

Western New York State Soccer Referees Association Meeting Minutes

6 January 2019

I. Call to order

Chairperson Serrano called to order the regular meeting of the WNYSRA at 10:01 EST on 6 January 2019 at Radisson Rochester Airport.

Roll call

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, Steven Hanes, Binghamton

Ithaca not represented

Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier

Bill Helwig, Buffalo

Elmira not represented

Angela Paparo, Syracuse

Amateur Representative not represented

Youth Representative not represented

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from 4 November 2018 Distributed

Motion: Campbell

Second: Tata

Approved unanimously

III. Treasurer's Report – Wu

<See Appendix>

Motion: Phearsdorf

Second: Jaspe

Approved unanimously

IV. SRA Report

- 2019 Registrations DRAs be aware:
 - No credit for leaving early from re-cert
 - DRA responsibility to distribute badges via whatever means
 - GO Roster has “Badge Received” checkbox – only for SRA use
 - Michael has Velcro discs – Please ask if you need additional
- AGM
 - 1st weekend of November is available at Radisson Rochester Airport (Nov 1-3)
 - Asked hotel to hold space until we finalize
 - We want to compile a video/slide presentation to show accomplishments of our referees
- Assessment fee collection
 - Most reaction from referees has been positive
- Directors are set to attend workshop in Chicago
- Potential Grade changes in 2020

- State Assessor course – none being offered. Trying to get State Coach courses, but only one offered in 2019 (Atlanta). No materials available
- Batavia Registrations: Referees will change district when they select a recert. There will be recert clinics scheduled for either Dansville or Mount Morris. Buffalo has not seen any Batavia registrations. Rochester as seen a few.
- Buffalo House League referees working winter games need to be registered for 2019

V. SYRA Report (Campbell)

- Frank Giancroce has been replaced by Steve Mauricio as Region 1 Referee Administrator
- Proposal:
 - Travel allowance amount for ODP/Regional for any drivers (\$131/person ODP, \$180/person Regionals) to even out lost stipends as in past. Is committee supportive to spend money to send referees to these tournaments
 - Previously, there have been benefits to referee careers. Going forward, that is doubtful
 - There is a need for adult supervision of youth referees at these tournaments (Head of Delegation has been eliminated)
 - Bianchi – Should we continue to send referees to these tournaments?
 - Serrano – Should we redirect funds to send our referees to other events (DA, etc...)?
 - Tata – we should table until April. Campbell – If we table until April, it will be dead for this year
 - Ross – Consider providing National Coaches to referees at State Cup
 - Paparo – Continue sending potential candidate names to SYRA regardless of which events we choose. Campbell – Yes.
- Motion (Ross): Recruit/fund National Referee Coaches from other states to attend State Cup for an amount under \$10,000.00.
 - Second – Pasnak

- Approved unanimously
- Tom will approach Rick Eddy for next steps

VI. SDI Report (Ross)

- Changing classes – GO problem with changing classes and double charging referees. DRAs can make these changes manually in GameOfficials
- If referees have difficulty accessing tests, likely because they did not complete a previous section
- Going to Chicago – 1 on 1 scheduled with staff from OfficialsConnect to discuss transition from GO
- Next year recerts – Rochester/Buffalo please work to schedule some clinics in Batavia/Livingston County
- Upgrade clinic – Held in November. Must be taken within 1 year of upgrade year. Any who plan to upgrade for 2020 and have not taken, they must complete this November
- AGM
 - Spoken to Kris Bailey (AL) to put together sessions for less experienced referees
 - Working on schedule
 - Trying to get Rick Eddy in to explain grade changes
 - Trying to get someone from OfficialsConnect (will be registration platform for 2020)
- Registration for assessors/instructors – Grade 6 or 7 referee – test transfers but must still complete section 1 acknowledgements for assessor/instructors

VII. SDA Report (Jaspe)

- 34 returning assessors
- 2020 recert – must attend advanced referee recert with assessment portion completed on-line
- Assessors may continue to do D&G assessments without SDA approval and should be compensated per local board policy

VIII. SCA Report (Pasnak)

- Assignor class – Scheduled for February, currently 6 participants. Districts should contact Pasnak ASAP with additional candidates. Time and place will be determined soon – Likely Rochester will be location

IX. Binghamton

- Introduced Assistant DRA Steve Hanes
- Registrations are way down, 24-25 attended recert
- Only 3 signed up for entry level course
- Hanes: Bing/Elm/Ithaca – 18 games mentored, 16 referees. 3 mentors per district, \$60 per game, total cost \$1,080.00. Plan for 2019 – 25-30 games, 20-30 referees, additional training for mentors. Request \$2,000.00 for the 3 districts for 2019

X. Buffalo

- 9 recerts completed with 247 referees, 33 registered for remaining recerts. 14 acknowledged that they will not return. Currently 294 referees accounted for prior to entry level registrations. All advanced (7+) referees have been accounted for. All upgrade candidates have completed recert
- 4 entry level courses scheduled, 2 additional pending. 63 current applicants. Advertising done at schools and indoor facilities, and at adult soccer and junior league meetings.
- Ross will send out instructions for sending mass email to district referees via GO to all DRAs

XI. Elmira

- Not present

XII. Ithaca

- Not present

XIII. Rochester

- Many TBD recerts and entry level classes due to insurance issues (including Greece CSD). Tata is assisting in resolution.

- 6 entry classes pending (Ross – only 2 currently listed on the website)
- Wu – If districts want to update websites, should contact the SRC first

XIV. Southern Tier

- Recerts start this week
 - May have to change location for Fredonia location
 - ST no longer has an instructor, will be required to pay travel for instructors
- Positive feedback from referees and parents on mentor program
- New club joining from Pennsylvania. Need to determine how to verify PAWest Risk Management for PAWest Referees. Tata will contact PAWest SRA and try to get a list of cleared referees who work these games

XV. Syracuse

- New President – Bill Albro
- 2 recerts completed, not well attended
- 1 entry course in early February (Syracuse), 1 entry course in March (Watertown)
- Mentor program
 - There are referees requesting mentoring
 - Select core group of mentors for intermediate referees
 - Tata – Requests proposal with numbers and costs
 - 1st & 2nd year referees covered by league funds and unit dues
 - Wolgast will work with Tata to create a rubric defining a funding proposal for mentoring, etc...
 - Jaspe – What measurements should be done beyond retention

XVI. Old Business

- None

XVII. New business

- Wu – Remind local treasurers to keep W9 on file for any payments to individuals
- Jaspe
 - Clarified that referees should be following Federation guidelines on game counts for upgrade.
 - Registration RM checkbox – Only says that referees will follow RM procedures for the matches they do. This does not mean they must go through RM process
- Tata – Mentor Program Requests
 - Motion: Approve up to \$2,000.00 each for Southern Tier and Bing/Ith/Elm
 - Second – Campbell
 - Approved unanimously. Funds will be made available when invoiced
- Jaspe – Confirmation that no referees under the age of 18 will be assigned to adult matches. Policy is being formulated and will be published soon.

XVIII. Meetings

- Tentative April 7, 2019
- Tentative September 15th, 2019
- AGM November 1-3, 2019

XIX. Adjournment

- Motion – Phearsdorf
- Second - Paparo

Chairperson Serrano adjourned the meeting at 12:42 EST