



Rhode Island State Referee Committee, Inc.

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Minutes for the August 20, 2012 meeting of the State Referee Committee

Held at Soccer Rhode Island, 35 Belver Ave., North Kingstown, Rhode Island

Members Present:

Steven Mauricio, SRA
Adel Cabral, SYRA
Al Ricci, SDI (acting)
Jack Breetveld, SAC
Brian Sperlongano, Secretary
Joe Giblin, Treasurer
Kathy Souza, Member at Large
Matt DeBlois

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

1. Approval of the Minutes

- a. The minutes of the June 18, 2012 meeting were approved by general consent.

2. SYRA's Report

- a. Super Liga is holding a coordinator's meeting. Adel will address the coordinators regarding the recertification process and developing the "top 100" list of promising young referees.
- b. The Summer Cup Academy had mixed success; a change in format is being considered for next year. A single-instructor model is being considered. An academy event is being considered during ODP in the March 2013 – May 2013 timeframe.
- c. A local association requested training assistance for their recreational program. A reduced fee of \$10/hour will be charged for on-site training. Joe Giblin will investigate the procurement of multi-part forms for use in written assessments.

3. Member at Large Comments

- a. The Super Liga meetings have not been closed out in GameOfficials, which has caused confusion for some referees.
- b. Kathy Souza will assist in handling registration questions during the busy fall recertification season.



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- c. A price quote of \$179 was received for a vertical banner for use at tournaments and special events. The SRC voted to purchase a banner with the RI Referee Program logo.
4. Secretary's Report
 - a. The letter requested by Soccer RI has been drafted.
 - b. Cold Spring Center has been booked for the October monthly seminar.
5. SAC's Report
 - a. The SAC reported that John Ferriera was happy with the quality of assignments in the RISL.
6. SDI's Report
 - a. The schedule of recertifications has been completed.
 - b. More material is being introduced into the online training in GameOfficials.
 - c. The fitness test will be held on October 28 at the Warwick Veterans High School track at 2:30PM.
7. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Approximately \$11,000 is on hand. The FY12 end of year balance was \$3,961.
8. New Business
 - a. The SRC voted to suspend referee Andrew Maldonado from participation in SRC-funded travel through December 31, 2013 due to his late withdrawal from the Region 1 championships. Andrew will also be ineligible for the 2013 Soccer RI State Cup. Notification will be made by the Secretary, and may be appealed at the next SRC meeting.
 - b. The SRC voted to that anyone who is sponsored by the SRC to travel out of state must have passed a fitness test within the prior 6 months.
 - c. The SRC voted to recommend to Soccer RI that the cost of 2 alternate selections (male and female, as necessary) be funded for each of the three regional tournaments. The alternates would be paid a fee of 50% if they are not called up. This would allow the delegation to handle an injury or withdrawal situation.



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- d. Due to the difficulty in arranging out-of-state division one adult assignments, and the need to have Grade 5 State Referees who are eligible to work the US Open Cup, the SRC voted to eliminate the requirement that Grade 6 State Referees who are in the process of upgrading to Grade 5 State Referee must receive one of their referee assessments in an out-of-state league. The SDA is recommended to bring in out-of-state assessors for Grade 5 upgrade assessments.
9. SRA's Report
- a. The SRA is pleased to announce that Barry Towbin of New Jersey will be the featured speaker at this year's upgrade clinic at the Soccer RI Expo. This year's expo is currently scheduled for Saturday, February 9. The referee events at the Expo will follow the same format as last year, with a morning upgrade clinic (Grade 7, 6, 5) and an afternoon bridge clinic (Grade 9 to 8).
10. Adjournment
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.
 - b. The next meeting of the State Referee Committee is scheduled for September 17, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Dean Building, 70 Industrial Road, Cumberland.