

MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING – 09/10/2007 - UIL Building, Austin, Texas

1. Meeting called to order by President Dave Robertson at 6:34 pm.
2. Introduction of Guests:

CASRA members welcomed Mark Burnett, just got here from S. Carolina, grade 8.

3. Reports

- (a) August 2007 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- (b) Treasurer: We have \$3380.73 in the bank.
- (c) Secretary: (Marcello Rodriguez) No report.
- (d) CASRA President's Report: (Dave Robertson) Test tonight for 08/07's after training.
 1. Showed a TASO lapel pin. Will look into acquiring same for CASRA. Good to hand out at tournaments and for CASRA members.
 2. 08 referees can get their badges after passing the test and paying their USSF registration fee. 07 referees will need to pass the test and hold on to the paperwork until they pass the physical and their field assessment. There are no physical tests scheduled as of today. Saki Papadopolous, our National Referee Assessor, emailed Dave. Saki is returning from Greece and said his parents are OK. He stressed that referees needing an upgrade or maintenance assessment need to contact him as soon as possible. There are many games that do not happen due to the weather, etc. and you do not want to go later and later in the year for an assessment.
 3. Website updated. There is a forum for referee opportunities. New US Soccer memos are posted on the website along with updated documentation , under the Documents tab.
- (e) CASRA Vice President (John Smith): 2006 Advise to Referees are still available for \$6.00.
 - Webmaster (Mike Day) - nothing to report
 - CASRA Director of Instruction: Michelle Maloney will introduce tonight's guest instructor, Dr. Korompai.
 - State Referee Administrator (SRA) – Steve Eells. – nothing to report
 - State Representative, District 3 – Paul Stansberry requested agenda items for the November meeting of the State Referee Committee (SRC). An outline of SRC functions was presented.
 - Mike Day, District Director of Instruction (DDI) – There have been many clinics. Thanks to all our instructors: Pete Riley, Tom Ayars, Dave Robertson, Jennie McDaniel, Robert Anderson, Janice Taylor, Don Rawls, Steve Eells, Chris Ng, Frank Korompai and Ken Perkins for teaching these clinics. We have three new instructors, John Smith, Scott

Pederson, Lissa White. Will give the test tonight, verify your hours and give you your badge tonight. (See 3 D 2 above)

(f) Area assignors

(John Jones) WDDOA has elected to go a more professional model of payroll and accountability as follows: payment will be by check, mailed the same week of the matches, usually Tuesday Night Wed morning. Officials will be required to submit W9's to the referee site coordinator at their next game, or, go to: { HYPERLINK "http://www.irs.gov/" \o "http://www.irs.gov/" } and pull a W9 PDF off the main page. Officials making more than the IRS minimum (approximately \$600.00 will receive a 1099). Continuing with the professional model, WDDOA agrees that professionals deserve adequate compensation for the responsibility of officiating some of the highest level matches in South Texas and the administrative changes brought on by the change in payment processes, therefore match compensation has changed as follows:

Old: \$35/\$20/\$20/\$15 for all age groups

New: \$45/\$25/\$25/\$15 for U11-U15 age groups

\$50/\$30/\$30/\$15 for U16-U18 age groups

Proposed, but not approved yet is an increase in incentive pay to: \$5.00/\$10.00/\$15.00 for 07's/States/Nationals.

● Special announcement from Dave Robertson about the Austin Men's Soccer Association and this item is also available on the CASRA website.

At its August 16, 2007 Executive Committee meeting, the Austin Men's Soccer Association raised its base pay for AMSA officials. Starting with the fall season, centers will get \$40 per game (up from \$34), lines \$25 per game (up from \$22), and single refs \$50 (up from \$40).

In addition to raising the base pay, AMSA is starting an incentive bonus system for higher grade officials. Grade 7 refs will receive a \$3 bonus for each game, grade 6 and 5 refs will receive a \$5 bonus, and Grade 4 refs and above will receive a \$10 bonus.

Basic referee pay will still be paid by teams at the fields. Bonuses will be paid by a check from the association at the end of the respective season (fall, spring, summer).

The AMSA Executive Committee also approved resuming having a referee hospitality area at Onion Creek when the weather permits. In approving the pay raise and bonus system, the AMSA Executive Committee has established several new conditions related to AMSA officiating:

1. For every game a referee centers, he or she will be expected to turn in an official AMSA game report including any player cards collected during the games. These materials need to be either turned in to the AMSA Referee Coordinator at the field (for OCSC) or mailed to the new AMSA postal address. To facilitate this process, AMSA will distribute postage-paid business reply envelopes for refs to use when reports and cards need to be mailed in. Game reports and cards will no longer be accepted at Soccer USA.

2. *If the AMSA Referee Assignor has not received a referee's game reports by the Wednesday following game day, the Assignor has been instructed to not schedule that referee for the following week's games. If after resuming officiating, a referee continues to not submit game reports and cards in a timely fashion, he or she will be removed from the AMSA referee pool. No incentive bonuses will be paid for any week game reports and cards are not turned in on time.*

3. *Starting in the fall season, AMSA is instituting its own Referee Assessment Program primarily-but not exclusively-designed to evaluate the performance of Grade 8 and any non-certified referees. Assessments will NOT be used in any way to determine referee pay but will be used to (a.) help AMSA refs improve their officiating skills, (b.) determine at what levels refs should be officiating, and (c.) in extreme instances, decide whether a particular ref can continue officiating AMSA games.*

If any of you are interested in becoming AMSA Assessors, please contact either the AMSA Referee Assignor or AMSA Referee Development Coordinator.

The Austin Men's Soccer Association very much appreciates the work our referees have done for the league. Hopefully this pay raise, the incentive bonus system, and the resumption of the hospitality area at Onion Creek will in some small way show you our appreciation.

Mark Greg - AMSA President

- g. Old Business: Skipped
- h. New Business: Skipped
- i. Situations: Skipped.

The meeting closed at 6:50 pm for training: "**Additional Instruction and Musings**"
by Dr. Korompai

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Any errors found are for the purpose of eliciting reader's response. *Remember I am a product of public schools.*