

## **CASRA Meeting Minutes**

### **Oct. 4, 2004**

1. 6:40 PM meeting is called to order by President Michael Day.  
(Dinner and snacks catered by Mark Elbom.)
2. Introduction of guests and new members.
3. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved, unanimously without correction.

4. Reports:

President – Michael Day, thanked Mark Elbom for organizing the party, and talked about recruiting new members, a duty which will be turned over to new Vice President, elected tonight.

Vice President - Position vacant

Treasurer - Dana Brown, Checking acct balance is \$2388.44

Secretary - Marc Kutner, no report.

Webmaster – Chris Rake, is investigating designs for CASRA flipping coins.

SRC District Rep, Steve Eells, There has been a shakeup of the State Referee Committee, with SRA, Randy Francis being replaced by Sam Ghalayini (sra@stsr.org), Dave Olmos being replaced as SDA by Enrique Sanchez. Raymond Lalgee, remains SDI.

The possibility is that the shakeup was designed to bring STSR back under the control of TSSAS, and again give them access to those monies. Unfortunately, these administrators serve at the will of the state associations, meaning they can be fired at will. There is nothing in the USSF bylaws currently that would allow these to be appealed. As there has been to this time, no communication from TSSAS, STYSA or STSR leadership concerning these changes, it is unknown in what direction the program will go.

There is concern that Austin refs would be excluded from participation in things like State Cups or other opportunities for upwardly mobile referees.

After animated discussion, it was proposed that CASRA members contact the new SRA to express their desire to continue to be included in all referee opportunities, to insist that standards set up when STSR became an entity are upheld, and to let them know that we are very interested in how referee issues are handled.

It was suggested that CASRA send a letter. The following motion by Matt Birkner (2<sup>nd</sup> Janice Chapman), was passed unanimously: “The CASRA Executive Board is

authorized to draft and send a letter to the appropriate authorities, expressing our opinion on these changes. The Board will also draft a model letter that individual members could customize and mail.”

Director of Instruction, Michelle Maloney, no report.

Director of Assessment, Chris Ng no report.

5. Old business – None.

6. New Business: - None

7. Special Orders: Election of Vice President. David Robertson, Robert Winterbottom had been nominated at he September meeting. Nominations were opened from the floor, and there were no additional nominations, and nominations were closed. Both candidates gave brief statements from the floor. A quorum being present, the election was held, with Ben Farenhold and Phil Grant as vote tellers.

The result was David Robertson, 26

Robert Winterbottom 5

Congratulations to the new VP who will start working on new members..

8. Announcements:

a. T-shirt sale. Preordered shirts were distributed and extras sold for \$10.

b. HS TASO startup and officer election meeting, Monday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM UIL Building. TASO packets are now available.

9. Situations.

a. An attacker is tripped just outside the penalty area, and before the referee can blow whistle, ball goes to player in OSP. AR raises flag for offside. Referee blows whistle and awards DFK to attacker because the foul occurred first.

b. Should we allow players to play with the yellow, Lance Armstrong Foundation Livestrong bands? They must be treated as any other jewelry, and while the final decision of safety is ITOTR, this year USSF gives us little flexibility. So, lets be consistent, and not allow these things.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM for one hour of training by Steve Eells, “Goalkeepers and Challenges,” and the continuation of our annual party, including the “Mark Trostle raffle”.

Respectfully submitted,

Marc Kutner,  
CASRA Secretary