

Ohio South State Referee Committee Minutes

Location: MVYSA Office

Date: December 5, 2010

Attendees: * Ken Baldeosingh * Ken Conselyea Wendell Crain
Mike Goenner * Alex Cardenas * Mike Rothgeb
* Pat Ruetschle Melissa Fugazzi * Ed Shoemaker
* Brian Goodlander * Karl Kronberg * Keith Emerson
* Stephen Gabbard * Gary Mintchell * Larry Normansell
* Charlie Keaney * Ted Patterson * Tom Frisbie (OSYSA)
* John Benintendi Joe Colvin Ron Williams
* Denotes attendance * Jim Dicks

I. QUORUM - Ken Baldeosingh

The OSSRC SRA called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The above denoted committee members were present. Gary Mintchell was appointed secretary pro tem.

II. MINUTES - Mike Goenner

Charlie Keaney moved, Steve Gabbard second, to accept minutes. Motion approved.

III. FINANCIAL REPORT - Pat Ruetschle

Financial statements were electronically distributed. Pat Ruetschle noted that funds are in the black better than planned. It was announced that Jim Dicks has been appointed to replace Ruetschle as Treasurer.

IV. SRA REPORT - Ken Baldeosingh

Report electronically distributed.

Special notes: 350 officials registered for 2011 so far and have been uploaded to USSF.

D&O insurance has been renewed.

Notes from the USSF Workshop. Changes are coming for online instruction. Many changes have occurred in the National referee department. USSF is looking to have online recertification. It also wants guidelines on conducting disciplinary hearings.

Steve Gabbard asked if there were a better way to facilitate abuse filings. SRA Ken Baldeosingh asked him to serve as a committee to develop something for ossrc.com.

The new OSSRC brochure is on the Web site.

Pro clinic will be April 9-10 in Xenia. It was suggested that the running test be moved to AIA.

An intermediate clinic is being scheduled.

Youth Referees of the Year were Dillon Andrews (male) from Dayton and Andrea Witte (female) of Columbus. Discussion for the future centered on need to look for what the region is looking for in candidates so that our youth have a good chance for regional honors.

Adult Referee of the Year will be Michael Goenner.

V. SDA REPORT - Brian Goodlander

Report electronically distributed.

Notable discussion – Goodlander announced he has appointed district coordinators for the youth academies: Chris Hawks (Cincinnati), Doug Palomaki (Dayton) and John Starr (Columbus).

It was requested that a button be added to the OSSRC Web site for Academy applications.

VI. SDI REPORT – Stephen Gabbard

Report electronically distributed.

Discussion:

OSSRC will have an entry level instructor course at the MOSSL office.

State instructors are studying Web-based training for new referees geared toward helping them pass the test so that class and field time can be devoted to developing them as referees.

We used the new running test for recertification. A three-tiered test allowing for age and grade differences will be developed for 2011. Also in 2011, the Cooper test will be offered once for those who still wish to take that test. To help referees prepare for the new fitness test, Ken Baldeosingh will ask Chico Grajeda and Mike Salyers to develop a training regimen.

A Web-based survey of Ohio South referees generated about 800 responses. Two major problems noted were “not enough hands-on experience to prepare me for refereeing” and “instructors did not tell us how to reach assignors and get games.” The instruction program will address these issues. Responding to why they did not recertify, the number one answer was verbal abuse followed by “did not earn enough money.”

Steve Gabbard moved and Ed Shoemaker seconded to revise policy 1.4 C – Upgrade to Grade 7. Motion passed. New policy attached and uploaded to ossrc.com.

Gabbard further proposed that OSSRC add a program to include some sort of onfield observation of new referees within first few games after training. He will bring a proposal to next Board meeting.

Gabbard is also developing a course to take on the road to educate parents on how to watch youth soccer.

VII. STATE ASSIGNOR COORDINATOR - Charlie Keaney

Assignors will be required to attend recert next year. It is scheduled for January 8.

VIII. SYRA REPORT – John Benintendi

Four tournaments are ready to be approved. He wants to have referees assigned to state cup early this year because of potential conflicts with tournaments.

Steve Gabbard, John Benintendi and Ed Shoemaker were appointed as a committee to review fitness testing procedures and requirements.

IX. ADULT REPORT - Ken Conselyea

Report electronically distributed.

Two misconduct toward official hearings in past season. One was different this time, in addition to suspension, individual or team must pay for mutilated referee shirt.

X. WEBSITE - Mike Goenner/Gene Pitstick/Ron Williams

Gene Pitstick replacing Wendell on Website maintenance. Two requests were made regarding the Web site. First was to enable downloading by Macs and other browsers. Also a filter of membership for additional fields including gender, age, “ref since” and grade.

XI. ACADEMY

Brian Goodlander to develop program for academy for state cup.

XII. YOUTH REPORT

Tom Frisbie, the new OSYSA executive director, attended. He noted it was nice to have a transition with Jim Martella. He stated his goal is to help all the constituents of the game.

He will work with the Regional ODP leaders to help give referees a better educational experience at that tournament.

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Registration

It was noted that it is difficult to get numbers of referees out for recertification in November and December.

B.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of board members

SRA-Ken Baldeosingh reappointed
Secretary – Mike Goenner
DDA Columbus – Gary Krieger
DDA Dayton – left open (Mike Goenner was later appointed to a one-year term)
DDI 4 – Larry Normansell
DRA 5 – Gary Mintchell

Additional appointment:

Treasurer – Jim Dicks

Ed Shoemaker moved to adopt slate. Alex Cardenas second. Motion approved.

B. Charlie Keaney proposed the committee look at paying assessors like we do instructors. SRA took it under advisement.

XIII. Next meeting will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at MVYSA office, 10:00 AM.

XIV. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted for additions and corrections,
Gary Mintchell, Secretary Pro Tem