

Western New York State Soccer Referees Association Meeting Minutes

7 April 2019

I. Call to order

Chairperson Serrano called to order the regular meeting of the WNYSRA at 10:00 EDT on 7 April 2019 at Radisson Rochester Airport.

Roll call

Secretary Wolgast conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

Stephanie Serrano, Chair

Michael Tata, SRA

Tom Ross, SDI

Art Jaspe, SDA

Bill Campbell, SYRA

Bill Pasnak, SAC

Dave Wolgast, Secretary

Steve Wu, Treasurer

Bill Bianchi, Rochester

James Pitcher, Binghamton

Julie Randall, Ithaca

Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier

Bill Helwig, Buffalo

Tom Barker, Elmira

Syracuse not represented

Amateur Representative not represented

Youth Representative not represented

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 6 January 2019 previously distributed

Motion: Ross

Second: Campbell

Jaspe requested clarification on State Youth Cup National Coach proposal

Approved unanimously

III. Treasurer's Report – Wu

<See Appendix>

Motion: Pasnak

Second: Ross

Approved unanimously

IV. SRA Report (Tata)

- Registration
 - Wrapping up
 - Recert in Southern Tier
 - Additional advanced recert in Rochester with fee of \$40 – All levels welcome
 - Referees who did not meet requirements for grade will be downgraded
 - Jaspe – Medical waivers for maintenance/fitness – maintain grade for one year
- AGM – Nov 1-3, 2019 booked at Rochester Radisson Airport
 - Friday evening – Social event with possible outing at Lasertron
 - Bianchi – Consider Radio Social on Humboldt St (adult recreation)
- Assessor assignments – Preliminary lists of referees requiring assessments have been provided to assessor assigners

- Referee's responsibility to ensure the correct number of passing assessments

V. SYRA Report (Campbell)

- Risk Management
 - Issue with NYSWYSA reconciling referees cleared Risk Management. Having difficulty getting old and new systems to communicate. Lists received by SYRA are incomplete
 - Do not call Mike Kozak or Alex Brame
 - Referee's responsibility to not accept youth assignments without valid RM
- Decision whether to send referees to Regionals:
 - Caused issue with NYSWYSA
 - Sent preliminary invitation to 20 referees
 - Proposal: We will pay mileage for any referee who goes and takes one passenger. We will pay \$25 per diem (receipts required) to cover dinners. Up to \$5,000 budgeted, likely only \$2,500 to be spent (6 to regionals, 4 to ODP).
 - Motion (Campbell): Budget up to \$5,000 to send referees to USYS Regional and ODP events
 - Second (Pasnak)
 - In favor (All others)
 - Opposed (Jaspe)
 - Abstain (None)

Motion Passed

VI. SDI Report (Ross)

- State Cup National Coaches
 - Committed – Brenda Wright, Sharon Wheeler

- Motion (Ross): Meetings each evening (Fri/Sat) with meal for review for 50 people, \$15/person total \$750 with 2 national coaches
 - Second (Tata)
 - Unanimously approved
- Coming Changes presentation <See Appendix>

VII. SDA Report (Jaspe)

- Preparing assessor schedules for upcoming season
- Fees were collected during registration
- Upon submission of completed assessments, assessors will be submitted to Wu for payment
- Assessor assigners will look at each referee's schedule to determine best game for assessment

VIII. SCA Report (Pasnak)

- Assigner recerts complete

IX. Binghamton

- Registrations are done, ready to start the season
- New Treasurer: Bonnie Lundy

X. Buffalo

- 1 recert left in Fredonia
- 1 entry level course in Lakeview (currently 13, hoping for 15-16)
- Current numbers about same as last year
- Has 15 badges left. Owes 21 whistles for recently completed course
- Bylaws changes
 - Role of treasurer – reports to state treasurer, follows local budget
 - Voting – any referee, assessor, assigner, instructor gets 1 vote, regardless of number of positions

- SRA recommends approval of bylaws with updates
 - Second – Campbell
 - Approved Unanimously
- Buffalo requests mentor program funds for 2019 (written request submitted)
 - Tata moves to award
 - Second – Pitcher
 - Approved Unanimously

XI. Elmira

- All entry level classes complete
- Approximately 45 referees total
- Kyle Burke has moved, VP is acting as president. Special election will occur at second unit meeting, June
- 1 new assigner
- 1 new instructor (Barry Winters)
- Wu – Moving local accounts from Chemung Canal Trust to M&T bank

XII. Ithaca

- All classes complete
 - 57 recerts
 - 41 new

XIII. Rochester

- 402 recert referees
- 169 new referees
- Last year 661 (net -110)
- 7 entry courses

- Disciplinary actions being followed up with league and board
- League-specific meetings in coming weeks
- Next meeting - June

XIV. Southern Tier

- 1 recert remaining
- After elections, board remains the same
- Questions on amount of local dues by a referee
- Wu needs invoice for \$3,000 payment from last year's mentor program

XV. Syracuse

- Angela Paparo has resigned. A replacement is being sought
- Registration is complete

XVI. Old Business

- None

XVII. New business

- Wu – Moves freeze Rochester checking account – Monies in/out not identified/justified
 - Second – Bianchi
 - Approved unanimously
 - **Motion Rescinded by Wu**
- Jaspe – Motion – Per WNYSRA bylaws, Article 14 Section 4, State Treasurer shall assume full control of Rochester and Southern Tier accounts
 - Second -- Tata
 - Discussion
 - Ross – Provide specifics to each district on what they must do to return to good standing

- Campbell – WNYSRA Treasurer must be able to see Paypal account (Rochester)
- Tata – Wu MUST be made an account holder on Paypal account (Rochester) immediately
- Wu – all funds must be swept immediately to WNYSRA local account

○ Vote

- Yea: Unanimous
- Nay:
- Abstain:

Motion Carries

- Wu -- For Southern Tier, Wu needs invoice for \$3,000. Needs detail on dues coming in. Must have W9 on file for ALL payments to individuals
- Tata – inform Southern Tier and Rochester units of actions taken by SRC in relation to their bank account.
- Jaspe – What actions have come out of the Finance Committee
 - Wu – No new actions/recommendations

XVIII. Good of the Organization

- BDSL Raiders participating in multiple national cup competitions
- Jaspe – will publish new priority of assignment document at next meeting

XIX. Meetings

- September 8th, 2019
- AGM November 1-3, 2019

XX. Adjournment

- Motion – Campbell
- Second - Tata

Chairperson Serrano adjourned the meeting at 13:48 EDT