



# Rhode Island State Referee Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes for the October 13, 2011 meeting of the State Referee Committee

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

### Members Present:

Steven Mauricio, SRA  
Adel Cabral, SYRA  
Al Ricci, SDI (acting); Treasurer  
Jack Breetveld, SAC  
Brian Sperlongano, Secretary  
Kathy Souza, Member at Large  
David Borts, President of RISA

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM.

### 1. President of RISA Comments

- a. A request was received by the senior assignor from the RISL to assign the SRA to a specific assignment. The assignment in question had already been assigned to another referee. Due to the conflict of interest, the request was referred to RISA.
- b. A report of referee assault was received for the SNE Super Cup final on October 1.
- c. The US Adult Soccer Association (USASA) has appointed a new executive director, Duncan Riddle.
- d. The member at large reported that a referee assault may have happened at an RISL match. The SAC will follow up with the assignor and referee to determine whether any assault occurred.
- e. The SRA recommended that RISA appoint Luis Cutelo as referee coordinator for the SNE Super Cup.

### 2. Secretary's Report

- a. Tom Duff requested assistance in recruiting referees for the Barrington Invitational Tournament on Nov 5-6. Emails will be sent to the referee community in order to promote the event.
- b. An email will be sent out reminding referees of annual recertification requirements.

3. Member at Large Comments

- a. CCRI's Lincoln and Warwick campuses are available as venues for classroom recertification events. The cost for a room is \$150.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Payment from GameOfficials has been received, however, the process is still manual and thus there is a lag between when money is received by GameOfficials and when it is received by RISRC.
- b. Instructors are still owed for their services at recent clinics; instructors will be paid the developmental rate of \$30 per hour for 5 hours.

5. SDI's Report

- a. Some irregularities were reported at the Woonsocket recertification event regarding attendance. The SDI will investigate.
- b. Enrollment in on-field clinics has been inconsistent, with some sessions being well-attended but other sessions being cancelled due to low enrollment.

6. SYRA's Report

- a. Based on the results of this year's trial run of on-field recertification, next year's calendar will include increased regionalization of clinics for towns with a low referee population.
- b. An instructors meeting is needed to review instructor requirements for recertification clinics and correct operation of GameOfficials. The SDI will arrange an instructors meeting.
- c. A male and a female referee were nominated to Region I for their referee of the year award. Region I will select their regional referees of the year from amongst the pool of state nominations.

7. SAC's Report

- a. A few complaints have been received from referees of not getting games for leagues assigned in GameOfficials. The following procedure is noted:
  - i. When a referee accepts a game via text, a confirmation is sent.
  - ii. An email is sent by the system to a referee in the event that they are auto-declined due to not accepting an assignment in a timely manner.
  - iii. "Open Game" emails are sent out frequently.

8. Approval of the Minutes

- a. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent for the August 11, 2011 regular meeting, held at the Holiday Inn Express, Warwick.

9. SRA's Report

- a. A Region I meeting will be held this weekend in Boston.
- b. US Soccer will be combining the SRA and SDI workshops into a single event next year.

10. Unfinished Business

- a. A referee which was not paid for the U8 festival at the Chaffee Complex in Cranston will be paid their owed fees by the SRC. CLFC will be billed for the amount.

11. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 PM.
- b. The next meeting will be held on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at the Holiday Inn Express, 901 Jefferson Blvd., Warwick.