

MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING – 9/11/2006 - UILBuilding

1. **Meeting called to order** by Michael Day at 6:42 PM

2. **Introduction of Guests:** President of the UIL (Dr. Bill Farney), and a representative of the San Antonio Chapter of soccer officials. Also Mark Gregg, President of the Austin Men's Soccer Association.

3. **Introduction of New Members:** Matthew Gifford (new ref), Melanie Poole (new ref) and a freshman from St. Edwards (new ref).

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.

Our association president, Michael Day, welcomed everyone and after introduction of guests and new members turned the Meeting over to Vice President, Dave Robertson, to preside.

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

4. Reports:

(a) Treasurer: Laura Matkin –

- \$2505.540 in the bank;
- Has the USSF *Advise to Referees on the Laws of the Game* for sale for \$6.00.
- Mentorship Program: In the last month several two day mentorship pilots with 20 plus referees mentoring (San Antonio, Austin, and Houston) have been conducted. In the first two weeks alone 16 youth referees received individual mentoring. STSR's Director of Assignors is scheduled to send out a news flash to all coaches, referees, and assignors alerting them to enhanced STSR programming, which includes the mentorship program. The purpose of the programs is to keep referees refereeing.

Currently, area leaders are being assigned. Their names and contact information will be posted at STSR.org on a new web page dedicated to the mentorship program. Area leaders will be responsible for assigning mentors and establishing working relationships with local assignors to identify mentor candidates. Additionally, they will serve as a contact person to mentor inexperienced referees.

Program Leader, Laura Matkin, reported that in Frisco, TX, after only a year and half and 15 mentors, they have seen a 60 % increase in their referee pool. Locally, Town and County has agreed in principle to support such a program and we anticipate Austin United and the Lonestar clubs to follow suit. San Antonio, Houston and Corpus Christi have already assigned at least one area leader.

If someone is interest in mentoring or being an area leader, please contact Laura Matkin at 512-627-3258 or lmarkin21@gmail.com.

- Dave Robertson asked all referees to stick around after their games and observe some younger refs and offer them advice in their officiating skills. These will not be formal assessments. Young refs take a lot of flack from parents and coaches and it's up to experience referees to mentor them on how to cope with these issues. A good idea is to get with the assignor of a field on a Saturday or Sunday and asked if you can mentor the young refs during that time.

(b) Secretary: No report.

(c) Vice President: Dave Robertson –

- All referees, 18 or older officiating kids under 18 need to get the Kids Safe Badge. FYI, this will consist of background check. Cost will be absorbed by your association. Get with your association to get enrolled.

(d) President: Michael Day –

- Chapter elections will be held in November with nominations in October. Michael Day is at the term limit and cannot run again as President. Laura (treasurer) is eligible for another 2 year term as is Marcello (secretary). Dave has to leave the VP slot due to term limits but is eligible to run as President.

(e) Web Master – Michael Day

- Wanted to make sure all members knew of the website. Our website is 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. A list of area assignors is also on the site.

(e) District Representative:

- Paul Stansberry's is the nominee elect for District Representative. He will be attending his first SRC meeting this coming Saturday and asked for inputs to submit to the meeting.

(f) CASRA Director of Instructions: Michelle Maloney,

. ● There have been seven hours of instruction so far this year. There will not be instruction/training in Nov/Dec because of the TASO meetings following the CASRA meeting. If you have your five hours of training, she advised that you take your appropriate test before December. There is no charge for the test given to CASRA members.

- Chris Ng will be presenting tonight's training "2006 Points of Emphasis".
- Discussed the presentation of the ALDC guest speaker Dan Heldman.

(g) Director of Assessments: Saki Papadopoulos:

● Mentioned that while he was at a coed game Saturday, he observed that of the four referees, only one (Jennie McDaniel) was dressed properly. You are paid to do a job. Make sure you are dressed properly. No yellow hats, sun glasses.

● If you call on a Saturday for a Sunday assessment, you probably will not get assessed. It is a good time right now to ask for an assessment.

● District Director of Referee Instruction: Michael Day. A reminder that CASRA does provide you with 8 or 9 training hours. Recognized State Referees in attendance that help us out in higher level games. There will be a grade 7 recertification on Oct 21st at Hendrickson High School. You can run the fitness test then. The information will be posted on the website. There will be a second fitness test in December.

○ Clinic Status:

- 24 days of clinics held in District 3 so far (since July 28th)

- 14 clinics for 2007 Cert/Recert (grade 9/8)
- 1 Grade 8 ->7 upgrade clinic
- 1 Grade 7->6 upgrade clinic
- 1 Grade 6/5 Recert

So far we have certified 450 – 500 referees. Mike mentioned that with Michelle, and Chris that we have the best set of training clinics in the State. (applause) Michelle lauded the hours and hours Mike spent setting up all the training. (applause)

Registration of classes is now on line at the STSR website thanks to the persistence of Dick Triche. You need to know your USSF Id to register. Contact Michael if you do not know your USSF ID. You may also change personal information on line at www.stsrref.org.

○ Association Sponsored Clinic: More clinics will be sponsored by the following associations:

- AUCSC, Hays, Georgetown, Round Rock, T & C, PAYSL

Mike received a call from the State Referee Administrator stating that Austin area referees were underrepresented at the State Referee Committee meetings. If you are interested in serving in the State Referee Committee, write up a short summary of your qualifications and send it in to Mike and he will forward it.

The STSR State Referee Committee is composed of the following members:

State Referee Committee Chairman (SRCC) State Referee Administrator (SRA)
 State Youth Referee Administrator (SYRA)
 State Director of Instruction (SDI)
 State Director of Assessment (SDA)
 State Assignor Coordinator (SAC)
 District 1 Representatives
 District 2 Representative
 District 3 Representative (to be Paul Stansbury)
 District 4A Representative
 District 4B Representative
 District 5 Representative

The State Referee Committee responsibilities include the following:

1. Planning and development of the referee program in the State Association's jurisdictional area.
2. Development of an operational budget.
3. Development and presentation of operating budget.
4. Consideration of requests to temporarily waive instruction, registration, and assessment requirements. Only requests for a waiver presented to the committee in writing, with all supporting documentation, will be considered.

(h) Unfinished Business –

- Laura has the 2006 *Advice to Referees* books at \$6.00.

○ Following August's discussion of financially supporting of the magazine "Candid" for high school students that will come out twice a year. Amber Makhani is an editor and promising youth referee. The magazine talks about sports, college, goals. Cilla Hammer asked that CASRA support the magazine with its publication perhaps by taking an ad therein as an advertisement for CASRA. Laura stated that Amber cannot at this time attend our meeting and give a presentation to the CASRA members and does not know the ad costs yet since the magazine will not be published until February. The decision is tabled for the time being.

(i) Announcements: Area Assignors:

- Women's Tournament will be held on Sep 30th – Oct 1st. Contact Jeannie McDaniel at jmcdaniel7@austin.rr.com

- VP Dave Robertson mentioned that we do not really have any CASRA promotional items. Mentioned a flipping coin with CASRA/STSR information to give out, noted that we had referees from Canada at the ALDC. He will research the costs for this coin.

(j) Situations: Paul Stanberry related a situation whereas a center referee did not see a foul called by his assistant referee until informed by the captain of the other team. The CR went back to the AR and confirmed that a "hand without a glove" was what he saw on the ball. A PK was awarded.

7. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM for one hour of training on "2006 Points of Emphasis" by Chris Ng.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcello Rodriguez
Secretary