

Western New York State Soccer Referees Association Meeting Minutes

29 March 2020

I. Call to order

Chairperson Serrano called to order the regular meeting of the WNYSRA at 10:07 EDT on 29 March 2020 as an online conference.

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

Brayden Manzella, Southern Tier

Bill Helwig, Buffalo

Chad Sustello, Elmira

Jason Byrnes, Syracuse

Amateur Representative not represented

Youth Representative not represented

II. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from Jan 2020 previously distributed

Motion: Ross

Second: Pasnak

Approved unanimously

III. Treasurer's Report – Wu

<See Appendix>

Motion: Pasnak

Second: Campbell

Approved unanimously

- Districts must provide a detailed accounting of members paying local dues rather than only depositing a single large lump-sum.

IV. SRA Report (Tata)

- There have been requests to review WNYSRA financials. Would like to provide a view-only opportunity in-person.
 - Ross – Are members not entitled to copies of the Treas report?
 - Tata – Can provide summary page, but details should be viewed only
 - Byrnes – Only provide 990 or refer to Guidestar & nothing else
 - Wu agrees
- We currently have 70 referees who have completed registration process except SafeSport. They cannot be approved until SafeSport is complete. We have 76 referees who are pending Risk Management Officer Action for all reasons (including SafeSport). Still must complete NYWSYSA Risk Management process.
 - Campbell – Some referees have completed wrong course
- Total Registrations to be transmitted
 - 46 assignors
 - 30 referees

- 1 Instructor
- Some of our members with COVID-19
 - RDYSL – Proposed short season June 1-Aug 1
 - Roch Rec Leagues: Canceled
 - Thruway League: Canceled
 - RDSL: No decision yet
- What to do about registrations if seasons are canceled? Request for refund?
 - Ross – If they have completed course and been registered, money is spent and refunds would generate huge expense for state treasury. Almost no chance national will issue refunds
 - Bianchi – Reduced WNY portion of registration
 - Tata – Discounted rate can be considered, but need to determine how to configure in OMS
 - Sustello – Can we request local units help cover any refunds/reduction?
 - Wu – What about refund on local dues? State does not have accurate records of local dues
 - Tata – Units control local dues & could waive for 2021
 - Referees who do not register for 2020 can return in 2021 without penalty
 - Pasnak – We can only control our portion of registrations. Have to wait to see what US Soccer will do.
 - Tata – Could waive \$10 state maintenance fee for 2021

V. SYRA Report (Campbell)

- Thruway League meeting tomorrow – will determine additional postponement to 30 Apr 2020.
- ODP – All events canceled, still trying to determine what to do with President's Cup

- State Cup – Unlikely that final 4 will happen in May, but hoping to do something prior to deadline. Still need districts to submit names in case something does happen.

VI. SDI Report (Ross)

- Recert clinics – several clinics have been canceled
 - Test clinic via Zoom went better than anticipated
 - Additional Zoom clinics have been scheduled with instructors experienced in online instruction. 6 have been scheduled, limit 20 participants. There can be exceptions made for overflow in specific circumstances
 - Instructions exist on OMS and in Tom’s recent email on how to change into one of the online clinics
 - List of clinics was emailed to SRC members
 - After each clinic, Ross will send participant list to all DRAs. Instructors do not have that ability
- Entry Clinics
 - Just over 100 new referee clinic registrations canceled. What do we want to tell those who have been canceled? Refunds? Move all to online?
 - 8 students participated in online class on 28 March
 - Campbell – Large fall league in southern tier where new referees can still work
 - Bianchi – Be up front with referees about uncertainty surrounding games in 2020
 - Pasnak – Give referees a choice and set a date limit. Either complete course and risk no season or get refund
 - Tata – if refund, we keep the course fee (instructors/expenses) and refund registration/state maintenance
 - Ross – We will hold registrations until a deadline date. After that date, no refunds will be issued. (proposed date by Tata – on or before May 10)

VII. SDA Report (Jaspe)

- If/when we start up in 2020, no changes anticipated to how/where we post assessments
- New assessors & assessor upgrades are on hold pending decisions from Chicago

VIII. SCA Report (Pasnak)

- 6 Assignors have not come back for 2020
- Campbell – Game officials: all Regional referees are currently denoted at Grassroots GR7

IX. Binghamton

- Recerts complete
- Entry level complete
- No local dues this year or next year

X. Buffalo (report given by Tata)

- ~300 referees have completed recert

XI. Elmira

- Exec board meeting at end of this week

XII. Ithaca

- No report

XIII. Rochester

- RDYSL – 6-game schedule 6/21 thru 8/1
- Nothing from RDSL yet
- 361 recertified
- May need to run some 3-referee games with a single referee

XIV. Southern Tier

- Southern Tier League is on hold

XV. Syracuse

- No new information

XVI. Old Business

- Ross – New Web Page status?
 - Tata – Deposit has been paid and vendor is analyzing our current website

XVII. New business

- Ross – Do we need a Director of Recruitment
 - Additional focus on recruiting adults

XVIII. Good of the Organization

- Tata – if nothing changes, we will not use Learning Center in 2021

XIX. Meetings

- September 13, 2020

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- Motion – Pasnak
- Second - Campbell

Chairperson Serrano adjourned the meeting at 12:04 EST

Minutes approved by: <Name>