

# NH SRC Quarterly Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 16, 2020

## Marion Gerrish Community Center, Room 4

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, NH SRP Website's Webmaster, Cullen Madden.

Guest Attendees: USO Assignor, Ryan Faria; Derry Soccer Club Vice President, Shawn Coventry.

Members Absent: SAC, Kevin Coeyman; Southeastern Area Representative, Chip Geisler; Southwestern Area Representative, Rick Wood

### 1. Reports

October 17<sup>th</sup> SRC Meeting Minutes Review and Approval (J. Merriken):

N. Wallner moved to approve said meeting minutes. J. Merriken 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

SRA Report and Financials (M. Sadler):

M. Sadler asked if there are any questions. J. Merriken asked about the announcement of the 2019 AGM in Aug, in conjunction w/ART, to the NH referee community (a holdover question from the last SRC quarterly meeting). M. Sadler said the announcement was posted on our SRC website; no email blast was sent to the NH referee population. S. Zoldak moved to approve the financial audit; F. Scarito 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

SYRA Report (F. Scarito): F. Scarito said no changes from the Oct SRC meeting.

SDA & SDI Report (J. Breda):

C. McGuire asked by when referees have to be registered. M. Sadler said by June 30<sup>th</sup>, annually. He added that next year's referee registration requirements are uncertain at this time. J. Merriken asked if last (2019) ART was open to all referees. M. Sadler said all Grassroots (prior Grades 7, 8, & 9) and Regional referees (prior Grades 5 & 6) were invited via an email blast. J. Breda said all instructors and assessors will have to take a class during the 2021 registration process. C. McGuire asked if an advanced grade designation within a designated USSF grade (i.e., Grassroots) is official. M. Sadler said no, this is not allowed. He added the pyramid structure of USSF referees is not pure, but flat w/a spike for advanced grade referees. Discussion ensued on assignment of referees. M. Sadler said an approved referee listing will be

put on the One Drive, with updates semi-monthly, password protected, accessible to all assignors. Referees not on the list, but who show proof of a USSF referee license from the Learning Center, can be assigned games (assignors should advise SRA when this occurs). When a minor-aged referee turns 18 in a given year (following approved registration), they must complete and successfully pass a NCSI Background Check in order to keep their USSF referee certification current and continue to remain eligible to be assigned games. If this is not accomplished, their name will be removed from the official referee listing for assignors' usage.

SDF Report (D. Campbell): A recent New Futsal Grassroots Referee Training Class has yielded three new Futsal Grassroots referees.

Area Reps Reports: N. Wallner said a Grassroots referee IST class is coming up next week in Concord. S. Zoldak mentioned an upcoming IST class in Portsmouth. J. Breda discussed combining a Grassroots New Referee training class with a Grassroots IST in Portsmouth; this was based on last Sat's combined New Referee training class with an IST in Peterborough that was successful. C. McGuire is working on details for an IST class in Manchester, with possible fees incurred. He added a Nashua IST is needed. He wants bigger, fewer one-day New Referee training classes, and the winter training session should end by early April. His goal is for us to hold four New Referee training classes each training session (winter and summer). N. Wallner asked why some new referee candidates had not successfully completed their certification requirements after enrolling in and attending a class. M. Sadler enumerated various plausible reasons for this.

## 2. Old Business:

East Region Update (J. Breda):

J. Breda reported on participation on a conference call with E. Region members. Old model requirement mandating states to send referees has changed to a strong encouragement to send one referee/playing team participating in the E. Regional CS Tournament, and ¼ coach/team participating. No stipends. Referees get game fees and \$441.10 for travel expenses. Lodging, breakfast, and lunch are covered by E. Region. Referee Coaches get game fees. The East Regional Tournament location will be in NJ this year. It is hoped that referees work two matches/day and all referees get mentored each game, No referees will be sent home early (barring for cause). F. Scarito said no NH teams are currently registered to attend this event. A discussion ensued as to how this affects our state's referee and delegation attending (housing, reimbursement payments, acquiring sufficient, qualified and willing young adult referees to attend).

