

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

February 13, 2016

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

The meeting location was Cuyahoga Community College – West Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Road, Parma, OH 44130, following the conclusion of an Assessor clinic for which several of the SRC members attended.

Meeting called to order at 4:00 PM by Mr. Chapman, SRA.

**ATTENDEES:**

VOTING MEMBERS:

Tom Chapman, SRA  
Bill Nest, SDI  
Toby Tomazic, State Dir Assmt  
Blaz Pesorda, State Assignor Coord  
Mike Farmer, Youth Rep

NON-VOTING MEMBERS:

Ron Stuver, SRC Secretary  
Kalman Toth, SRC Treasurer

DISTRICT ADMIN MEMBERS:

Tom Lewis, Cleveland DRA  
Jim MacQueen, Akron DRA  
Ken Van Wagnen, Firelands, DRA  
Tred Hurst, Toledo, new-DRA  
Roger Fey, Toledo, past-DRA

ABSENT:

Brian Miller, SYRA  
Gina Van Vorous, Adult Rep

ABSENT:

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

ABSENT:

Dave Habib, Canton DRA  
Mike Hill, Mansfield DRA  
Thom Sutcliffe, Youngstown DRA

Guests:

none

**MEETING MINUTES: (Ron Stuver)**

Meeting Minutes from the December 8, 2015 meeting were submitted by Mr. Stuver.

**A MOTION was made by Mr. Pesorda, and seconded by Mr. Tomazic, that the minutes for December 8, 2015 be approved. The motion was approved unanimously.**

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

Mr. Toth submitted financial status at the meeting:

	YTD Fiscal (Jan – Dec)	YTD Operational (Sep – Aug)
Income	\$146,259.77	\$ 56,653.69
Expenses	<u>\$130,890.29</u>	<u>\$ 41,725.82</u>
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 15,369.48	\$ 14,927.87
Cash / Checking:	\$ 52,889.29	
6-mth CD:	\$ 10,045.97	
9-mth CD:	<u>\$ 10,047.48</u>	
Total Assets:	\$ 72,982.54	

**A MOTION was made by Mr. Tomazic, and seconded by Mr. Nest, that the treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was approved unanimously.**

## **REPORTS**

### **STATE DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION: (Bill Nest)**

#### INSTRUCTOR CLINICS

The instructor re-cert clinic and new instructor class were held over the weekend of Nov 21-22 at Tri-C (Parma). Classes went well, good participation, and several new, younger instructors. There are now 33 OHN instructors. Noted that the re-cert clinic for instructors & assessors may be combined next year.

#### NOVICE REFEREE CLASSES

New referee registration numbers are fairly close to past years. Some concern regarding cancellation of Novice classes this year due to low registration at specific classes.

#### ONLINE TESTING

Mr. Nest offered point of discussion regarding the exams being administered online versus in-class. One of the concerns addressed by referees has been the inability to see or know what questions they have missed, and thus, the inability to look up sections of the laws of the game to learn and improve knowledge. Discussion, but no decisions made to change current method of online testing.

#### FITNESS TEST

The fitness test for the 7A referees will be modified and will be administered using a hybrid of the old standards, which require less staff to administer and do not require a speaker system at a stadium track. More details to come.

### **STATE DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT: (Toby Tomazic)**

#### ASSESSOR CLINIC

There are 7 students in attendance at a new assessor class this weekend (Feb 13-14). At present, there are 10 state assessors (grade 5) and at the conclusion of the class, there will be 13 assessors (grade 7). Mentoring will be conducted with the pool of new assessors.

#### 2015 ASSESSMENTS

Mr. Tomazic reported that over 300 assessments were conducted in 2015. There were 5 failed assessments.

**STATE ASSIGNMENT COORDINATOR: (Blaz Pesorda)**

ASSIGNORS REGISTERED

There are 64 assignors registered at this time.

