



Rhode Island State Referee Committee, Inc.

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Minutes for the February 18, 2013 meeting of the State Referee Committee

Held at the Dean Building, Cumberland, Rhode Island

Members Present:

Steven Mauricio, SRA
Adel Cabral, SYRA
Al Ricci, SDI
Joe Carriero, SDA
Jack Breetveld, SAC
Brian Sperlongano, Secretary
Kathy Souza, Member at Large
Steve Votolato, President of Soccer RI

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

1. SAC's Report

- a. The SAC participated in a webinar with US Soccer and was briefed on upcoming administration changes.
- b. There will be a Super Liga referee coordinators meeting on Feb 26 at 7pm in East Providence.

2. SYRA's Report

- a. Assignments to regional events are in the process of being made.
- b. We have sponsored referees' travel to event in exchange for either mentorship hours or attendance at regional events, etc.

3. Secretary's Report

- a. The minutes from the January 21, 2013 meeting were approved.
- b. The risrc.net domain name will be renewed for a 9 year term.

4. SDI's Report

- a. There are several new referee clinics on the agenda.
- b. A motion was approved by unanimous consent to assign one administrator to each classroom instruction clinic, for registration support during the first and last 4 hours



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- c. BYGSA has requested an unscheduled clinic; it will be provided for the instructor fee of \$120.
 - d. 13 mentors have been assigned for a new mentorship program.
5. SDA's Report
 - a. An Associate Assessor clinic is coming up March 10-11 in Farmington, CT. So far there have been no registrations for the event. Prospective assessors must be 18 years old, have been a Grade 7 referee at some point in their referee career, and have the permission of the SDA.
6. President of Soccer RI Comments
 - a. The 2013 Soccer RI Expo has been cancelled.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Uniform samples from uniform manufacturer Score were examined. The SRC will continue to investigate uniform options.
 - b. Kathy Souza will provide a proposal regarding continued logistics, returns, and administration of the uniform program.
 - c. 6 referees were invited to attend a Regional Training Seminar (RTS). 5 referees have accepted the invitation: Sam Mokalled, Amilcar Sicaju, Krista McCann, Miguel Lara, and Matt DeBlois.
 - d. The capacity of the morning session of the PRO clinic is increased by 10. There is additional space available at the pro clinic in the afternoon sessions. Upgrades will be accommodated regardless of space.
 - e. The proposal to change the referee upgrade policy is tabled, pending the results of a committee composed of Brian Sperlongano, Adel Cabral, and Kathy Souza to re-examine the handbook for revision.
8. New Business
 - a. Al Ricci is appointed SDI on a permanent basis.
 - b. A motion was made to hold a pre-season meeting for "Top 100" referees at the Warwick Public Library. The motion passed by general consent.
 - c. Future statewide instructor/assessor/assignor meetings will be made by teleconference. The motion passed by general consent.
9. SRA's Report



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- a. Promotional consideration, including whistles, coins, and t-shirts need to be ordered for State Cup. The tournament will be at Deerfield Park in Smithfield.
 - b. A list of tournaments is needed on the web site.
 - c. The Spring fitness test will be held on March 30 at 2pm at the Warwick Vets High School Track.
 - d. Correspondence was received from US Soccer that AYSO cross-certification is a one-time process and cannot be substituted for annual re-certification.
 - e. The U23 regional tournament will be held June 15-17. Nominations to referee this tournament are requested.
 - f. The Rhode Island Soccer League (Over 30) has a pre-season meeting Feb 23 at 10:30am at the Madeira Club. The RISL expects to have a premier division this year which will run 3-man-system matches.
 - g. The Southern New England Super Cup is expected to be in operation this year; it will be our only first division adult league.
 - h. A bill was received from Massachusetts for \$200 for assessments of RI referees on professional matches.
 - i. We would like to continue sending SRC representatives at Soccer RI district meetings to promote the referee program and answer questions.
 - j. The Soccer RI awards banquet was held on Feb 17. Referee coordinator will be asked for nominations for referee of the year for next year's awards.
10. Adjournment
- a. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.
 - b. The next meeting of the State Referee Committee is scheduled for March 12, 2012 at 7:00PM at East Providence City Hall.