

# ***Western New York State Soccer Referees Association Meeting Minutes***

12 January 2020

## **I. Call to order**

Chairperson Serrano called to order the regular meeting of the WNYSRA at 10:00 EDT on 12 January 2020 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 not present

Bill Bianchi, Rochester

James Pitcher, Binghamton

Julie Randall, Ithaca

Bill Phearsdorf, Southern Tier

Bill Helwig, Buffalo not present

Chad Sustello, Elmira

Jason Byrnes, Syracuse

Amateur Representative not represented

Youth Representative not represented

## **II. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

Minutes from September 2019 previously distributed

Motion: Ross

Second: Campbell

Approved unanimously

### **III. Treasurer's Report – Wu**

Motion: Campbell

Second: Pasnak

Approved unanimously

Treasurer will take control of all QuickBooks bookkeeping

### **IV. SRA Report (Tata)**

- OMS requires special procedure for transferring data/money to national office. Requires elevated credentials, which Tata has been unable to acquire. No response from national office
- Almost 200 referees have been state-approved but no referees have been registered with US Soccer
- None will be sent to national for the next two weeks as Tata will be out of town
- Learning Center: Generally working – most problems are referees not following directions with credentials
  - R-<16-digit USSF ID>/Last Name (All Caps)
- Entry-level courses
  - We are way behind -25 people registered for online, 12 have completed. 12 registered (all Buffalo) for in-person clinic
  - Ross: process will be evaluated and will likely change
  - 2019 – 525 new referees – Rochester will take a big hit if numbers are low (~1/3 of referees were new last year)
  - Extend entry courses into May if instructors are available – Risk Management may be an issue
- Shortage of Regional Assessors to cover existing regional referees. Numbers may drop in 2020 due to new fitness requirements

- Grassroots Coaches – different tiers of coaches
- Meeting dates for 2020 sent out – Note April meeting will be March 29 due to Easter

#### **V. SYRA Report (Campbell)**

- Bill will be attending Young Referee of the Year banquet in Baltimore
- Bill will be reaching out to invitees for regional tournaments very soon (February)
- Names for State Cup should be submitted by 1 April – Tournament is 29-31 May 2020

#### **VI. SDI Report (Ross)**

- Registration: Do not send Tom emails asking for referees' statuses
- Badges are not the responsibility of instructors. District Representatives should be distributing badges
- Re-certs – Try not to enroll more than 60 for a recert clinic; not as effective
- Entry clinics – 10-30 people
- We will do an entry-level instructor course in 2020 on Jan 31 & Feb 1 – Planned 2021 for instructor and assessor to combine into referee coach

#### **VII. SDA Report (Jaspe)**

- We will continue to run assessment program as we have until we get solid information about new program/classifications to assess adult matches. We will continue to use GameOfficials
- Lauren Dearman has taken coach course and is working on post-course requirements

#### **VIII. SCA Report (Pasnak)**

- One new assignor for area lacking an assignor

#### **IX. Binghamton**

- Proposal for 3-District mentoring (\$2,400) attached (Binghamton/Elmira/Ithaca)
  - Ross: Need to study/report (statewide) what effect mentoring is having toward retention (not as condition for approval of proposal at this time)
  - Pasnak: Need SRC guidelines to define mentoring programs.
  - Pasnak: Consider assigning assessors to State Cup Playdowns

- Campbell: Bin-Elm-Ith mentor plan is for year 3-8 referees
- Tata: Request to remove State Cup Playdown from mentoring request. Guidelines on mentor qualification are listed in last year's proposal. Standard grant is \$2,000 per district – this proposal covers 3 districts
- Motion to accept proposal:
  - Ross
  - Second: Pasnak
  - Vote: Accepted Unanimously

## **X. Buffalo (report given by Tata)**

- 4 recerts remaining – 255 referees registered, 260 unknown
- Buffalo requests mentor program funds for 2020 (written request submitted by Cathy Jaspe)
  - Ross – What criteria are used to assess success/failure & drive improvement of the program?
    - Serrano – Measurements on referee performance compared across the season/multiple mentors to evaluate individual referee improvement
    - Tata – data would be useful to filter to SDI for inclusion in recert/entry level courses
  - U10A 3 referees – mentor is referee, ARs are mentees – Tata: How effective is mentoring while refereeing?
    - Serrano – Mentors are all effective/experienced enough to be able to mentor while refereeing. Scheduling issues limit number of mentors available
  - U10B – single referee, mentor off-field
  - Ross – Have you utilized retired referees?
    - Ross/Pasnak – Needs risk management/Safesport
  - Pitcher moves to award
    - Second – Campbell
    - Approved Unanimously

## **XI. Elmira**

- New representative: Chad Sustello

## **XII. Ithaca**

- Recerts going slowly – 0 referees registered
- Many newer referees not returning

## **XIII. Rochester**

- DRAs do not have access to referee classes/rosters to get badge counts, see eligible referees
  - Add DRA as instructor to see rosters
- 7 basic recerts, 2 completed ~35 attendees per class
- Entry clinic info will be summarized next meeting

## **XIV. Southern Tier**

- No recerts yet – updated recert info will be sent to Ross
- 2 people signed up for instructor course
- League expanding into Allegany County – may need an additional entry course
- Need contact with PAWest SRA to get referees for Erie-area games in Southern Tier league

## **XV. Syracuse**

- New DRA – Jason Byrnes
- Had first recert - ~20 attendees, additional recerts scheduled
- Entry level class scheduled, working on publicity
- CYJSA is shrinking

## **XVI. Old Business**

- AGM4
  - May be final AGM due to high expense vs low turnout
  - Highest quality in terms of presenters & instruction
  - Issues
    - Marketing/Promotion

- Dates
- Location
- Content
- Not likely to have AGM5

**XVII. New business**

- Corporation needs to update information with Attorney General - \$20 filing fee
- Tata is enrolled for US Soccer AGM as delegate for WNYSA
- Pass any suggestions for alternate meeting times to Tata

**XVIII. Good of the Organization**

- None

**XIX. Meetings**

- March 29, 2020

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- Motion – Pasnak
- Second - Campbell

Chairperson Serrano adjourned the meeting at 13:24 EST