GAME OFFICIALS – IMPORTING GAME SCHEDULES

A question was raised regarding the entry / importing of game schedules into Game Officials, to be used for assignment purposes. Discussion occurred regarding this topic, which was noted within the meeting minutes from the Oct 18, 2015 SRC meeting.

ACTION: Mr. Chapman will review the following with Mr. Brooks.

- Establishing data formatting guidelines
- Establishing field name (location) / nomenclature consistency
- Process of accepting schedule from assignor to enter into G.O. for Spring 2016 season

**STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR: (Tom Chapman)**

DRA's

Mr. Chapman introduced the new Toledo District Referee Administrator, Tred Hurst.

US SOCCER AGM

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Pesorda will attend the US Soccer Annual General Meeting in San Antonio, TX, Feb 25-28. Mr. Chapman will attend the Region II meeting while at this conference, and plans to review a situation involving an adult league that is attempting to register directly with US Soccer, and involves teams that are within three different states: Ohio, Michigan, Indiana.

US SOCCER ADMINISTRATOR MEETING

Mr. Chapman, Mr. Nest, Mr. Miller and Mr. Tomazic will attend the US Soccer Administrators meeting in Chicago, March 5-6.

USYSA WORKSHOP

Mr. Chapman and Mr. Miller attended the USYSA Workshops, held in conjunction at the NCSAA Convention in Baltimore, MD, Jan 13-17, 2016.

JEFFERSON CUP

The Richmond Strikers, and local Referee Association are sponsoring the Jefferson Cup, which includes a referee academy. The following referees will be attending: Ali Zolgharnain, Brad Snow, Samir Lilaj, and Adrian Danut. Vicente Suarez Jr. was also contacted directly by the tournament and will attend along with five additional referees.

PRO CLINIC

Mr. Chapman has been in contact with the Kentucky SRC regarding a PRO clinic and fitness test to be held the weekend of April 9-10. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Tomazic had offered to attend and provide administrative assistance. A list of referees to attend is being compiled.

REGISTRATION

Mr. Chapman noted the registrar's report, submitted by Mr. Brooks. See report at end of these meeting minutes.

SRC MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 13, 2016 4:00pm at Tri-C following Assessor clinic.

Apr 12, 2016

Jun 14, 2016

Aug 9, 2016 (planning meeting)

Oct 9, 2016 (Sunday at Bothwell Cup)

Dec 13, 2016

## DISTRICT REPORTS

### **Ken Van Wagnen, DRA, Firelands**

Nothing to report.

### **Tom Lewis, DRA, Cleveland**

- Recertification numbers are similar to previous years.
- Discussion: there is no mechanism for DRA's to send an email blast to all referees associated with a specified district. Mr. Chapman will send a general email blast to all OHN referees, with reminder to register and attend a recertification course.
- Question: How to registration of grade 7 and grade 7A referees who have attended the state clinic held in December. Mr. Lewis suggested that these referees should still register for a grade 7 recertification course to complete the online modules and take the exam, then the DRA can check-off attendance for the class, once confirmed that they attended the state clinic.
- Mr. Lewis noted that only 4 of 16 grade 7A referees have completed all of the 7A requirements. Mr. Chapman agreed that DRA's should notify these grade 7A referees to register for a grade 7 recertification course.

**ACTION:** Mr. Chapman requested that Mr. Lewis draft an email that can be used by all DRA's to send registration information/instructions to these grade 7 / 7A referees.

- Mr. MacQueen noted that if the grade 7A referees have registered for the master course, and are then instructed to register for a grade 7 recertification course, they will be double-charged.

**ACTION:** Mr. Chapman will contact Mr. Brooks regarding this registration anomaly noted above.

**Jim MacQueen, DRA, Akron**  
**NEW REFEREE RECRUITMENT REPORT**

- Mr. MacQueen informed that his review of registrations indicate that overall registration of new and existing referees is still slow.
- Mr. MacQueen submitted a budget report, and stated that he expects to complete the recruiting process this year within the budget.

