

STSR Committee meeting 4/22/06

July 8th is Referee Night for Dynamos v FC Dallas. Check website for information regarding ticket purchase. Tickets available for reduced prices for referees.

1. Les Holbrook representing STYSA. Have had discussions with SRA regarding the payment structures for the Regionals and ODP session. STYSA suggests that they could go to \$17K for tournament. El Paso reports a difficulty with Mexico nationals who are USSF who cannot be processed through the Kidsafe program due to lack of document. San Antonio also reports similar problem. STYSA will look into what other organizations do with international referees to address the Kidsafe requirements.
2. Pascal Piazza for TSSAS, complimenting the referee program for the work on the adult state cup tournaments. Also thanks for the grade 9 bridge clinic. Comments shared with him regarding the improvement in the officiating, and to work towards increases in the fee schedules. A request by the SRA that if state and national cup games are changed, the assignor be sure to notify the referee program.
3. Director Reports
 - a. SRA. SYRA and ED attended clinic in Houston. SRA attended STYSA GM meeting. The program has supported the state cups, and thanks to those who helped out with these tournaments. Attended TSSAS GM and engaged in discussions with adult programs. Also attended local functions in Brownsville and McAllen, to assist with assessments. Have established the STSR office and ED position. A contract is now finalized with Dick Triche regarding the position. It is an independent contract position, not an employment. There remain certain issues that must be addressed by the SRC. These include the location of file storage, and the organizational structure of the ED and TDs. The Houston Challenge Cup tournament will now be provided referees by STSR (first week in June). We can use this as a time to look at possible candidates for the Regionals.
 - b. Referee Development. The ED discussed names recommended by assignors for state cups. Provided list of tournaments and STSR referees who will be attending USSF Referee Academy (by invite only). STSR hosted a mini-academy in November at ODP, using Nationals as referee coaches. Looking to do this with some of the larger tournaments.
 - c. SYRA. Currently have 5 nominations for Youth Referee. Need more action by local groups in these nominations, and in recommending names to attend STYSA cup games. There are 4 tournaments going on the last two weekends, and it's from these that the ODP and Regionals will be selected. Referees not responding for information for D&P hearings, which leads to coaches and players not being punished. WDDOA sponsored an entry level clinic, and will continue to pay for up to 20. Suggested splitting the SYRA into Western and Eastern district positions.
 - d. Assignors. Reviewed previous clinics. Kidsafe looks like it will reopen for the next two year cycle in May. Registrations for instructors, assessors,

and assignors will need to be re-registered. STSR will pay for those registrations. Ahead of pace in assignor registrations.

- e. Assessment. Over 100 assessments done to this point in year. Tournaments have also provided a number of opportunities: Steve Dukes in San Antonio, Josef Zeevi, and Ricardo Aguilar have all helped to arrange assessments at state cups. June 16-18 will be an Associate Assessors clinic (check website for information). Interested referees should review criteria, and applications will be reviewed. Discussed the process where assessor candidates are selected. Discussed letting referees know where the state cup games are being held, and the assessors being assigned.
- f. Instruction. Reviewed process for recertification clinics that are specific to a grade; with more emphasis on bridge for the grade 9s. DDRIs will provide a list of the major clinics in their districts for the SDI to assign. This list is required by May 1. Briefed on the web-based registration and assessment programs.
- g. Treasurer. Reviewed policies for income and expenditures. Through March 2006, we have income of \$66,677, with expenses of \$27,078.51 for a net gain of \$39, 598.65. Outstanding large payments due will include USSF registration. Will look at establishing a contingency fund of \$100k as an account.
- h. Executive Director. Reviewed recent activities of the office. Reviewed duties of the office.
- i. District reports

Action Items

1. Assignor in-service at the STYSA GM in July.
2. SAC requests consideration of the position of District/Area Assignor Coordinators. SAC will write up a proposal to amend the STSR handbook to include these positions.
3. For quarters one and two we will pay .385 for mileage.
4. State cup expenses. STSR agrees to pay total mileage for round-trips over 50 miles for any state-sponsored activity.
5. Registration badges will be distributed for entry level at the clinic, and mail-outs for recerts.
6. Clinic fees: effective July 1, 2006 for pre-registration to \$25, \$35 for at the door registration.
7. USSF registration: effective January 1, 2007 USSF registration will incur a \$5 administrative fee.

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