

MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING – 8/07/2006 - UIL Building

1. **Meeting called to order** by Michael Day at 6:36 PM

2. **Introduction of Guests:** Rosemary Torres, Round Rock

3. **Introduction of New Members:** None

Note: Clinic fees will rise to \$25.00 now. Advantage of joining CASRA is the benefit of being a member for \$20.00 and you get your 5 hours training and take the test for free.

3. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Posted last night on the Web site. Approved as posted.

4. **Reports:**

(a) Treasurer: Laura Matkin –

- \$2600 in the bank;
- USSF *Advise to Referees on the Laws of the Game* has been published. If you bring your 2003 book you can swap it out for the 2006 when I get it;
- The pilot mentoring study program was done in a tournament in San Antonio and we had two youth signs ups for 0-7 certification that would not have done so if we had not been there. The program should be over by September 1st. There are other tournaments will be used for the mentoring program. There is another tournament coming up in San Antonio at the Pepsi Fields, contact Diane Driggers if you want to referee. Games start on Friday at 3:30 until 10 pm and will go thru Sunday. She will need referees for this international tournament. Her email is: { HYPERLINK "mailto:Docdrigger@aol.com" }

(b) Secretary: No report.

(c) Vice President: Dave Robertson –

- If you have not been receiving your meeting reminders, you need to give Dave your email address. He has two lists, one for CASRA members and one for "friends".

(d) President: Michael Day -

- Father passed away recently.
- Has been discussing nonattendance with some of our referee instructors, State Referees and national referees. They need to be here giving back to our CASRA community. Many have stated that Monday night is not a good night for them. An item to consider is switching our Bylaws and alternate between Monday nights and Tuesday nights. There is plenty of information as to when your meetings take place: on the Web site and emails. Discussion ended when it was noted that the High School requirement on Tuesdays would tie up many referees.

(e) Web Master –

- Site has been updated. Members can use it to post to the forum, opportunities, situations, you can post all that and people can respond and reply. Our website is { HYPERLINK "http://www.casra.net" }. Members can use it to post to the forum, opportunities, situations, you can post all that and people can respond and reply.
- District Director of Referee Instruction: Michael Day
 - Clinic Status:
 - Training for over 150 referees through the South Austin, Giddings, Temple, Harker Heights Clinics
 - North Austin Recert weekend 8/13 (Grade 8 & 9)
 - North Austin Entry/Upgrade/State weekend 8/18 – 20 (Grade 8, 9) Bridge, 8 >7 Upgrade, 7 > 6 Upgrade, 5/6 Recert) at Round Rock.
 - Association Sponsored Clinic:
 - Working with Dick Triche for the second year to have the 0-7 certification mandatory training here that does cover this years Point of Emphasis and Law Changes. Law Changes were already conducted and well will probably train on the Point of Emphasis next month. (Michelle). The CASRA hour only counts for recertification for grades 9, 8, and 7.

Referee assignors or Commissioners for our local association need to get a club sponsored clinic started up and scheduled as there are a lot of referees that need to get recertified. Association sponsored clinics will need to provide \$500 up front for the clinic and will get the fee refunded if at least 20 students pay their clinic fees.

- To ensure that all the referees know the new law changes before the season begins, the clinics need to be attended sooner rather than later.
- It's against the rules for referees to be assigned next year if they do not have the 2007 badge.

(e) District Representative: Not present.

- Paul Stansberry's name was submitted as our nominee for District Representative.

(f) Michelle, Director of Instructions: Dave R will do the training tonight.

(g) Director of Assessments: Saki Papadopoulos: Not Present.

(h) New Business: Cilla Hammer –

- Showed an article about Amber Makhani, one of four high school sophomores that put together a magazine "Candid" for high school students that will come out twice a year. Amber is a youth referee as is her family but not a CASRA member. The magazine talks about sports, college, goals. A few years ago CASRA supported the MS150 monetarily, so Cilla asked that CASRA support the magazine with its publication perhaps by taking an ad therein as an advertisement for CASRA. Motion was made and seconded. Discussion:

Amended motion was made to up the asked amount of \$25.00 to \$100.00. Seconded by Laura Matkin. Jim Smith would like that Amber attend our meeting and give a presentation and questioned that the magazine may or may not be published based on financial support. After discussion, the amended motion vote was two for and all others opposed. Cilla amended her original motion that Amber attend and make a presentation of the advertising costs to the CASRA members and at that time to consider supporting the magazine. Steve Ells motioned that the CASRA leadership explore the possibility of advertising in "Candid" magazine and bring that information to the next meeting. Seconded and passed. A suggestion was made that if CASRA is interested in increasing membership that the free community type advertising in various local media be explored.

(i) Announcements: Area Assignors: .

- Rev Up Cup at NEMP August 26/27, assignor is Janice Taylor
- A Westwood student was nominated and won best youth referee in South Texas. Amber Makhani was nominee, but due to a mix up another youth referee got it. However, the award went to one of the referees from our area.
- CAYSA girl's tournament this weekend. Assignor is Pete Adams.
- Austin Labor Day Cup September 2 – 4. Assignor is John Jones. Note that the ALDC is looking for assessors

(j) Situations: Keith Poohwah on an offside situation.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM for one hour of training on "Kicks from the Penalty Mark" by Dave Robertson.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcello Rodriguez