

**OHIO NORTH  
STATE REFEREE COMMITTEE, INC.**

August 11, 2015

Ohio Youth Soccer Association Office  
6650 W. Snowville Rd, Suite Y, Brecksville, OH 44141

Meeting called to order at 5:20 PM by Mr. Chapman, SRA.

The specified purpose for this meeting was a strategic planning session, and was held at the Panera Bread, 8447 Cippewa Rd, Brecksville, OH.

**ATTENDEES:**

VOTING MEMBERS:

Tom Chapman, SRA  
Brian Miller, Youth Rep  
Bill Nest, SDI  
Toby Tomazic, State Dir Assmt

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Ron Stuver, SRC Secretary  
Kalman Toth, SRC Treasurer

DISTRICT ADMIN MEMBERS:

ABSENT:

Barry Brooks, SYRA  
Blaz Pesorda, State Assignor Coord  
Gina Van Vorous, Adult Rep

ABSENT:

Paul Emhoff, Pres, OYSAN  
John Geyekenyesi, Pres, OSAN

ABSENT:

Dave Habib, Canton DRA  
Mike Hill, Mansfield DRA  
Roger Fey, Toledo, DRA  
Tom Lewis, Cleveland DRA  
Jim MacQueen, Akron DRA  
Thom Sutcliffe, Youngstown DRA  
Ken Van Wagnen, Firelands, DRA

Guests:

none

**MEETING MINUTES:**

Meeting Minutes from the June 9, 2015 meeting were submitted by Mr. Stuver.

**A MOTION was made by Mr. Nest, and seconded by Mr. Tomazic, that the minutes for June 9, 2015 be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: (Kalman Toth)**

Mr. Toth submitted financial status at the meeting:

Income:	\$148,549.56	Cash / checking:	\$ 36,701.29
Expenses:	-\$128,869.40	6-mth CD:	\$ 10,041.76
YTD (+/-)	\$ 19,680.16	9-mth CD:	\$ 10,044.26
		Total Assets:	\$ 56,787.31

- Mr. Chapman is preparing the 2016 budget, and a draft will be submitted to SRC members for review/input before the next meeting.  
ACTION: Mr. Chapman will submit draft budget to SRC members.
- Mr. Toth submitted copies tax returns for 2014 and 2015 to Mr. Chapman.

**A MOTION was made by Mr. Nest, and seconded by Mr. Miller, that the ONSRC fiscal year be changed from Sep 1<sup>st</sup> thru Aug 31<sup>st</sup>, TO calendar year Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, effective Jan 1, 2015, AND that the terms of SRC officer and appointments remain as Sep 1<sup>st</sup> as the initial date of appointment. The motion was approved unanimously.**

- Mr. Chapman requested that Mr. Stuver submit an email notification to all fitness test administrative volunteers, that they will receive a \$25 payment for their services on Aug 1, 2015. This payment was approved at the Dec 16, 2014 SRC meeting.  
ACTION: Mr. Stuver to submit email.

#### **WORK SESSION: (Strategic Planning)**

- ANNUAL CALENDAR

A draft annual planning calendar was submitted by Mr. Stuver. Month-by-month discussion enhanced the events and activities planned for the next year. See attached.

- DDI – Mansfield

Mr. Nest announced that he planned to appoint Mike Hill as the Mansfield DDI. Mr. Hill also serves as the Mansfield DRA.

- FITNESS TEST

A second fitness test opportunity should be scheduled during fall 2015. The date Sunday, Oct-11 was selected.

ACTION: Mr. Stuver will pursue selection of an appropriate facility.

- ASSESSORS / ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Tomazic initiated a discussion regarding training of assessors. The only assessor course offered at this time is the state assessor course. Mr. Tomazic recommended that the “Mentor” course be utilized for instructors and other mentors, and that these trained “Mentors” be assigned to D&G assessments for referees through grade 7A.

Consensus that an appointed position should be created to manage a mentoring program with multiple tracks. Mr. Nest suggested that this position report to the SDA.

- REFEREE ADVANCEMENT

Discussion: how to identify and track those referees interested to advance. Consensus that the declaration process should be renewed, with the following annual process:

STATE REFEREE

1. Referee declares interest to advance to state referee by submitting an application by Dec-1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Referee attends an appropriate state upgrade clinic in December.
3. The remainder of the following year would serve as the referee's "candidate" year to fulfill remaining upgrade requirements.

7A REFEREE

1. Referee declares interest to advance to 7A referee by submitting an application by Mar-1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Referee attends an appropriate 7A upgrade clinic.
3. The remainder of the year would serve as the referee's "candidate" year to fulfill remaining upgrade requirements.

ACTION: Mr. Stuver will send a draft of the referee grade / clinic requirements matrix for consideration. The purpose is to prepare a document that will provide guidance to referees and administrators regarding requirements for each referee level.

