

OSSRC Minutes – August 14, 2004

DATE & TIME. A meeting of the Ohio South State Referee Committee was held on Saturday, August 14, 2004 at 1:00 PM at the OSYSA office in Cincinnati, OH.

QUORUM. Ken Baldeosingh, the OSSRC State Referee Administrator, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. The following committee members were present: Ken Baldeosingh, Jim Reuther, Charlie Keaney, Pat Ruetschle, Ken Conselyea, Karl Kronberg, Carl Wright, John Cummings, Gary Mintchell, and Connie Shields. Brian Goodlander also attended as an observer.

MINUTES. The minutes of the April 10, 2004 meeting were amended as follows: Under Financial Report, the OSSRC is tax exempt. Under SDI, 531-8 refers to the policy number that unregistered referees may officiate in an emergency. The entire 5th paragraph of the SDI section is to be struck. Under SAD Report, the first paragraph should have the notation that a motion was made, seconded, and passed. The 2nd paragraph strikes the last sentence starting with Ken Baldeosingh. Paragraph 3 refers to how licensed assignors know who has/has not registered. In the 4th paragraph, insert the work “re-“ before “registered”. Paragraphs 6 and 7 refer to young referees of the year. Under Amateur Report, note that a consensus decision was reached to keep the adult clinic on the first Saturday in March in Dayton. Strike the word “just” in the second paragraph, first sentence. Under Old Business, strike the entire section. This duplicates discussion of the adult clinic discussed under Amateur Report. Under New Business, Scott Franklin was elected DDA for District 3 and Connie Shields was elected District 3 administrator, replacing Jim Reuther who had been acting administrator. John Cummings and Roberto VandeWynyard were nominated for SDI, not Ken Conselyea and Roberto; Roberto was elected. Persons wishing to register/re-register must complete the risk management forms online at the OSYSA website.

Someone moved and seconded approval of the Minutes as amended.

FINANCIAL REPORT. Pat Ruetschle discussed the interim financial reports for FY2004 to date, that were distributed ahead of the meeting via mail. We are in good financial shape, with revenues exceeding expenditures by over \$5,000 for the FY thus far. 2003 tax filings were submitted on time. He made the request that all FY 2004 bills be submitted ASAP, so they get recorded in the current FY.

SRA REPORT. Ken Baldeosingh reported that for FY2004, he has registered 3012 referees, a drop of 20 from the 3032 registered in FY 2003. 83 assignors, 32 assessors, and 49 instructors were also registered for FY04. All registrations are viewable on line. Charlie Keaney suggested that each district administrator, as well as the SDI & SDI periodically review their numbers on line, to ensure that what they show agrees with what USSF has. The question of “if someone is registered with the SRA, but USSF has no record of it, is that person covered by insurance?” arose. The answer was that the person is covered as long as the SRA has the applicable paperwork.

2005 registration forms were sent out by USSF and all referees also received a letter from OSSRC listing local clinic dates. We will send this letter out again next year.

Youth regionals were held in Rockford, IL. We sent 10 people, and they did very well. Next year, they will be held June 25-30 in Sioux City. Ken Baldeosingh wants to start working on selections early – to let candidates know of the requirement to do state cup finals games and be assessed. We need to submit names by the **next OSSRC meeting**. Jim Reuther will publicize the timelines. Hopefully, if we ID the nominees early enough, we can find decent airfares and fly them. Each district is to ID 5 candidates, with the exceptions of districts 4 and 5, which will ID 1 each, by the November OSSRC meeting.

We sent 5 referees to ODP in 2004 – 2 to women and 3 to men. Austin Gomez was happy with their performance. We need to start identifying candidates for 2005. The exact dates are unknown, but it is usually mid-July. Candidates must be age 16 or older, but if they are under 18, there is a lot of paperwork which needs to be filled out due to the limited adult supervision.

Twelve officials attended the youth Director's Cup in Lawrence, IN. This was a national tournament, with officials from the entire country. Four of our officials were selected for final matches as referees.

Four Ohio South officials attended the adult regionals in Milwaukee. Rizall Millikan was selected to go to Orlando to the national finals.

Five officials went to the Tournament of Champions from Ohio South.

SDA REPORT. Carl Wright noted that he has received 32 assessment reports thus far this year. The final tally of assessors for 2004 is as follows: national-4; state-9; assessor-16; associate-3. The annual recertification clinic will be in December.

SDI REPORT. Seventy-four people attended the state re-certification and instructor clinic. There is a Spanish entry level clinic scheduled in August. There is some ongoing confusion regarding distribution of materials (books, badges, etc.)

Concern was voiced over the recent Recertification Clinic held in Cincinnati. The consensus was that Rodney Kenny did an excellent job of instruction. There were some issues regarding the time allotted to take the refresher test, as well as badges not being distributed because of confusion over what was a passing grade. In addition, communication with the instructor should have been better. He only found upon his arrival that the Saturday attendees were not going to be the same as the Sunday ones; he'd planned a 2-day course as opposed to two separate one-day courses.

There was also some discussion as to the recertification topics for this year's cycle. Ken Baldeosingh will work with the SDI to improve next year's clinic.

SYRA REPORT. Our two youth referees of the year were honored at a Crew game in July. They received free tickets, met the referees, had pictures taken, and generally had a good time. Their names were submitted to Region II. We need to start thinking about 2005 candidates.

ADULT REPORT. Ken Conselyea expressed his appreciation for the good working relationship the Adult Association has with Ohio South officials. He also reported that the Founder's Cup went very well. In addition, he discussed the 5 national tournaments run by the Adult Association and the types of referees assigned to each one. He suggested that we use the National Coed Cup as a training ground for 7's and 8's, and 7's and candidates for 6 might be sent to the Veteran's Cup. The Tournament of Champions, Regional Cup, and Soccer Festival get, and will continue to get, state and national grade officials.

OLD BUSINESS.

- 1. Ken Conselyea moved; Gary Mintchell seconded, to approve the Annual Referee Re-registration Guidelines as amended during this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 2. Ken Conselyea moved; Gary Mintchell seconded, to approve the Annual Assessor Re-registration Guidelines as amended during this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 3. Ken Conselyea moved; Gary Mintchell seconded, to approve to the Annual Instructor Re-registration Guidelines as amended during this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**
- 4. Ken Conselyea moved; Gary Mintchell seconded, to approve the Guidelines for Entry Level Referees as amended during this meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Ken Baldeosingh will distribute approved versions of this via email.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Elections. Below are the results of nominations and elections to the OSSRC

DDA, district 1 – Brian Goodlander and Steve Teetor were both nominated. Brian Goodlander was elected.

DDI, district 1—Mike Rothgeb was the only nominee and was elected.

2. 2005 planning. Ken Baldeosingh had previously distributed the 2005 calendar via email.

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, November 21, 2004 in Dayton. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.