

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

March 5, 2006 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 Campbell; SYRA (syra@wnyreferee.org/tripsdad@printswilliam.com)
3. William Fahey; Chairperson/SCA (sca@wnyreferee.org/wdf28@aol.com)
4. Art Jaspe; SDA (sda@wnyreferee.org/ajaspe@aol.com)
5. William Pasnak; SDI (sdi@wnyreferee.org/pazref@frontiernet.net)
6. Sam Paradise; Treasurer (Batavia rep) (treasurer@wnyreferee.org/sparadis@rochester.rr.com)
7. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton (binghamton@wnyreferee.org/soccer-referee@stny.rr.com)
8. William Helwig; DRA Buffalo (buffalo@wnyreferee.org/billreferee@yahoo.com)
9. Tom Barker; DRA Elmira (elmira@wnyreferee.org/tlbark1078@verizon.net)
10. Mike Allmendinger; DRA Ithaca (ithaca@wnyreferee.org/mea2@cornell.edu)
11. Jeff Bird; Rochester Rep (calmumref@hotmail.com)
12. Joe Delity; DRA Southern Tier (southerntier@wnyreferee.org/jdelity@localnet.com)
13. Angelo Paparo; Syracuse Rep (juve736@aol.com)
14. Greg Wheeler; DRA Twin Tiers (twintier@wnyreferee.org/wheels7ref@hotmail.com)

Guests:

1. John Barbuto (italianref@aol.com)

Not Present:

1. Katherine Dzedzic; Secretary (secretary@wnyreferee.org/ktd23hart@aol.com)
2. Chris Chilano; DRA Batavia (batavia@wnyreferee.org/cchilan1@rochester.rr.com)
3. Paul Lysiak; DRA Rochester (rochester@wnyreferee.org/plysiak@rochester.rr.com)
4. Ron Kuck, DRA Syracuse (syracuse@wnyreferee.org/rakuck@a-znet.com)
5. Jerry Sullivan; WNYSYSA Rep. (ejsreft@hotmail.com)
6. Sandy Ostebo; NYSWYSA President (president@nyswysa.org)

Approval of last meeting minutes:

The December 18th minutes were present for approval in the new proposed format. It was felt by the executive team that streamlining the minutes would be beneficial in everyone finding what pertained to them much simpler. Bill Pasnak moved to accept the minutes as presented and Angelo Paparo/Joe Delity seconded.

ACTION ITEM CODES:

R: Report

A: Action by Executive Officer

AD: Action by DRA's/ Committee member

Reports of Officers

SRA – (Curt Hamlin)

1-R Curt passed out the National Referee Development organization and job descriptions. To be reviewed at a later date.

1-A Motion: by Pasnak; seconded by Campbell that the SRC empower the SRA to write a letter dissolving the agreement between the Rochester unit & the RDYLS, which includes the appointment of a lead assignor, should this issue not be resolved in any other manner, in accordance with USSF Policy. [No action needed at this time]

1-AD Prepare a list for PRO CLINIC attendance by March 10, 2006 for invitations to referees. Please send this list to SRA Hamlin.

2-AD Feedback from each district / local board on enhancing registration for 2006. Send this request to Curt Hamlin.

SYRA – (Bill Campbell)

1-R ODP June 9-11, 2006. We will be sending 9 referees, 2 assessors.
Region I June 29 – July 4, 2006. We will be sending 11 referees, 2 assessors.

2-R Recreational Referees-It has been noted that in the two districts that have large numbers of recreational referees (Ithaca and Buffalo) that the return rate seems to be more effected by the games the kids are getting. If they are being assigned to lines on travel games with more experienced officials acting as centers the return/upgrade rate is near 80%. Currently return rates of Rec refs only doing house/rec games is less than 25%.

1-AD Input from each district as to candidates for Regionals and ODP... due to Bill Campbell by March 14

SDA – (Art Jaspe)

1-A Curt noted that real time data can be developed & posted on the website as assessors submit data from current assessments for assignors to view and utilize in coding for their decisions for game placement. ART to submit a way / form to do this. Due: June 8th.

SDI – (Bill Pasnak)

1-R New computer equipment was made available to the district on March 5th.

1-A Determine what books can be used in the entry-level clinics, [Laws made Easy] vs the normal laws book. USSF input required, cost and availability.

SCA – (Bill Fahey)

1-R MEETING DATES

EXECUTIVE BOARD: 2/12/06; 8/13/06 from 10 - 2 PM

SRC DATES: 3/5/06; 6/11/06; 9/17/06 from 10 – 2 PM.

STATE CUP JUNE 3-4, 2006 (ROCHESTER, TSE 2 MORE YEARS)

1-A SCA will contact each assignor to get Tournaments and league names and dates.

1-AD Assignor class for 2006, DRA's determine interest level and send an e-mail to Fahey for planning purposes. Due March 15th.2-AD DRA's are to review the handout "Assignor Guidelines", input due by March 30th.**Old Business**

1. SYRA Bill Campbell to bring a suggested process / document for acceptance of referee registration via Visa or MasterCard to review with a group. To be set up with 2007 / 2008 & USSF National.

2. Adult League in respective local areas:

Batavia = group into Rochester for RDSL use

Binghamton = None.

Buffalo: Premier; Over 30 Premier; D1; U23 (women = open / other)

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 D1

Twin Tiers = None.

DRA/Committee Action Items:

1. Recommendation by Fahey – adopted into policy & procedures for document at the next meeting. *KD will change the text* = Change "Amateur" to "Adult" in the documents and bring changes to the next SRC meeting.
2. Bill Campbell, Bill Pasnak, Paul Lysiak, and Chris Chilano will draft up ways to market / communicate the need for new / returning referees.
3. 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?

4. Prepare a list for PRO CLINIC attendance by March 10, 2006 for invitations to referees. Please send this list to SRA Hamlin.
5. Please post re-cert clinics on the website AND send them to SRA Hamlin for posting on the other site.
6. Assignor class for 2006, DRA's determine interest level and send an e-mail to Fahey for planning purposes by March 30th
7. New Business from SDA: A sketch of plan of a performance of a referee. ART to submit a way / form to do this. Due April 2006
8. Bill C. to come up with a document describing the methods and charges allowed for Recreational Youth Referee certification/recertification/upgrade.

Financial Report

Treasurer, Sam Paradise

Good of the Organization/ New Business:

1. Bylaws for WNYSSRA are posted on the web site. If a local board wants to have their own, they must submit them to the SRA and will be reviewed by the Exce. Committee for approval.
2. Recreational referees that work travel games will pay local dues the second year they register. The first year is ... No Dues. Program will come from SYRA.
3. Recommend Gr.8 referees that due a regular rotation of adult games should meet the annual requirements of a grade 7 to receive priority for game assignments.
June 11th group review.
4. New for 2006, 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 2006, if a request is already with the SRA, you do not need a second form unless the SRA request it.
5. SDI handed out a recommendation for re-certification clinics.

Adjournment

Motion to close the meeting was made by Bill Helwig. Joe Delity seconds this motion. Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.