Income:	\$ 2,687.41
Expenses:	\$ 2,071.16
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 616.25

- Recent donations received from local leagues: GAASA (\$500) and State League (\$500).
- A full page advertisement will be taken out with the OYSAN online magazine.
- Mr. MacQueen stated that he had conversation with two local leagues, who had expressed interest to support a large group new referee class for their players, and requested a discount as related to this suggestion.

Discussion: Mr. Chapman reminded that the \$75 registration fee consists of \$40 to US Soccer, which cannot be reduced by OHN. The OHN administrative fee (\$15) and class fee (\$20) could be considered as part of a discount. General discussion regarding the viability of offering a discount to attain increased referee registration via a large class. The minimum size of the class should be 75. Consideration was offered that Mr. MacQueen was given the charge to apply extra effort toward recruiting efforts this year, and this is an “out-of-box” idea that should be given a trial.

**Roger Fey / Tred Hurst, DRA, Toledo**

- Question: Who will register the adult teams that plan to play in the league across three states? Roger stated that the OHN teams should still be registered by/with OHN. Mr. Chapman reminded that he plans to address this topic at the Region II meeting while attending the US Soccer AGM in San Antonio.
- Novice classes underway and more to be scheduled for Feb-Mar.
- There has been some negative feedback from referees at re-cert clinics, regarding the online modules and inability to see missed questions on the exam.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Nest, and seconded by Mr. Pesorda, to authorize Mr. MacQueen to approach the local leagues to offer a large single-group Novice class, with minimum of 75 students. The OHN portion of the student registration fee will be discounted, and the total registration fee to the student may be either of the following two options:

- 1) \$50 per student, and the sponsor pays the instructor fees
- 2) \$55 per student, and the SRC pays the instructor fees

The motion was approved unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**A MOTION** was made by Mr. Tomazic, and seconded by Mr. Pesorda, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:05pm.

## REGISTRAR'S REPORT – FEB. 8, 2016 submitted by Mr. Barry Brooks

### REGISTRATION SYSTEM:

Registration is proceeding slower than previous years. Novice registered and pending registrations are 331 vs. 335 last year. Re-certs are down 6% from last year but 15% from average. We have completed 13 re-certs with 20 scheduled. Last year we had 41 re-certs scheduled. We also held 39 novice classes in 2015 registration year. This registration year we have held 11 and have 20 more scheduled. Both Akron and Cleveland had to cancel novice classes on January 30 due to lack of attendance.

Registration figures for referees as of Feb. SRC meetings:

2010 – 715 Registered (74 new) and 375 pending (138 new) for a total of 1090

2011 - 729 Registered (120 new) and 499 pending ( 142 new) for a total of 1228

2012 – 731 Registered (170 new) and 322 pending (91 new) for a total of 1053

2013 - 709 Registered (232 new) and 429 pending (98 new) for a total of 1138

2014 – 419 Registered (193 new) and 178 Pending (14 new) for a total of 597

2015 – 619 Registered (176 new) and 400 pending (159 new) for a total of 1019

2016 – 570 Registered (167 new) and 404 pending (164 new) for a total of 974

Assessors will not be registered until after the clinic this Saturday. Re-certifying assignors are 62 versus 50 at this time last year. 5 new assignors are registered for the new assignors' clinic held in November but neither the clinic attendance nor the met requirements has been processed. Instructors are 28 of the 33 that were registered last year plus 3 new instructors. Futsal is 62 (24 new) this year vs. 54 last year.

2015 was the first year of utilizing the 7A designation and there has been confusion as to exactly who had met the requirements last year. This confusion has carried over to the 2016 registration cycle. The 7A designation is not currently shown in the registration group but is shown in the assigning group. We have instituted the 7A master classes that will help the administrators track the progress of the re-certifying and upgrading referees that wish to be 7A. The administration for these referees now rests with the state level administrators instead of the districts. I think the confusion will be eliminated in the future as we will have a means to ensure that the referees did meet the requirements and administrators will only have to check the master classes to ascertain if a person did meet all of the requirements.

