

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

June 14, 2016

**OYSAN Headquarters
6650 Snowville Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141**

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mr. Chapman, State Referee Administrator.

ATTENDEES:

Voting Members:

Tom Chapman, SRA
Brian Miller, SYRA
Bill Nest, SDI
Ron Stuver, SDA
Blaz Pesorda, State Assignor Coor.

Non-Voting Members:

Bill Roth, SRC Secretary
Kalman Toth, SRC Treasurer

District Administrators:

Jim McQueen, Akron DRA
Tom Lewis, Cleveland DRA
Dave Habib, Canton DRA
Ken Van Wagnen, DRA Firelands
Thom Sutcliffe, DRA Youngstown

ABSENT: (* Excused)

Voting Members:

*Gina Van Vorous, Adult Rep.
*Mike Farmer, Youth Rep

Non-Voting Members:

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

District Administrators:

Mike Hill, Mansfield DRA

Guests: none

MEETING MINUTES: (Bill Roth)

Meeting minutes were submitted from the April 13, 2016 SRC meeting by Mr. Roth. **A motion was made by Mr. Nest and seconded by Mr. Pesorda that the minutes for that meeting be approved as submitted. The motion was passed unanimously.**

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Kalman Toth)

- Treasurer's report tabled...and later presented. Will be attached to minutes.
- He discussed the potential of moving additional "on-hand" cash into interest bearing account. Mr. Chapman asked for additional information and time. He suggested looking into two or three year returns as opposed to longer returns.
- Mr. Kalman noted a slow but steady increase over the last three to four as the reason for his suggestion. **A motion was made by Mr. Stuver, and seconded by Mr. Pesorda, that \$20,000.00 be moved into interest bearing vehicle per Mr. Toth's discretion. The motion was passed unanimously.**

State Referee Administrator: (Tom Chapman)

- He attended OHN State cup preliminary weekend in Sylvania, OH. The weekend progressed smoothly and weather delays were handled well by the administrative staff.

- He also attended Adult Regional Championships / Tournament of Champions in Saginaw, MI. as head of delegation. There were 8 assessors, 4 state assessors and several other mentors on site and good work was done. During the weekend OHN's Kevin Fikar was assigned a NPSL game near Saginaw, MI.
- There will be discussions with Mr. Paul Emhoff regarding possibility of OYSAN assisting with the financial requirements of sending referees to Youth Regional tournaments in the future.
- US Soccer has recommended that all State Referee Associations have or create an individual logo for use in publications, websites, etc. During a discussion with Mr. Vito Testa, he gave high praise to and suggested Mr. Justin Gibson. There was discussion to pay for the creation for an OHN SRC logo. **A motion was made by Mr. Stuver, and seconded by Mr. Nest, to allow Mr. Chapman to make contact and authorize the creation of a logo to be used by Ohio North State Referee Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**
- Mr. Chapman also raised the possibility of another executive planning meeting in August?

State Youth Referee Administrator: (Brian Miller)

- Requested to present his report at the end of the meeting.

State Director of Instruction: (Bill Nest)

- Clinic request forms had been received for July clinics. We are doing a combined clinic for re-cert 7A and 6 (Brecksville, OH) on July 23, 24. Target date is July 01 to have information to Mr. Brooks.
- There is a need to re-work online material for 7A/6 online material. We are still awaiting those updates from US Soccer for the 2017 Laws of the Game.
- He had found two corrections for National Test.
- Congratulations to Mr. MacQueen on organizing the CASA clinic where over 170 new referees were in attendance and completed the novice clinic.
- The State Referee upgrade clinic is still planned December 17, 18 2016.
- Expenses for DDI clinic fees and completions of the state instructor course had been submitted. General discussion regarding late registrations.
- Mr. Stuver asked about the intention of new 7A standards fitting within scheduled clinics. We discussed that US Soccer had changed fitness requirements again for State Referees. The "old" interval standards (45 sec. run / 45 sec. recovery) had been reinstated. Mr. Nest suggested we stay with the previous decision that grade 7A referees be tested: (50 m/9 sec. x four times) and (2200 m/12 min.) for this year.

State Director Assessment: (Ron Stuver)

- Stats for assessments:
 - o Although there are 14 State Assessors (3 inactive), there are fewer assessments than assessors.

- To date, 24 assessments have been completed and there are many with State Referees that have no assignments.
- Mr. Chapman's mass email informing referees of the personnel changes to the State Referee Committee was not received by all referees.

State Assignment Coordinator: (Mr. Pesorda)

- The assignors' clinic will be Great Wolf lodge during the same time as the OYSAN general meeting.
- Mr. Miller is working on the online portion of the assigner re-certification.
- No additional report at this time.

District Referee Administrators:

Youngstown DRA: (Mr. Sutcliffe)

- They are scheduling an August clinic.
- Discussion of whether or not more 2016 badges are to be ordered?

Cleveland DRA: (Mr. Lewis) - No additional report

Canton DRA: (Mr. Habib)

- Shared information about their "Mentoring program". He also posed the question after Canton officers had discussed videotaping referees and the requirement of consent from an adult where referees are under the age of 18. Consensus was reached that such videotaping should wait until after consultation with an attorney.

Firelands DRA: (Mr. Van Wagnen)

- Website directs referees interested in advancement to contact the SRA.
- He then asked about the "nebulous" nature of upgrading process as it -stands now.
- Mr. Chapman discussed the creation of a declaration page that referees will be required to sign. Possibly through GameOfficials?
- Mr. Stuver stated that he will send the Advancement Declaration page to SRC secretary for inclusion in these minutes and to the DRAs for their use within their districts.

Akron DRA: (Mr. McQueen)

- Within the district there have been issues with Referee/coach. He has been dismissed (Red Carded and sent off) five (5) times and reported once for a referee assault charge that was later reduced to referee abuse. Discussion was had about options regarding formal or informal sanctions. At this time consensus was that none of his actions should / could yet affect his registration as a referee. We will monitor his progress and determine if further action by the SRC is required.

State Youth Referee Administrator: (Mr. Miller)

- Thank you to OYSAN assistance for the financial help in recruiting efforts of new referees. He also extended his thanks for their hospitality at State Cup preliminary and finals weekend as well as them having raised game fees for State Cup matches.
- To DRAs: Youth Referee of the year nominations are due to him by September. DRAs may nominate one male and one female referee.
- He requested a list of names suggesting those referees that should be advancing to Grade 7A. or a State Referee.
- There were 110 referees used for Toledo weekend (State Cup Preliminaries). There were 44 referees used for Strongsville. (State Cup Finals weekend). Many additional mentors used during both of these weekend. During those 350-odd games played, there were four (4) with issues or complaints
- 18 referees and 3 assessors/1 mentor will represent us at Region 2 championships in Indianapolis,
- He specifically requested that these minutes, one more time, reflect his deep gratitude for OYSAN in providing their assistance and hospitality throughout the State Cup season.
- He then opened a discussion on some of the difficulties that were discussed during the April 13 planning meeting. Specifically those issues included difficulties with the process for re-registering referees, especially 7A, State Referees, and Emeritus Referees. The discussion also included communications with those referees who had questions or experienced problems. Several members offered their opinions, thoughts, and suggestions. The discussion then moved to ways that we, the State Referee Committee, could continue to improve and best serve the referees of Ohio North. Mr. Chapman concluded with restating his mandate from the April 13 meeting, which was that we must immediately improve for the future.

Mr. Chapman asked for final comments and there were none.

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Stuver and seconded by Mr. Miller. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Roth,

Secretary

Ohio North State Referee Committee

(4 pp. included)