- MISCELLANEOUS DISCUSSION

- Mr. Miller suggested the creation of an FAQ webpage on the ONSRC website.
- Recognition of our referees who are achieving success regionally and nationally should be announced at clinics and posted on the ONSRC website.
- Mr. Chapman asked Mr. Miller to purchase shirts for the two referees who will attend the youth national championships.
- Mr. Stuver presented the youth regionals HOD report (see attached).
- Mr. Miller announced that Mr. Chapman has been selected to the USASA Hall of Fame! The induction will occur in California on Oct-10<sup>th</sup>.
- SRC meeting minutes should be posted on the ONSRC website.

- DRA FEEDBACK

Mr. Chapman submitted information provided by DRA's.

- Suggestion to hold regular meetings with District counterparts for planning and Q&A.

SDI -> DDI's

SRA -> DRA's

SDA -> DDA's

Mr. Nest suggested consideration of one meeting, rather than separate, to promote sharing of information that is similar among all three groups.

ACTION: Mr. Tomazic will investigate use of remote meeting tools (online & phone) to promote remote attendance for those who may not be available to attend in-person.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:39pm.**

## **OHN SRC PLANNING CALENDAR**

### AUGUST 2015

Aug 1	SDI	State Fitness Test (Twinsburg)
Aug 1	SDI	State Re-Cert (Twinsburg)
Aug 1-2	SDI	7A Upgrade clinic (Twinsburg)
Early Aug	Districts	Novice classes
Aug 11	SRC	SRC Meeting (annual planning meeting)

### SEPTEMBER 2015

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### OCTOBER 2015

Oct 8-11	SRA	USASA Meeting (Newport Beach)
Oct 11	SDI	Fitness Test (Barberton)
Oct 17-18	SYRA	OYSAN Bothwell Cup (N Canton)
Oct 18	SRC	SRC Meeting (N Canton)

### NOVEMBER 2015

Nov 7	SRA	OYSAN AGM and Awards Luncheon
Nov 21	SDI	Instructor Re-Cert clinic
Nov 21-22	SDI	New Instructor course
Nov 21	SAC	Assignor clinic (with OYSAN AGM)

### DECEMBER 2015

All month	Districts	Novice classes
All month	Districts	Re-Cert clinics
Dec 8	SRC	SRC Meeting
Dec 19-20	SDI	State Upgrade clinic
Dec 19	SDI	State Re-cert clinic

## **OHN SRC PLANNING CALENDAR**

### **JANUARY 2016**

All month	Districts	Novice classes
All month	Districts	Re-Cert clinics

### **FEBRUARY 2016**

All month	Districts	Novice classes
All month	Districts	Re-Cert clinics
Feb 5-7	SDA	State Assessor course (Dayton)
Feb 9	SRC	SRC Meeting
Feb 13	SDA	Assessor Re-Cert clinic
Feb 13 (PM)	SDI	State Re-Cert clinic
Feb 26-28	SRA, SYRA	US Soccer AGM (San Francisco)
Feb 27	SDA	Mentoring class (Toledo)

### **MARCH 2016**

All month	Districts	Novice classes
All month	Districts	Re-Cert clinics
Mar 19-20	SRA, SYRA, SDI, SDA	US Soccer Workshop (Chicago)

### **APRIL 2016**

Apr 12	SRC	SRC Meeting
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### **MAY 2016**

May 20-22	SRA	USASA Amateur Championships
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## **OHN SRC PLANNING CALENDAR**

### JUNE 2016

Jun 3-5	SYRA	State Cup Prelim Weekend (Sylvania)
Jun 5	SDI	Fitness Test
Jun 7	SRC	SRC Meeting
Jun 11-12	SYRA	OYSAN State Cup Finals Weekend (Strongsville)
Jun 11-12	SRA	USASA Region II Championships
Jun 23-29	SYRA	US Youth Soccer Region II Championships (Westfield, IN)

### JULY 2016

Jul 1-4	SYRA	Continental Cup (Lodi)
Jul 15-17	SRA	USASA Veterans Cup
Jul 13-17	SRA	National Cup Finals
Jul 13-17	SRA	National Women's Championships
Jul 13-17	SRA	U23 Men's Championships
Jul 25-31	SYRA	US Youth Soccer National Championships (Frisco, TX)
Jul 23	SDI	Fitness Test
Jul 23-24	SDI	7A Upgrade clinic
Jul 23-24	SRA	Tournament of Champions

### AUGUST 2016

Early Aug	Districts	Novice classes
Aug 9	SRC	SRC Meeting (annual planning meeting)

### SEPTEMBER 2016

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### OCTOBER 2016

Oct 6-9	SRA	USASA Meeting
Oct 9	SDI	Fitness Test
Oct 15-16	SYRA	OYSAN Bothwell Cup
Oct 16	SRC	SRC Meeting

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TO: Ohio-North State Referee Committee  
FROM: Ron Stuver, Head of Delegation, Youth Region II Championships  
DATE: August 11, 2015  
SUBJECT: State Delegation Report: Youth Region II Championships

Ohio-North was well represented with a group of quality referees, assessors and mentors at the Region II Youth Championships held at the USA Youth Soccer Complex (Appleton, WI) and Southwest Park (De Pere, WI) from June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 24<sup>th</sup>.

