

## MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING – 12/04/2006 - UIL Building

1. Meeting called to order by Michael Day at 6:45 pm. Philly Cheesesteaks, chips and beverages were served to all members, guests and TASO members attending.
2. Introduction of Guests: John Jones introduced John Edwards, High School coach
3. Minutes of the previous months meeting: Approved with no amendments.
4. Reports:
  - (a) Vice President (Dave Robertson) Nothing to report.
  - (b) Secretary: No input.
  - (c) Treasurer (Laura Matkin) Not present.
  - (d) President: (Michael Day).

Last meeting as President, Dave Robertson will be the new President, John Smith, the VP, Laura Matkin, the Treasurer, and Marcello Rodriguez as Secretary. Commented that the membership should enjoy the food, not sure Dave Robertson will approve next year ☺ As Webmaster, nothing new to report. Thanked Marcello for the detailed meeting minutes and remarked they were being posted more timely now. Please check the web at [www.casra.net](http://www.casra.net).

Make sure that all referees 18 years or older that referee youth matches are registered for Kidsafe for the 2006/2007 season. The new kidsafe badges are Yellow.

- (e) District Representative, Paul Stansbury:

His report from his meeting with other district representatives in Houston is on the web. Asked if there were any questions, and you can also email these questions to him. He will be putting an agenda for the next meeting in January, so if you have any input, let him know. (From Michael Day, all email information is posted in the CASRA site.

- (f) Michelle Maloney, Director of Instruction: Not present.
- (g) District 3 Director of Referee Instruction: (Michael Day)

Fitness test for both high school and USSF on Dec 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 am at the Austin High School track. Grade 8 recert clinic will be at the CAYSA office on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> starting at 12 p.m.

Additional clinics in January for grade 8 and 9 entry, grade 8 recert and a 9 to 8 bridge, check the web site. The latest Advice to Referees is available for purchase, @ \$6.00 apiece, thanks to Laura Matkin. There are several new changes you need to be aware of that will be on the test. For instance, a player can now be sandwiched

legally, i.e. legally charged while already being legally charged by another player.

(h) Saki Papadopoulos, Director of Assessments:

So far this year, all requests for assessments happened. This Sunday, Do Nguyen, the assessor for Sunday's games called him at 7:30 am and stated that his mother had died and he would be going to California. You can contact him at his cell phone: 228-1666 to express your sympathies. Do is an assessor. Also, when you have the date and site of your assessment, contact Saki and he will in turn assign an assessor. You will be given this information in case there is a change, such as a field change, etc.

This is probably the last Sunday this year for a maintenance or upgrade for 07 assessment.

(i) State Referee Administrator: Steve Ells

Thank everyone for their support. District Three is in good health. It's because we have great people working in the local chapters in instructions and assessments. And since he is the SRA, and in district three, he will be also answerable to questions about our district. Some of his goals are: Getting registered online and the paperwork is correct, more communication from his position to the district representative and instructors. He will respond to any questions as timely as possible but no more than a couple of days. The district representatives will be receiving additional assignments. Paul Stanberry, our district rep will be Steve's voice in the field and he will be the one that you can ask questions.

All referees working games need to see the State Referee Administrator as the person that supports them. The mentoring program will be looked at and supported. The process for registering will be streamlined electronically. Communications and support are his main goals.

There is a person, Jair Maruffo, in South Texas that is being proposed as a FIFA referee. Steve Ells is in his position because many supported him and he considers that he is giving back to soccer as a requirement that he has to give back to the organization. All of us here from National level on down who gained from being part of US Soccer in south Texas need to give back. You can participate in meetings, run for offices, etc. but he will expect that you do something.

Spoke about communications from STSR such as informing us that a South Texas referee was doing the middle in the MLS final. That piece of information should have been disseminated to everyone so we could watch.

He recently sent an email about a new state director of assessment. Very few received it. Same with an earlier email he sent. Real problem and that means that you are not linked into our system. In the next few months you will be receiving pertinent information regarding your registration, email name. The STSR website is undergoing changes by revamping the format by buying new software to make the website more user friendly.

He announced that each year the Federation selects a handful of people to go to the National Assessor training. Saki was selected. Three from Canada and three from the US. His first assignment will be an U19 match between the US and Brazil. The center will be a FIFA referee.

(j) Michael Day (DDI) recognized the referee instructors who since July 30<sup>th</sup> have taught 32 days of classes. He also recognized our referee assessors and referee assignors. Applause for all.

5. Announcement: John Jones mentioned that this is the last week for youth soccer.

6. New business was postponed until January and Situations were skipped.

7. Michael Day in his last meeting as CASRA President thanked the membership for the honor and privilege of serving as President for the last 3.5 years and for all the support he has received from the officers and membership. (Standing applause from all)

8, USSF test will be given after the meeting and the TASO meeting follows with the showing of the COPE video. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 for the TASO meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marcello Rodriguez