

MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING – 11/06/2006 - UIL Building

1. Meeting called to order by Mike Day at 6:35 pm. Elections tonight for officers, who will take over in January.

2. Introduction of Guests: Boris Herceg, new referee

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

4. Reports:

(a) Vice President (Dave Robertson) Not Present

(b) Secretary: No input.

(c) Treasurer (Laura Matkin) Balance is \$2604.02. All website bills for CASRA were paid. Mentoring program: Growing pains but the program is developing upward as chapters are being started. Details are still being worked out on how CASRA will implement the program.

(d) Webmaster: (Mike Day). If you have any information that you want posted in the CASRA website, send him the information and he will post it. Or you can post it on any of the forums, you need to register first. Information is also there to register for the Kidsafe tag.

(e) Michelle, Director of Instruction: Recert test for Grade 7 and 8 referees will be administered tonight for those that have their five hours of training. Wrote to USSF re a question asked last meeting. The reply was that we cannot caution a team captain for the actions of a teammate. Need a better way to track attendance from those who have attended the training sessions. – Michael Day to set up a training session Log for members to initial for CASRA sponsored training sessions.

(d) District Representative, Paul Stansbury:

Gave a report from his meeting with other district representatives in Houston:

1 There are a substantial incorrect USSF numbers in the database and this becomes pertinent when our new registration comes up soon. If your registration bounces, and doesn't process, it's an indication to look at the web site number you had from the last registration and if it is not correct, email Dick Triche at dir@stsr.org and try again, also copy Mike Day , ddi@casra.net also.

2 There have been problems for referees registering for Kidsafe badges, so there is a shortage of referees. Some has to do with the lack of Social Security number for some International referees creating a shortage of referees.

3 The turnout for Spanish certification classes in both El Paso and San Antonio was quite low. There is a substantial Hispanic population here in Austin, but we haven't had success in recruiting them for Spanish Classes to learn the rules.

4 There was a presentation by Laura Matkin on the Mentorship Program. There are many ways you can assist young referees and you can contact Laura to sign up. lmatin21@gmail.com

5 Assignors need to turn in their registration for this year to Bill Jorn (sac@stsr.org) and register online and attend the assignors clinic in Houston in January 20, 2007

6. USSF will not be sending preprinted registration forms anymore. For the remainder of this year, we will still be using paper forms for registration.

(e) Saki Papadopoulos, Director of Assessments:

Introduced Mike Thierry, back from Bosnia after three years.

Issue has arisen when a referee to be assessed does not have assistant referees assigned on Arbiter. Especially when the assessor is listed to be there. This has happened and Saki was informed at 7 am of that day. The assessor was able to acquire a referee crew. It is perfectly ok to get your own crew.

Also, a situation arose when a guest assessor came and assessed a referee and the assistants, however the assistants left before the debrief to referee other games. After the game, the AR's need to support the CR and stay for the entire feedback, even though you may have other games after.

(f) District Director of Referee Instructions, Mike Day

- Upcoming Fitness Test, Dec 16th, 8:30 am at Austin High School . Email mnday@swbell.net to indicate plans to attend this fitness test.
- Upcoming Grade 8 Recert Clinic, CAYSA Office, Dec 16th
- STSR.org shows upcoming clinics
- If you are NOT affiliated with a local association and want to pay your \$7 directly and receive your Kidsafe pass through STSR directly, go to the following link:
<http://www.stsr.org/pages/KidsafeRegistration2006-2007.htm>

This will allow you to pay through paypal and receive your Kidsafe pass through STSR.

(g) Special Orders:

- Nominations for CASRA Officers were conducted:
 - President – Dave Robertson elected for a two year term by acclamation
 - Vice-President – Michael Day withdrew his nomination, and John Smith (who self nominated via email) was nominated and elected for a two year term by acclamation.
 - Secretary – Marcello Rodriguez elected for a two year term by acclamation
 - Treasurer – Laura Matkin elected for a two year term by acclamation
- Newly elected officials take office in January 2007

Michelle Mahoney extended to Michael Day the gratitude for the CASRA members for his service.

(h) There was no unfinished business from the floor.

(I) Announcements from the floor: John Jones.

Spoke about a youth referee, player that has contacted an illness. Jasmine Subia is a member of our '95 Lonestar Bronze team coached by Sonny Zepeda. Just after Labor Day, Jasmine was diagnosed with osteosarcoma (bone cancer). The cancer is located in her left femur and Jasmine is undergoing chemotherapy at MD Anderson in Houston. You may remember the '95 Lonestar Bronze team as the group of young ladies who won State last Spring in Division II. It was a remarkable effort from a team that some first questioned whether or not it should have been formed. It's a very tight group of players. This team and the game of

soccer mean a great deal to Jasmine. When she learned of her cancer, she insisted on meeting immediately with Coach Sonny. He was the first person she wanted to reach (outside of her family) after learning of the cancer. Jasmine attends as many games as possible rooting her team on from the sidelines in her wheelchair. At night, she sleeps in her Lonestar practice t-shirt. She's a true Lonestar!

There is a very easy way for us to help Jasmine – many of you are familiar with the web site Caring Bridge. Jasmine has a page at Caring Bridge; it is www.caringbridge.com/visit/Jasminesubia. If you visit the site, there is the opportunity to post a short note of encouragement for Jasmine. Jasmine takes great pleasure in reading these notes and they are quite helpful and uplifting when she is dealing with the effects of chemotherapy. It would be a wonderful show of support if EVERY member of CASRA posted a note of encouragement for Jasmine.

Aside from Caring Bridge, there will be a cell phone recycling drive, a 210 mile run from Camp Mabry to MD Anderson (Houston) by members of the 980th Engineer Combat Battalion and an account has been established for the benefit of the family. The Subia family does have insurance but it falls very short of the cost of treating cancer. The family must travel back and forth to Houston spending a significant amount of money on gas, hotels and food. There are many incidentals that are simply not covered by insurance. If you would like to help, an account has been established at:

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
10900 Research Boulevard, Suite B
Austin, Texas 78759
(512)344-7710
(from CASRA Website under news)

(k) There were a few game situations discussed on the floor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM. TASO Meeting and USSF Test administration followed.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcello Rodriguez