Use of SRC Equipment (Referee Tent) (S. Zoldak):

S. Zoldak said he's adjusting the rental deposit fee in this proposal; it's incorrect as currently written. R. Faria said this proposal disincentivizes an individual person from renting this equipment, saying it's practical for the owners, but not for the individual renter; the process is overly complicated. Discussion ensued. Leagues can be the renter, providing necessary deposit and insurance (liability is a concern). M. Sadler said if an SRC member can be present at a tournament location, then equipment rental is not required, as the SRC member would be responsible for the equipment's usage and safety. He suggested we obtain a legal review and discuss at next meeting, and moved to table the proposed motion pending this legal review and further discussion. D. Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion to table this proposal to next meeting approved.

### 3. New Business

#### Form for Out-Of-State Referees To Referee in NH (C. McGuire):

C. McGuire suggested a form be created for assignors to send to out-of-state referees desiring to referee games in NH. The form would then, in turn, be sent to the SRA for approval and coordination with referee's home state's SRA. "Let's make it easier for everybody." said M. Sadler. Discussion ensued. S. Coventry suggested the form be uploaded to the One Drive. S. Zoldak said the form made the out-of-state request formal. Further discussion developed between M. Sadler and C. McGuire regarding Futsal referees' registration with USSF to be eligible for assignment to Futsal games in NH. M. Sadler suggested C. McGuire develop a suitable form for out-of-state referees to use when applying to referee games in NH.

#### Conflict of Interest Policy (J. Breda):

NH State law requires all non-profit 501-3(c) organizations to have its Directors and Operators annually sign a statement: Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form. This requirement is also stated in our NH SRC By-Laws, and is overdue. J. Merriken noted that the NH SRC Secretary and Treasurer are not listed as NH SRC Executive Officers, as stated in our NH SRC By-Laws, (in the "Delegation" paragraph) and 'NH SRP' should read 'NH SRC' in the "Disclosure" paragraph. M. Sadler said these corrections will be made before requiring SRC members to sign this form, which is mandatory. C. McGuire asked for specific examples of conflicts of interest be given.

#### Assessor Fees (J. Merriken):

J. Merriken asked what the current assessor fees were and when they were last updated. J. Breda said the current fee structure is: \$65 for regional assessments, \$55 for upgrade/full assessments, and \$45 for D&G assessments; he didn't know when they were last updated. F. Scarito said that these fees were upgraded in 2015. Discussion ensued regarding correlation and timing with upgrading various local and regional leagues' referee game fees. M. Sadler

verbally polled current assessors present at this meeting for assessor fee comparability, who stated satisfaction with the current assessor fee structure.

Assessor Field Passes (C. Madden):

C. Madden moved to have NH SRC allocate \$15 for each assessor's ID tag to be produced and worn on a lanyard by NH assessors while conducting assessments in NH. Discussion ensued. F. Scarito said this is more for parents' (of minor-aged referees) recognition of assessor's credibility and authenticity. N. Wallner 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed.

Other New Business:

N. Wallner asked about how to inform coaches of the latest changes to the LOTG. R. Faria suggested we teach a coaches-only IST class. M. Sadler has offered to J. Cousineau (NH State Director of ODP & Coaches) to have coaches attend our IST classes. J. Ferreira asked permission to propose at the next NHSA Executive Board meeting to require NH coaches attend a LOTG changes class. M. Sadler said he's willing to attend various local/regional leagues' Spring Season kick-off meetings to brief coaches on the LOTG changes.

F. Scarito suggested we teach a separate referee training class in VT for out-of-state-registered referees who could referee games in NH. M. Sadler agreed with, and approved, this suggestion.

N. Wallner moved to adjourn at 8:45 PM; D. Campbell 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

*Jack Merriken*

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