The following personnel represented Ohio-North:

Ron Stuver, Head-of-Delegation, Mentor	Tim Mann, Referee
Jim MacQueen, Assessor	David Moliterno, Referee
Brian Miller, Region II Staff	Zack Moore, Referee (1 <sup>st</sup> year)
Sorin Stoica, Region II Staff	Garrett Reese, Referee
Dylan Beck, Referee	Bill Roth, Referee (1 <sup>st</sup> year)
Adrian Danut, Referee (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Austin Saini, Referee (1 <sup>st</sup> year)
Brian Fikar, Referee	Vicente Suarez, Jr., Referee
Kevin Fikar, Referee	Nick Vass, Referee
Samir Lilaj, Referee (1 <sup>st</sup> year)	Kurt Warther, Referee
Zach Marzilli, Referee	Ben Zirkes, Referee

Our delegation received a total of **113 assignments**, with 29 of those assignments as “referee”. It is important to note that there were 31 assignments as the “4<sup>th</sup> official”, and all except one of our delegation, received assignments as the “4<sup>th</sup> official”. This is evidence of the importance that we continue to include 4<sup>th</sup> official assignments during our state cup tournament to properly prepare our regional delegation.

Our **assessors / mentors** were also very active with a total of **25 assessments**.

MacQueen – 7 assessments, including a semi-final

Miller – 6 assessments

Stoica – 6 assessments

Stuver – 6 assessments, plus 1 shadow assessment (with Tim Deters) during a semi-final match

The following “9” referees received **semi-final assignments**: Beck, Danut, FikarB, FikarK, Marzilli, Reese, Saini, Moliterno, Suarez, Vass.

The following “4” referees received assignments to **championship matches**: Beck (AR), FikarB (AR), Marzilli (REF), Reese (AR).

The following referees were selected to attend the **National Championship tournament** in Tulsa, OK July 20-25:

Brian Fikar (AR)

Zach Marzilli (REF)

The tournament agenda included the first-day rookie meeting, followed by the referee instructional clinic and the outdoor sessions. Outdoor sessions were conducted on a local high school stadium field and included: AR drills, Referee positioning drills, 4<sup>th</sup> official duties, general referee logistics and procedures.

Clinic instruction throughout the event was led by Fotis Bazakos (PRO Referee), Sorin Stoica (PRO Referee), and Tom Supple (Former MLS AR).

There were several mentoring sessions at the field complexes that were led by instructors (above) or mentors. Groups of referees observed multiple matches with these mentors, and used these activities as opportunities to review and discuss match events.

Brian Miller attended this event as a member of the Region II staff. While Brian had a “roving mentor” role and was there as a member of the Region II staff, his presence and mentoring for Ohio-North referees was ever present and very much appreciated.

The OHN delegation performed well on and off the field, and displayed positive support and camaraderie. Even our “rookies” did well! Two of the five “rookies” (Danut and Saini) received “AR” assignments for semi-final matches.

#### LOGISTICS:

This year’s travel to / from De Pere, WI was uneventful. Brian Miller coordinated the rental of 5 vehicles through Enterprise, with discount via Progressive Insurance. The pick-up / drop-off process was very efficient, and we were able to effectively transport 20 people in 5 vehicles.

The dorm rooms were college suites. Suites consisted of 2-person rooms, a large common area, plus a small kitchen area.

Breakfast meals were a part of the referee expense at St. Norbert College. Referees ate dinner at local establishments within walking distance.

The Region II dinner was held on campus at St. Norbert College on Friday night. The Referee Delegation dinner was held at the Prime Quarter in Green Bay on Saturday evening. The Ohio-North Delegation dinner was held at Nakashima of Japan, and a very special thank you to Paul Eloff and Bob Riggs of the state youth soccer association (OYSAN) for their sponsorship of this dinner. It was a very nice dinner and their support of the Ohio-North referee delegation is truly appreciated!

Each referee was presented with two OYSAN shirts, and a packet of OYSAN flipping coins.

It was a privilege to serve as the HOD, and I would welcome the opportunity to repeat in this role for future trips to Regionals!

Sincerely,

*Ron Stuver*