

Minutes of the MVSRA meeting on April 15, 2007

Called to order: 7:05 pm

Attendance: Ed Kobos, Kevin Waters, Peter Inserra, Kit Hutchinson, Rich Abel, Glen Bahr, Frank Foster, Jon Harter, Patrick Inserra, Jeff Kuhn, Byron May, Rick Mitchelson, Ray Pitcher, Naomi Starsiak, Eric Ventura, Pat Woods, Jim Wright, Damien Zombek, Denis Mistic.

Attending AYSO 3E meeting: Steve Barth, Bill Brooks, John Elnicky, Chip Hadity, and Joe Stanco.

- 1) Minutes of the last meeting:
 - a. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as posted on our website.
- 2) Correspondence:
 - a. Jose Vargas contacted Ed, apologized for the confusion and promised we will all get our photo ID's.
 - b. Ed received an email from Rich Ceonzo about our August 11 physical fitness meeting. Due to scheduling conflicts no one will be available to administer the test. Ed will try to get Art to administer it.
- 3) Presidents Report
 - a. 2007 badges, books and Velcro are in and if you haven't gotten yours contact Ed.
- 4) Vice-Presidents Report
 - a. The ethics committee met with details to follow under committee reports.
 - b. 8 people have signed up for the referee course with a possibility for more.
- 5) Treasurer
 - a. 2007 dues are now due and 2006 are way overdue.
 - b. The balance in our account is \$2094.17
- 6) Secretary
 - a. Copies of the roster were passed out. If you did not receive the original or cannot open excel files let the secretary know and he will mail you a copy. If you have Microsoft works there is now a file available in that format.
- 7) Registrar
 - a. Kit will be sending out another order for equipment from official sports so please contact him if you would like to order anything.
- 8) Assignor
 - a. If you accept a game on Arbiter and later need to decline it contact Kevin by phone or email as soon as you know you need to decline the game. NOTE: you are NOT excused from the game until Kevin responds to your email or phone call.
 - b. Feel free to cross out available days on Arbiter as time marches on. There is no need to fill out your availability for July right now.
 - c. There is a "note" box on the page after your game has been accepted that you can use to make notes about your game (meeting place, jersey color, etc). HOWEVER there is no notification to other referees about your notes unless you do it manually.

- d. The rule changes for the CNYJSL are posted on their website (cnyjsa.org) and all referees should print out a copy for when they are assigned games.
 - e. Recently there have been some games refereed by our members from the Eastern New York Region 1 League. Their website is enysoccer.com/premier and all information pertaining to their games can be found here.
- 9) Committee Reports
- a. Training
 - i. There will be a proactive referee clinic soon
 - ii. During games in the month of May there will be meetings like we have done in the past where members sit in the stands and observe officials working the game. Everyone is expected to attend one game.
 - iii. There will be a refresher course for AYSO referees on Wednesday at The Parkway recreation center in Utica for all those refereeing in New Hartford. Contact Eric Ventura for more information. If you would like to referee and live in the valley contact Ray Pitcher.
 - b. Ethics
 - i. Eric passed out information on the code of ethics for referees and how to appeal a charge against you.
- 10) Unfinished Business
- a. The treasurer will contact anyone who has not paid their dues for 2006.
 - b. CNYSSL countered our proposal to raise fees and more information is below
 - c. The next meeting of the MVSRA will be May 13 and there has tentatively been scheduled a clinic at Cavallos on the 14th or 21st with a FIFA referee. More details to follow.
 - d. New coins have been ordered but are not in yet
 - e. The executive board will be meeting soon to discuss matters such as fines for missing meetings and reimbursement for travel
 - f. Ed displayed two choices for our Hall of Fame brick and one was chosen by the members to represent us in perpetuity.
 - g. Tournaments will be here soon if you are interested in them contact Ed or Kevin immediately.
- 11) CNYSSL
- a. There will be no premier division this year. The breakdown is Men's A league 10 teams playing on Tuesday, B division 6 teams playing on Monday, Women's division will have 8 teams and play on Wednesday. There will be two women's games played on a Sunday due to Coliseum playing in Italy.
 - b. The season starts June 4 and there will be no games on July 4.
 - c. The CNYSSL countered our proposal of \$130 game fees with a reduced fee for games cancelled due to weather with a proposal to keep the fees \$120 with no reduction due to weather related cancellations. Ray made a motion that all referees are to receive their entire game fee before the game starts regardless of how long the game lasts. It was seconded by Jim Wright and passed 18-1.
- 12) Training
- a. The test from last fall was reviewed with the most missed questions asked.

13) Items for the good of the game

- a. Many positive comments were made about the level of play at the past weekends Region 1 games in Herkimer. It was suggested that referees try to watch a game if they aren't assigned one. Ed said one team was ranked around 7th in the country in their age division.
- b. Kevin attended a seminar for assignors and other officials at Ryder University. The Men's team coach and some of the players were also present and said their biggest complaint of referees is lack of communication between centers and assistants. The second biggest complaint was lack of approachability of a referee. Ed said he would try to do better on both counts.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 pm (Kevin and Glen)

Respectfully submitted

Peter Inserra, Secretary

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