

NH SRC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2020

Virtual Meeting Utilizing Zoom

Members Present: SRA, Mark Sadler; SYRA, Frank Scarito; SDI/SDA, John Breda; Secretary, Jack Merriken; Treasurer, John Ferreira; SDF, Doug Campbell; Capital Area Representative, Nick Wallner; Manchester Area Representative, Chantal McGuire; Seacoast Area Representative, Steve Zoldak, State Assignor Coordinator, Kevin Coeyman.

Guest Attendee: NNSA President, William (Rusty) Whiteman.

Members Absent: Southeastern Area Representative, Chip Geisler; Southwestern Area Representative, Rick Wood; Webmaster, Cullen Madden.

1. Reports

January 16th SRC Meeting Minutes Review and Approval (J. Merriken):

N. Wallner moved to approve said meeting minutes, as amended. F. Scarito 2nd. Motion carried.

SRA Report and Financials (M. Sadler):

M. Sadler thanked J. Breda for his efforts in setting up and organizing the virtual referee training classes. Three coaches attended the first session. J. Breda created a LOTG changes summary table. He said 28 people attended the virtual Grassroots referee class, with three USSF National Office members (Rick Eddy, Pedro Trejo, Nicole Idowu) observing. Other state organizations have asked J. Breda for assistance with their programs. M. Sadler said the NH SRP is a leader for other state programs to follow. S. Zoldak moved to audit; F. Scarito 2nd. Motion passed.

SYRA Report (F. Scarito): F. Scarito said the Nordic Cup tournament is scheduled for July 27th.

SDA & SDI Report (J. Breda):

J. Breda said four people registered and one did not attend the Grassroots Futsal class.

SDF Report (D. Campbell): None (other than above under SDA/SDI report).

Area Reps Reports: None had anything to report.

Old Business:

SRC Equipment Usage Policy (M. Sadler): M. Sadler said he hasn't followed up on this proposal.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Policy (M. Sadler): M. Sadler needs these forms signed and returned to him.

2. New Business

USSF Learning Center Policy Change on Background Check Requirement Timing (M. Sadler):

M. Sadler said USSF will be allowing class registrants to start their background check during the registration process (previously registrants had to have it approved before registering for a class). He moved to have NH require registrants to have it approved prior to attending class. F. Scarito 2nd. D. Campbell and S. Zoldak said this was a good idea. Motion passed unanimously.

Summer Training Sessions (J. Breda):

M. Sadler asked about summer training sessions (classes). J. Breda said schools will likely be unavailable as prospective training classes sites. He said plan on virtual classroom sessions and actual in-person field sessions. He expects to get new training material (2021) from National on or about (O/A) June 15. M. Sadler asked the Area Reps to get J. Breda proposed dates. S. Zoldak said SUSC wants a class (D. Campbell said they do not have chairs in their new facility). J. Breda noted it is unlikely NH schools would be available this school year (SY). M. Sadler said the NH Gov (J. Sununu) currently is not allowing groups greater than 10 to assemble, due to the pandemic.

Other Miscellaneous New Business: D. Campbell asked about referees working unaffiliated matches. M. Sadler said that USSF policy allows this in emergency situations. He added that assignors cannot assign USSF-registered referees to unaffiliated leagues' matches, and if found doing so, can be disciplined (with a maximum penalty of expulsion). F. Scarito stated concern that referees may be coerced to referee games without being assigned (clubs losing money and may ask referees to "do them a favor" and referee their game). M. Sadler said he'll have C. Madden post on our website that soccer in NH is currently shut down, and when back open, it'll be the referees' choice to referee or not to referee (they are independent contractors). Referees choosing to referee unaffiliated matches per US Soccer policy can lose their liability insurance coverage should something unfortunate occur while refereeing these unaffiliated games. F. Scarito said we need to monitor US Club Soccer clubs, as they are affiliated members with USSF. C. McGuire inquired about the number of virtual referee training classes had been conducted after the first one; J. Breda said three more (for a total of four), with 20 (+/-) referees attending in each class. He added that some club presidents have requested information on LOTG changes, and that he has sent them this information. C. McGuire inquired about the frequency of getting an updated USSF-registered NH referees listing; M. Sadler said he does this twice/month (O/A 1st & 15th).

F. Scarito moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. S. Zoldak 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

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