binghamton last year (1999).
4. Fahey, Pasnak and Wiegert communicated since the last SRC meeting and come up with some wording for unit responsibility of number of officials to be provided to the State Cup and President's Cup. The proposed wording is:

Each district within NYSW that has teams entered into the finals of the State Cup or President's Cup tournaments shall provide a minimum of one referee per team participating. It will be the responsibility of the ASRA in each district to provide the proper number of referees. In the event that the number of referees provided is less than the required number, a fine of \$50.00 will be assessed by the SYRA to that district, payable to the tournament assignor within 30 days of the tournament end. Any special circumstances will be dealt with on a one by one basis, and must be submitted in writing to the SYRA prior to the tournament end.

Mr. Wiegert would prefer to change the last sentence to read:

Any special circumstances, requests for exemption, or relief from the above must be submitted in writing to the SYRA at least 21 days prior to the tournament.

This will be a policy upheld by the State Youth Committee (SYC) for the year 2000 President and State Cups. All ASRA's are asked to comment on this by **December 15<sup>th</sup>** so that the policy can be approved at the January meeting.

5. ASRA's are instructed to announce and distribute information on the Assignors Course. The course is being offered on November 21 at 10:00am. It will be held at the German American Club House in Rochester. The fee is \$35 and includes registration and lunch. The instructor will be David Wolgast, SDI. All registrants should contact R.M. Spath, SRA to confirm attendance. Rochester and Buffalo should be looked at as the leaders in this regard. For almost every assignment made in these two districts, the person doing the assigning is a registered assignor with USSF by completing the assignor course. This is the goal of NYSW to be true of all districts.
6. ASRA's were to identify their project 50 candidates to the SYRA by October 30<sup>th</sup>. To date the only region to do this was Batavia. This list needs to be completed so the SYRA and SDA can coordinate their efforts on this project. The target for this project is new state 6's and high potential 7 and 8's. They ideally have been registered with the unit for 2-3 years and must show potential for being something other than just a great **local** official. Send the completed list to the SYRA no later than **December 15<sup>th</sup>**.

### **New Business**

1. Please see the attached timeline for important dates to be considered for the upcoming year. There are no planned courses for new instructors or assessors.
2. Discussion was made as to how to deal with registrations. It was agreed that time should be spent from November to December going after the established official. From January to February going after the college official coming home for Christmas or February break. Finally spending time in March and April going after those young officials which are sitting on the fence trying to decide. By doing this and coupled with the new referee clinics being held we can meet the goal of at least a 10% increase in registrations.
3. Mom & Pop clinics. Sports in general have problems and soccer is no exception. At the U-10 level it is not the kids which are the problem, it is the parents and coaches. Bill Fahey has submitted a budget for 40 "Mom and Pop" clinics to NYSW. If approved they will be held at various sites and last between 2 and 3 hours. The process to arrange for a clinic is simple. The organization fills out a form and submits it to the SYRA. The SYRA then contacts the SDI to arrange for an instructor. At the completion of the course the instructor fills out a brief questionnaire and returns this to the SYRA. The clinics are free to the organizations and they will be strongly urged to use these to the fullest extent. Bill will be giving a brief overview to the General Meeting this afternoon.
4. Art Jaspe is currently looking into the possibility of creating a set of new positions known as District Coordinator of Assessment (DCA) to aide him in the major undertaking of coordinating assessments in the various districts.

### **Action Items**

1. Need to find State Coordinator of Assignors (SCA) **(Fahey)**
2. Need to establish SRC Policies and Procedures File **(Hamlin, Fahey)**

3. Explore opportunity to work with NYS office for bulk mailing. Need to submit to the state office a file containing names and addresses, and file containing the document to be sent. **(Hamlin, Fahey)**
4. Explore an opportunity for WNY Referee Association Handbook **(Hamlin, Fahey)**
5. Complete Project 50 Candidate List to SYRA **(All ASRA's)**
6. Finalize wording for unit responsibility on number of officials which are to be sent to the President and State Cups **(All ASRA's)**
7. Develop program for District Coordinator of Assessment (DCA) and have ready for next meeting. **(Jaspe)**
8. Review district training schedule **(All)**
9. Proposal to change the title of Assistant State Referee Administrator (ASRA) title to District Referee Administrator (DRA) which better states the job function for these people and to be consistent with the other 55 regions **(Fahey)**

The next SRC meeting will be held sometime in January. It was proposed to move the site of the next meeting to a different location, since 2 have been held in Rochester already. It was agreed that for the January meeting it should stay in Rochester for it's central location and due to the weather conditions which could exist.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 for lunch with the general assembly.

## IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMELINE

		Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	
<b>SDA</b>									
Assessor Clinic	Rochester					12 <sup>th</sup>			
	Buffalo					25 <sup>th</sup>			
No new course for assessors									
<b>SDI</b>									
Assignor Clinic	Rochester	21 <sup>st</sup>							
ITIP (Part 1)	Rochester			14 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>					
ITIP (Part 2)	Rochester				18 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup>				
Intermediate Referee Workshop	Binghamton						7 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>		
Professional Clinic *	Rochester						29 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	
No new course for instructors									
<b>SRA/SYRA</b>									
New Referee Courses	Now through 4/30	—————→							
Registration Dates		Established —————→		College —————→		Undecided —————→			
Mom & Pop	Now through 4/30	—————→							
<b>OTHER</b>									
Youth Referee of Year	Deadline 10/30/2000								
Appt to ODP/Regionals	ODP (6/10-11) Regionals (7/1-5)							15 <sup>th</sup>	
Appt to State/President Cups	President (5/20-21) State (6/3-4)						15 <sup>th</sup>		
Request for Upgrades							1 <sup>st</sup>		

\* - Time frame of professional clinic is TBA. Hopeful date is 4/29-30 otherwise 5/6-7