

BWNYSRU

Board of Directors Meeting

Date: April 22, 2017

Place: Alton's Restaurant 2221 Transit Road Elma, NY 14095

Start: 7: 35 AM End: 8:50 AM

Attendees: Dan Tepleski, Shane Greene, Steph Serrano, Rachel Reichart, Bill Helwig (DRA)
non voting member, Mac Barnett attended part of meeting.

Presiding Officer: Dan

Old Business:

Review of the agenda for the Unit Meeting

Rachel to make a PowerPoint with the agenda items for each speaker

Treasurer's Report: \$19,274.62 see details in Unit meeting report

New Business:

Risk Management is still a major issue regarding the timeliness of notifying our Unit when a referee becomes eligible for games; the process has been discussed by all of the DRAs at the State level with no changes acknowledged. Many units have similar difficulties and this results in some referees becoming ineligible for being assigned games. Part of the difficulty is that some referees register rather late within this process since it takes a few weeks before being cleared by the Risk Management person and actually notifying our Unit representative (e.g. Rachel).

A resolution must be created at the State level. Therefore, it was strongly suggested that Dan appear at the next State Referee Committee (SRC) and enter into the discussion with all of the DRAs and the State Executive members. Bill will notify when this SRC meeting occurs and Dan is willing to attend to have direct discussion to resolve this even with results/changes possible for the next season.

Another resolution is to start the entire new entry level referee courses earlier in the year (e.g. January) and complete this by March in order to allow for an earlier notification of referees to be eligible (i.e. clearance from Risk Management). This was agreed to implement for next season.

This topic will be continued with an update in Old Business at the next meeting;
topic tabled

No Show Referee procedure (NSR) and document: The present process is that an assignor notifies Bill who notifies the Unit Treasurer who creates the letter stating the appropriate fine that is assessed. This season our Unit needs to acquire a referee (e.g. No Show Administrator as listed on our website) who would be willing to be the 'Field Marshall' who is part of the NSR Committee. Dan will

44 advertise for that opportunity at our next Unit meeting.
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46 Bankcard signatures: Steve Wu is automatically designated to be eligible to use our Unit
47 card since he is the State Treasurer. Shane's name will also be eligible for
48 authorization use.
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50 Room Use/Location of Unit meetings: The Harlem Road Community Center, 4255
51 Harlem Road, Amherst, NY 14226 Phone: 631-7200 was recommended. Website
52 information: The Harlem Road Community Center provides space for meetings,
53 presentations, programs and classes. Access to the facility allows community
54 groups, small businesses and private individuals to present programs that enrich
55 the quality of life in our community.
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57 This discussion included the need for referees to actually attend any Unit meeting
58 and how to encourage more referees to attend. This topic will be added to Old
59 Business for our next BWNYSRU Board meeting. Topic tabled.
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61 Additional ArbiterSports names: Presently our paid limit (e.g. 600) has been reached
62 and new members need to be added as they have completed all of the eligibility
63 requirements. Motion by Steph and seconded by Rachel to add payment for an
64 additional 25 referees as anticipated new limit from the new class of graduates as
65 stipulated by Bill. Unanimous vote to accept the motion.
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67 Access to ArbiterSports computer program: Steph, Coordinator of the Mentor Program,
68 needs direct access to acquire specific information about each mentor. A list of
69 position titles and actual names of Unit members who have access to specific areas
70 within ArbiterSports was acquired. To have access as an assignor it requires a
71 prerequisite course to be completed. Bill will request that Steph be added to the
72 official list of referees allowed to have special privileges to access ArbiterSports in
73 the ways that allows her to coordinate her information for all mentors. A new title
74 may need to be added to this list as some present referees will be eliminated as
75 their duties have changed. Bill will report back to the Board.
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77 Job Descriptions: Acquiring this will be tabled for our next Board meeting; topic tabled.
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79 BBWNYSRU By-Laws: Only our present WNYSRA
80 http://www.wnyreferee.org/documents/WNYSRA_Bylaws.pdf represent our legal
81 obligations since our Unit By-Laws have not been accepted since no record or date
82 exists verifying this acceptance. Therefore, our agenda must comply with the State
83 agenda requirements. We need to write our Unit's By-Laws that pertain to local
84 obligations. Agenda procedures will comply with State By-Laws and NOT the
85 unofficial local Unit By-Laws for the reasons stated above. Topic tabled for our next
86 Board meeting.
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88 FastPack: Charlie is the Coordinator and this entire procedure needs further clarification;

89 tabled for next meeting.

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91 FactPack: Yaser will meet with others to review/update this topic.

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93 PowerPoint from Clinic presentations: Suggestion to add these to our Unit's website was
94 opposed by State officers since it may not be appropriate to view these to replace
95 attending the actual meeting.

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97 Grant money from NYS West Association: Bill will assist Steph to write a proposal for the
98 new Mentoring Program. and the actual grant application is located at:
99 [http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/GrantProgram/2016-2017%20Grant](http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/GrantProgram/2016-2017%20Grant%20Application-1.pdf)
100 [1.pdf](http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/GrantProgram/2016-2017%20Grant%20Background%20information.pdf)[http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/GrantProgram/2016-2017%20Grant](http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/GrantProgram/2016-2017%20Grant%20Background%20information.pdf)
101 [%20Background%20information.pdf](http://www.nyswysa.org/docs/GrantProgram/2016-2017%20Grant%20Background%20information.pdf)

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103 Gifts for Unit end-of-year meeting: John Kramer (Vendor approved by Unit) purchases
104 items with consideration to distribute a small zippered pouch (e.g. Fox 40 Pouch
105 <https://www.amazon.com/Fox-40-Referee-Accessory-stopwatch/dp/B01HFK6SIU>
106 can also be acquired with the pouch only; FitBit or Garmin wrist accessory was suggested
107 [https://www.amazon.com/gps-running-watch/b? ie=UTF8&node=617647011](https://www.amazon.com/gps-running-watch/b?ie=UTF8&node=617647011) John Kramer will be
108 notified.

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110 Administrator for ArbiterSports: Bill requested that he be named to this position.
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112 Rachel and Shane had other commitments and left earlier in the meeting. Motion to
113 adjourn by Steph and seconded by Mac with unanimous acceptance.