



Rhode Island State Referee Committee, Inc.

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Minutes for the June 9, 2011 meeting of the State Referee Committee

Held at the Holiday Inn Express, 901 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick, Rhode Island

Members Present:

Steven Mauricio, SRA
Steve Votolato, President of Soccer RI
Jack Breetveld, SAC
Brian Sperlongano, Secretary
Kathy Souza, Member at Large

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

1. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. The minutes of the May 12, 2011 meeting were approved by unanimous consent.
2. The Secretary's Report
 - a. An increased effort will be made to add in-state and nearby tournaments to the SRC calendar.
 - b. State Referee bios will be put up on the web site in order to promote our top referees
3. The SRA's Report
 - a. Inaria uniforms will be sold at all SRC-sponsored events with the following prices: \$20 for jerseys, \$15 for shorts, and \$5 for shorts. In addition, a "kit" will be offered, which includes 2 jerseys (gold and black), shorts, and a pair of socks for \$55 (a \$5 discount).
4. Member at Large Comments
 - a. No Comments
5. The SAC's Report
 - a. Some complaints were received about not getting enough assignments.
 - b. It is the intention of the SRC that referee grade is to be used in determining priority of assignments. Emeritus referees will receive lower assigning priority than high-grade referees.

6. The SDA's Report

- a. The Super Liga has been more cooperative than in previous years regarding access to assignments, but still remain less open than the SRC would hope.
- b. Al Ricci and Steve Mauricio attended the SDI/SDA workshop in Chicago. US Soccer is pushing to insert a new referee grade between the current grades 6 and 7. Grade 8 was originally intended to be an entry-level referee grade; it was never the intention of US Soccer for referees to remain grade 8 referees indefinitely. The exact nature of this proposed new referee grade has not yet been established.

7. The SDI's Report

- a. US Soccer is developing a series of online training modules about the Laws of the Game. The online modules will be used for future new referee training once they are available.
- b. The online testing feature of GameOfficials.NET will be used for the annual referee exam once it becomes available.
- c. The July recreational instructor clinic will facilitate on-the-field training for 2012.

8. President of Soccer RI Comments

- a. Soccer RI was extremely pleased with the referee performance at the State Cup finals.

9. SYRA's Report

- a. Rhode Island referees did well at the President's Cup regional finals in Albany, NY. Nick DelGreco was selected to President's Cup national finals in Delaware. Matt DeBlois was selected as referee for the U17 boys final.

10. New Business

- a. The Referee Handbook subcommittee presented an updated Handbook. The Handbook was passed by unanimous consent with the following amendments:

Inserted into section 4:

"For in-state assignments, received at least 72 hours before the match, a referee is encouraged to contact his/her original assignor in order to be released if assigned to a higher-level match. Assignors, in order to further

referee development, are highly encouraged to release that referee without prejudice.”

New text for section 5.7:

“If one or both teams cannot field enough players within the league's grace period, or 15 minutes if no grace period is provided, the match shall not be played, and the referee shall note this in the match report. The officials for that match shall be entitled to a full match fee. If not paid at the field, the referee will submit a request to the SRC for payment.”

- b. Soccer RI Cup referee and assistant referee fees for all matches will be as follows:

U19: \$50 / 25

U16: \$45 / 25

U14: \$35 / 20

U12: \$30 / 20

11. Adjournment

- a. The next monthly meeting will be held on July 14, 2011 at 6:30 PM, at the Holiday Inn Express, 901 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick.
- b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.