

MINUTES OF CASRA MEETING – October 6, 2008 - UIL Building, Austin, Texas

1. Meeting called to order by President Dave Robertson at 6:35 pm.

a. Introduction of Guests: Glen Taylor Grade 8, and Paul Coulbeck Grade 8.

b. We will have a modified meeting tonight; later on take nominations for November elections. Tonight we will recess the CASRA meeting for a short time to let TASO have a meeting to modify part of their by-laws. This way TASO folks don't have to wait until after our meeting for their meeting.

c. Spoke about CASRA using the UIL room for our meetings for free. We used to meet at another location which was difficult to get to and cost us about \$100 per meeting at Murchison Middle School. We cannot abuse our privileges here. This facility is a secure facility. No one can be in here before Michael Day or Dave Robertson are present. Which means that you cannot enter through the back door as an employee is leaving the building.

d. A big benefit of CASRA is that you get at least eight hours of instruction of which if you get five hours of that qualifies as a recertification clinic. You don't have to go to a recert clinic. Starting tonight after the meeting, Mike Day will give the recertification test. For those new members that want to join, suggested that you wait until January and save your fee until then. John also pointed out that Clinic fees are now \$30.00 but CASRA membership is still only \$25.00.

2. Reports

(a) September 2008 minutes were approved.

(b) Treasurer: (Noel Gonsalvez) Balance is \$1802.00.

(c) Secretary: (Marcello Rodriguez) No report.

(d) STSR District Director of Instruction, Operations Manager and Webmaster: (Mike Day): Reminded members that there all types of information in the CASRA website, including assignors and most of the memos. For those that are recertify as Grade 8 or upgrading to Grade 7, you need to read the *Advice to Referees on the Laws of the Game* and the memos to help you pass the test. Test tonight and in November, but does not want to give the test in December and will not give the test in January. After that you'll have to attend a recert clinic and take the test there. The member MUST register for the CASRA Members Only Grade 7/8 Recert clinic on the www.stsr.org website, to take the test.

(e) CASRA Vice President (John Smith): Still have the CASRA coins. It will be used for membership incentives and will give three to each paid up member in 2008 and one each member in the future years while supplies last. Still has a few *Advice to Referees on the Laws of the Game* for \$9.00 for sale. Great if you are taking the Grade 7/8 Recert test. Many of the recert questions are in this booklet. A drawing will be held after the meeting for some soccer "goodies". You must be a member of CASRA to win.

(f) Director of Assessments: (Saki Papadopoulos) Not present, you need to schedule yourself for an assessment as early as possible. It must be scheduled two weeks after you have received your assigned game and must be paid in advance.

(g) District Three Representative (Paul Stanberry): State Referee Committee meeting November 1st. (President Robertson): the members are asking our District Rep to convey to the State Committee our feeling that soccer referees do not have unsupervised contact with youth players and therefore should not be subject to the Kid Safe program. CASRA urges STSR to put this position forward to STYSA. I noticed in the STSR website that you can register for Kidsafe cards. (Mike Day) It has been turned on, with a slight

problem that it would not accept your credit cards. That has been fixed now. If you registered and paid by credit card, you are now registered and your card has been charged. Doesn't know if the card is valid for one or two years now.

(h) Area assignors:

Jennie McDaniel – Hollis Levy, new President of the Women discussed the game requirements, schedules and need for more referees for their games. Realized that referees are requested from many leagues, just hope they chose the Women's Soccer League to referee games. Their web site is www.awsl.org and it's on the CASRA website. (Chris Ng) thinks that STSR requires State referees to referee at least 6 women's games each year. Hollis was asked to contact President Roberson about events like tournaments and he will get the information to all CASRA members. That goes for all assignors.

Janice Taylor – schedules all the CAYSA games mainly at the CAYSA fields. Super Two teams are not traveling any more due to transportation costs. This has increased the number of games on the CAYSA fields. No more travel to South Texas.

4. Old Business: Officer nominations. By-laws say that we have to have elections and an officer cannot serve more than two consecutive terms. All present officers are on their first term. Motion was made and seconded that the current slate of officers be nominated for another term. Motion to close the nominations was made and seconded. Current slate is Dave Robertson, President, John Smith, Vice President, Treasurer, Noel Gonsalvez, and Marcello Rodriguez, Secretary. We will open nominations at the November meeting before holding elections. If you can't make the meeting, you can email your nomination to Dave Robertson. The CASRA meeting was recessed for a short TASO meeting conducted by Mike Day.

5. New Business: Mark Land discussed that he will take new orders for Official Sports referee uniforms. He will send Mike Day a copy of a spread sheet wherein you can view it and fill it out and email to him at miland@marklandlaw.com. You save about 20% of the price and the shipping and handling costs. Sale and Holiday package items will not be discounted but you would save on shipping and handling. If enough people order and pay him for their order then he can get it out and have it by the November meeting.

6. Drawing for prizes was conducted. (President Robertson) There will be a short business meeting in November to elect officers. In December we will share the cost with TASO for food for our meetings. In January we will publish our training schedule for the next year so that everybody knows when they can get their five hours. At least one night we will have two hours of training, probably in April. We will talk to the State and District of Instruction to see if we can count the Labor Day Cup as one hour of training.

7. The meeting closed at 7:19 and TASO opened up for sign ups.

Respectfully submitted,

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