



# Rhode Island State Referee Committee, Inc.

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## Minutes for the March 8, 2012 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)  
Joe Carreiro, SDA (acting)  
Jack Breetveld, SAC  
Brian Sperlongano, Secretary  
Joe Giblin, Treasurer  
Kathy Souza, Member at Large  
Steve Votolato, President of Soccer RI

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

### 1. Approval of the Minutes

- a. The minutes of the February 9, 2012 meeting were approved with amendments.

### 2. Treasurer's Report

- a. The SRC is owed a credit from Inaria for shipping and for the annual contractual sales credit. A meeting will be held with Inaria at the upcoming Soccer RI Expo.
- b. The treasurer is working to balance the books on the 2012 recertification season.

### 3. SRA's Report

- a. Referee training & registration for 2012 is considered complete at this time, and the SRC will now turn its attention to 2013 events.

### 4. SYRA's Report

- a. By unanimous consent, the following process is established for 2013 registration:
  - i. All clinics must be paid for in advance or upon arrival at the clinic. Referees who arrive at a clinic without payment will be sent home.

- ii. Annual recertification exams must be completed within one week after the clinic, after which the clinic will be closed. Referees who do not complete the exam in time will be charged an administrative fee in order to take the exam more than one week after the clinic.
  - iii. One hour of in-service training credit will be given for the taking of the annual exam.
  - iv. A \$5.00 fee is established for replacement referee badges.
  - v. A \$10.00 late fee is established for any late recertification clinic held after December 31.
- b. On-field fall recertification clinics are planned for 3 clinics per week for 6 weeks.
  - c. A series of Super Liga pre-season meetings are being over the next three weeks. The SRC will be sending a representative to each meeting.

#### 5. Unfinished Business

- a. A proposal to change the assessment process for outside leagues was tabled.
- b. A proposal to grant attendance credit to instructors for the training that they conduct was approved by unanimous consent.
- c. A proposal to permit local referee coordinators who are certified instructors to conduct recertification training "in house" was approved by unanimous consent.
- d. A proposal to permit State Referees who fail the State Referee Exam within 10 points to downgrade to grade 7 was passed by unanimous consent.

#### 6. New Business

- a. The monthly SRC meeting is moved to the third Monday of each month. The next meeting will be held at the Soccer RI office in North Kingstown.
- b. Only registered assignors will be provided access to the statewide referee list.
- c. Several referees at the fall recertification clinic held in Woonsocket did not successfully complete their requirements. They will be permitted to meet their 2012 recertification training requirement by attending two Super Liga league meetings.
- d. The Grade 8 Bridge class is now full.
- e. The Rhode Island pro clinic will have a \$20 fee which will cover the cost of bringing in a National Instructor.
- f. An online store backed by Inaria is in progress.
- g. By general consent, all grade 7 and above referees must complete their game count, fitness, and assessment requirement in the prior calendar year for recertification.
- h. Matt DeBlois is appointed as director of the Young Referee Program, a new non-voting position responsible for developing referees age 16-21.

- i. The Soccer RI State Cup will be held at Deerfield Park in Smithfield on May 19-20.
- j. The Soccer RI annual banquet will be held on March 25 at 12pm at the West Valley Inn. As a result the fitness test is moved to 10am on the same day.
- k. Kathy Souza and Adel Cabral will lead the RI delegation to President's Cup. Brian Sperlongano and an administrator to be determined will lead the RI delegation to ODP.
- l. The price for Inaria uniforms is increased to \$25 for jerseys and \$60 for a kit in order to increase the per-uniform margin.

7. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 PM.
- b. The next meeting of the State Referee Committee is scheduled for April 16, 2012 at 6:30PM at the Soccer Rhode Island office, 35 Belver Ave, Suite 113, North Kingstown.