

## MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING

Jan 7, 2008 - UIL Building, Austin, Texas

1. Meeting called to order by President Dave Robertson at 6:30 pm.

TASO meeting will begin at 6:30 pm in February and March only followed by one hour training sessions after the CASRA meetings which will count toward 2008 recertification. This will allow the high school guys to get all their work done. We will have training sessions from Feb – June. There will not be a meeting in July and in August we will go over the new laws and Mike Day will be able to start the testing in September.

2. Introduction of Guests:

CASRA members welcomed Mike Myers and Harry Hadziselimovic, who has been a referee in New Jersey and Idaho and was just certified in Austin this Fall. He has already been assigned games.

3. Reports

- (a) December 2007 Minutes were approved as submitted.
- (b) Treasurer: We have \$2137.24 in the bank. We have purchased the 2007/2008 *Advice to Referees on the Laws of the Game*. The cost will be \$8.00. Laura Matkin has resigned as Treasurer but will stay on until a replacement has been approved by the membership.
- (c) Secretary: (Marcello Rodriguez) No report.
- (d) CASRA Vice President (John Smith): Not present.
- (e) Webmaster: (Mike Day) No report
- (f) CASRA Director of Instruction: (Mike Day) Wanted to know who had taken the clinics and had not received their badges. For those that did not have a badge, see him after the meeting. For Grade 7, you need to show him your paperwork. The Clinic system is now fully on-line. You can register and pay on-line now by credit card or by indicating you will be paying by check. The check must be received by the District Director at least seven days prior to the clinic otherwise you will be removed from the clinic. You also at that time automatically registered with USSF and you will pay one fee. The good news is that you will have your own ID account and your own password. You will be able to go in yourself and update any personal information such as your phone number or email address. The system is available now, totally online.

If a clinic is cancelled, you will be notified online and you will have the opportunity to transfer to another clinic or hold and apply for another clinic. For those that take the test through CASRA, Mike will sign you up for a clinic with a December 31<sup>st</sup> date for grade 7 and grade 8 recertification's and he will import all this information. For 2008 all CASRA members will sign up for CASRA clinics and there will be a USSF fee of \$30.00. He will then verify that you have completed your five hours of training by testing time. For all grade 7 and higher clinics will automatically have fitness tests with the clinic both for the upgrade and recertification. For a separate fitness test there will be a \$10.00 charge and he will see if he can get it waived for CASRA members. He will try to set one up shortly.

\*STSR is using an on-line registration system for these clinics. Please go to the link below to actually register for the clinic. The STSR on-line system allows you to register for the clinic, complete your USSF registration form and submit payment through a secure on-line system. <http://www.stsr.org>. The important thing is that you must register online. The instructors have been told not to take any walk ins. Walk ins will be referred to the STSR website and sign up for another clinic.

(g) CASRA President's Report: (Dave Robertson): TASO meeting will begin at 6:30 pm followed by training sessions after the CASRA meetings beginning in Feb 08.

(h) Director of Assessments: Saki Papadopoulos. Not present. The President repeated Saki's advice, if you need an assessment for an upgrade or maintenance, sign up early.

(i) Area assignors: Janice Taylor: Area assignors will be offered a four hour seminar on the first Saturday of February. Doesn't know the time yet. Check with the STYSA website. Please acquire your Kidsafe badges through your local association.

4, Old Business: Mark Elbom spoke about former referee Dennis McCutcheon who has recently passed away. His family listed that Dennis was very involved with the University Hills Optimist Soccer Organization. In December the membership approved a donation in Dennis' name and that the Board was to determine the amount at their Board meeting. Since the Board did not meet, they will take the monetary amount into advisement at the next Board meeting.

5.. New Business:

A request was made for a treasurer. Duties are keeping a current list of who the members are, email addresses, handle treasurer duties and help set up a budget. **Noel Gonsalvez volunteered.** The membership voted overwhelming in favor of Noel as the new CASRA treasurer. Membership dues are due in January and are for \$25.00.

Mark Land mentioned that Official Sports will give us 10% off if we order \$500.00 of equipment. He will get precise information for the next meeting.

6. Situations: None.

7. The meeting closed at 7:00 pm for a TASO Meeting.

The CASRA board met and approved a \$100.00 donation in Dennis McCutcheon's name to the University Hills Optimist Soccer Organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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\*Repeat from December's Meeting Minutes