

Western NY Referees Association
State Referee Committee
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION AFFILIATE
Meeting Minutes – JANUARY 8, 2017 - APPROVED

Meeting held at the Lexington Hotel, Brooks Avenue, Rochester NY. Meeting called to order at 10:04 am
adjourned at 1:04 pm

Roll Call:

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| 1. Michael Tata; SRA v | sra@wnyreferee.org |
| 2. Bill Pasnak, Chairperson v | chair@wnyreferee.org |
| 3. William Campbell, SYRA v | syra@wnyreferee.org |
| 4. Art Jaspe, SDA v | sda@wnyreferee.org |
| 5. John Kramer, SAC (not present) | sac@wnyreferee.org |
| 6. James Pitcher; DRA Binghamton v | Binghamton@wnyreferee.org |
| 7. Bill Helwig, Buffalo v | buffalo@wnyreferee.org |
| 8. Tom Ross, SDI v | sdi@wnyreferee.org |
| 9. Bill Bianchi, Rochester v | Rochester@wnyreferee.org |
| 10. Steve Wu, Treasurer v | Treasurer@wnyreferee.org |
| 11. John Cook, Ithaca v | Ithaca@wnyreferee.org |
| 12. Brett Ernenwein, Batavia | Batavia@wnyreferee.org |
| 13. Tom Barker, Elmira v | Elmira@wnyreferee.org |
| 14. Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier v | Southerntier@wnyreferee.org |
| 15. Angela Paparo, Syracuse (not present) | Syracuse@wnyreferee.org |
| 16. Chris Rollins, Secretary v | Secretary@wnyreferee.org |

Not Present

John Kramer, SAC and Angela Paparo, Syracuse

Old Business:

WNY Secretary (Chris Rollins) reviewed WNY SRC **September 11, 2016** Meeting Minutes.

MOTION: There was a motion to accept the minutes by Bill Campbell, seconded by Bill Phearsdorf. All in favor, none opposed; the minutes are approved

2017 Meeting Dates:

FULL SRC:

April 9, 2017

September 10, 2017

EXEC SRC:

August 13, 2017

December 3, 2017

New Business, SRA report and topics:

Michael Tata; SRA

- AGM registration is up and running
- Local referee units to send a list of updated officers to SRA
- Proposed revisions to WNYSRA Bylaws were reviewed:
 - Page 7 of 16, Section 7.1
 - Page 11 of 16, Section XII (2)
 - Page 12 of 16, Section XIV (5)
- John Kramer has resigned from the SRC, effective April 1, 2017. Bill Pasnak will consider position as interim SAC.
- Reminder that all local unit treasurers operate under the responsibility to the WNYSRA Treasurer.
- DRA's please notify SRA if assignors would like to use Game Officials for tournament asap.
- WNYSRA Mobile App planned to "go live" at AGM
- Batavia District has a vacancy for DRA
- Reminder that all local units MUST have their Bylaws approved by the SRC
- SRC Secretary will distribute Conflict of Interest Statements to local units

Bill Campbell; SYRA

- New league coming to WNY – U.S. Club Soccer
- Reminder that any international referees MUST apply to work in a USSF/NYSWYSA tournament using the USSF Referee Registration Form.
- Region 1 – rumor is that the ERL may be planned in conjunction with the Empire Cup in May.
- Thruway League – Assignments will come through both Arbiter and Game Officials. Payments will be processed in a similar way.
- 2017 assignments through Game Officials
 - Ithaca
 - Elmira
 - Binghamton
 - State Cup
- Risk Management – if you use an "out of town" referee assignors must obtain confirmation of 2017 registration and risk management from their local unit. Plan on a four (4) week turn around if the referee needs a risk management pass from NYSWYSA.
- SYRA will confirm dates for State Cup, ODP, Presidents Cup, Region 1 Tournament. State Cup playdown game schedule will remain the same.

John Kramer; SAC

- Not present – resigned from SRC, effective April 1, 2017.

Tom Ross; SDI

- Grade 6 Upgrade Clinic – will be offered every two (2) years. Referee must attend within a year of their upgrade.
- Sad news for Rochester – WNY Flash is moving to North Carolina. This is going to be a loss for local referee development.
- AGM – Looking for Sunday morning topic ideas & speakers. Tentative agenda to be made available at the end of January.
- Instructors needed, current number is as follows:
 - Batavia – 1

- Binghamton – 2
- Buffalo – 9
- Elmira – 0
- Ithaca – 3
- Rochester – 12
- Southern Tier – 1
- Syracuse – 3
- Fitness Testing – rosters sent to units for review
- Entry Classes -New referee recruitment needs attention asap.
- Minimum number of participants per class is 15 by Tuesday of the week of the class.
- 2017 Registration in process – test results will be available after registration period
- Recert Tests – If a test is not taken within five (5) days of a recert a \$5.00 charge will be added to allow the referee to take a make up test.
- DRA approval is needed for a grade 8 referee to attend an advanced clinic and pass grade 7 test.

Steve Wu; Treasurer

- Local districts please provide updated board list to SRA
- 2016 Federal/State Taxes filed.
- 1099's will be sent out next week to those who received income from the SRC
- Local units please provide Treasurer a copy of banking information and who is the signature for the accounts.

Art Jaspe; SDA

- 2016 Assessments – 596 completed across all units
- Assessment Recertification – SRC engaged in a discussion relative to how referees are measured. Expectations for each grade is currently posted on WNY website.
- Assessment Fees – Assessors are allowed to conduct multiple assessments on games (i.e., CR & AR). The total fee allowed is game fee plus \$15.00.
- Mentor Program – screening process for mentors will be challenging. Program is a “work in progress”.

District reports:

Syracuse

- No report

Buffalo

- Registration is slow. Halfway through recerts.
- Trying to conduct double sessions on the same day to increase numbers
- Added weekday recerts.

Rochester

- 2017 Recertification is in process.
- Arbiter will be used for 2017 assignments.

Southern Tier

- Working on new referee recruiting

- Mentor Program Reimbursement – forward to SRA
- Recert clinic needs to be rescheduled.

Ithaca

- About halfway through 2017 Recertification Clinics

Binghamton

- Final recert for 2017 completed. May consider adding another in March. 40 referees.

Elmira

- Conducted 1 of 3 recerts.
- One Entry Class has been scheduled.
- Need an assignor
- Will use Game Officials for 2017 assigning.

Batavia

- Brett Ernenwein expected to be elected DRA.
- Brett states that he is committed to growing the Batavia unit.
- New Bylaws, policies and procedures and website in process.

MOTIONS AND VOTES:

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bill Campbell, motion was seconded by Bill Phearsdorf all in favor, none opposed, motion carried and the meeting concluded at 1:04 pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Recorded and Submitted By:
Christopher Rollins
Secretary, WNY Referees Association
January 8, 2017

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APPROVED, April 9, 2017

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