

MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING – 5/01/2006 - UIL Building

1. Meeting called to order by Dave Robertson (VP) at 6:30 pm who was presiding.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting: Approved with no amendments.

3. Reports:

(a) President (Michael Day)

- No report – acting as secretary in Marcello’s absence

(b) Secretary (Marcello Rodriquez): Absent

(c) Treasurer : Laura Matkin

- \$3011.50 in our account (less 50 for Nick Dodge + \$120 new deposits)
- Membership – please reconfirm payment of dues. Some data was lost with Laura’s computer disk crash.
- Pilot of referee mentorship program in Austin
 - Sam Ghalayini (SRA) asked Laura to head up – create survey for young referees: where are the gaps in instruction, skills what do they want/need
 - Program will be tiered depending on the level of the referee, there will be more mentored in the Grade 8 and smaller number in the higher grades
 - if the CASRA members want to participate as possible mentors please send in your information to Laura
 - The pilot mentorship organizers are Sam Ghilani, Shelly Landry and Laura Matkin with some ideas coming from Carlos Clark who was put in charge of a mentorship program by Sam.
 - The program is all about inclusion

(d) Vice President (Dave Robertson) :

- Visit CASRA website if possible.

(e) Good Call: None.

(f) District Representative: (Steve Eells) : absent

- Summary of April STSR meeting will be posted to the CASRA website

(g) Director of Instruction (Michelle Maloney)

- Resigning as District 3 Director of Referee Instruction to concentrate on leading a Referee Instructor Development program.
- Will continue as CASRA director of referee instruction

- Michael Day appointed new DDRI for District 3 effective on May 1st.
- New Clinics program to benefit South Texas Referees coming on line this fall . Clinic fee raised to \$25 by the State Referee Committee
- all registration for clinics will be web based at STSR
 - discussion of sign up 2 weeks in advance otherwise the possibility of a late registration penalty (\$10) for showing up without registering
 - online registration will allow use of Paypal, or mailed in checks (added from Dick Triche’s note)
- Clinics: In the Austin area we plan two major weekends of clinics – one north, one south - we will concentrate the instructors during those weekends. We plan to have 09, 08 Entry and Recertification clinics held during those weekends.
- Discussion from the CASRA membership: cost more than \$25 – going through paypal , requiring online registration will impact the valley – not heavily internet wired , will lose a lot of youth referees – check if DDRI can waive some of these rules that we have concern about. For instance , how do associations pay the referee clinic fees in a batch? Must have alternatives to Paypal. Also John Jones believes Paypal charges the users an additional \$3.00 fee per transaction. John Torti – there should be consideration for graduated fees for early referees / new referees taking the clinic vs long term and higher grade referee fees

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(h) Director of Assessments: (Saki Papadopoulos) : absent

4. New Business

None.

5. Situations

Part of the training tonight.

6. Announcements:

* Area Assignors.

- Arthur Hanks – chairman of Boy Scouts for Travis - boy scouts soccer program – Nation wide – inner cities, coed group – leadership training program – June 13th – if you have ideas how to expand soccer in central texas - send Arthur an email – geared for soccer for more people that can’t afford youth programs, price around \$30 – fill in with cubscout type program in between seasons , Question from Michelle: will they be training referees? Response: Arthur doesn’t know at this time.

- John Jones: Provided a summary of the detailed list of May tournaments that Tom Ayars sent in a note. This list of May clinics is also posted on the CASRA website under “Opportunities”. Referees, please sign up for these tournaments. Assignors are Tom Ayars, Pete Adams and John Jones
- Amber McCanney – lost bag of soccer uniforms - lost cell phone, keys all equipment – donation for referee equipment - - taken from Northeast fields - John Jones is covering the equipment replacement
- Jose Villegas – Semipro games PDL – May 12th first home game - CASRA members should try to go watch austinlightningsoccer.com

7. Situations:

- Early termination of WDDOA match with San Antonio team for gross misconduct and Mass Confrontation, Referee Assault by Coaches and Parents. Referee crew was Carl Crow (center), Kyle Pfeifer (AR), Dudley Huth (AR) and Chris Ng (4th official). It started with two players spitting on each other – both sent off , then late in 2nd half hand ball on SA team – defense player shoves other player – in front of Kyle Pfeifer – keeper comes out to fight, all players and spectators enter the field and coach enters field – shoves Dudley twice, then coach shoves Kyle Pfeifer , spectators grabbing Dudley, one parent then grabs Kyle . Police called, listened to spectators story, listened to Referees, then dismissed spectators story as “BS”. Kyle Pfeifer is filing assault charges. Dudley is considering doing so.
- Much CASRA membership discussion, with John Jones providing information on Police actions: Police aren’t going to haul them away – unless felonious assault or weapon was used or they were present when assault committed
- John Jones notified Terry Donovan – no more referees will be assigned to the SA team’s games by John Jones.
- John Jones: First if an assault occurs – call police to get a report made
- Arthur – better management of coaches side of field – need technical area clearly marked that coaches must stay behind.
- Chris Ng: Referees should read “Mass Confrontation” Memorandum on USSF Web site.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM for one hour of training on "Situations" conducted by Michelle Maloney with assistance from Chris Ng and Michael Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Day