### ASSIGNING GROUP

GO automatically updates the assigning group 1155 once any re-certifying referee is registered with USSoccer. However, I have to manually move all new referees over to the assigning group. I will not do this until we get games to put into the assigning system. Updates will be made weekly, usually on Wednesday when I send the registrations to USSoccer. I'm sure the DRA and DDI will be getting questions about this so please respond to your referees with this information.

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March 10, 2016

Mr. Chapman submitted an email to SRC members on March 10, 2015 at 9:19AM to request their attention and to render a vote.

EMAIL TO  
VOTING MEMBERS:  
Tom Chapman, SRA  
Bill Nest, SDI  
Toby Tomazic, SDA  
Blaz Pesorda, SAC  
Brian Miller, SYRA  
Gina Van Vorous, Adult Rep  
Mike Farmer, Youth Rep

EMAIL TO  
NON-VOTING MEMBERS:  
Ron Stuver, Secretary  
Jon Geyekenyesi, Pres, OSAN  
Paul Emhoff, Pres, OYSAN

EMAIL CC  
NON-VOTING MEMBERS:  
Jim MacQueen, Akron DRA  
Barry Brooks, Registrar

**STATE REFEREE ADMINISTRATOR: (Tom Chapman)**

EMAIL: LARGE SINGLE-GROUP CLASS PROPOSAL

At our last SRC Meeting held at Tri-C in February we had a discussion about a possible program which was brought to us by Jim Mac Queen that would offer a Referee Entry Level Class to a large group (in this case a League) at a discounted rate. Bill Nest and I authorized Jim to negotiate with this league on behalf of the SRC and give them two separate offers to consider. One would discount the cost down to just the USSF fees for each of the participants plus they will pay for the Instructors. The other would be the same registration fees but the SRC would pay the Instructors.

Jim had a meeting with the League official who proposed this idea first and the League has agreed to the proposal for them to pay \$50.00 for each participant to take the class and register with US Soccer plus the League will pay the Instructors for the class.

What we need to do now is vote to allow this large group to take this class and register with US Soccer outside the established method we use for all other persons in OHN.

I believe we can consider Bill's authorization for Jim to negotiate on behalf of the SRC with this group as a "motion" to accept this proposal. What we need to do is vote as a group to accept this proposal.

Please just take a quick moment and hit your "reply all" button with either a Yea or Nay so we can record the vote and then move forward to set up the class or notify the league we will not be able to do this.

The motion was made by Bill Nest with a second by Blaz Pesorda to have Jim MacQueen negotiate with a representative of CASA to hold a large single, group Referee class for their league. This will be a one-time offer to try this concept which we may use with other leagues and clubs in the future if it is successful. The parameters are to be a minimum of 75 participants and the local Administrative Fee and sponsorship fee will be waived. This will place the fee for all participants at \$50.00 and the league will be responsible for collecting all fees to be paid to the SRC prior to the clinic, which will be held on April 9, 2016.

EMAIL RESPONSES:

Mr. Farmer	Yes
Mr. Miller	Abstain (conflict of interest)
Mr. Tomazic	Yes
Mr. Nest	Yes
Ms. Van Vorous	Yes

The vote was 4 yeas, 1 abstention, and 1 SRC voting member did not vote. The motion passes.

NEXT STEP: LARGE SINGLE-GROUP CLASS PROPOSAL

ACTION: Mr. Chapman requests that Mr. MacQueen confirm with the league in question that they will guarantee the payment for all participants prior to the clinic.

ACTION: Mr. Nest is to coordinate with Mr. Brooks to setup up a "special" class in the Game Officials system that can only be accessed by the members of the league who want to participate in this clinic. They will be able access the system and begin complete the on-line portion of the New Referee Clinic.