

BWNYSRU - Board of Directors

Date: January 28, 2017
Start: 9 AM
Attendees: Lisa Augustine – President (Term ending 2018)
Mac Barnett – Recording Secretary (Term ending 2017)
Stephanie Serrano - 1st Vice President (Term ending 2018)
Rachel Reichart - Member at large (Term ending 2017)
Yaser Soliman - Junior Member (Term ending 2018)
Ankur Singh – Website Coordinator mr.ankur.singh@gamil.com (983-7925)
John Kramer – State Assignor Coordinator jrefk@aol.com (912-3550)
Absent: Laurie Rufino – Treasurer but non-voting member; appointed by Board
Charlie Loweceey - 2nd Vice President
Place: Olympic Restaurant 4611 Genesee Street Cheektowaga, NY
End: 10:15 AM

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report: Sent by email by Laurie balance today a balance of \$10,114.24; Board approved this amount by voice vote. Next big expenditure will be payment to ArbiterSports company.

John Kramer: Stated that next year the use of Arbiter will cost \$ 4.00 per person which is 75 cents LESS than this year; we have allotted about 600 referee slots that would total \$2400

Mentoring Program: Stephanie is developing with a final proposal available before the March Board meeting; this will include a method for tracking each referee, training information, and eventually placed on our new website

Website: Ankur will finalize and update our Website with Board approval needed for any information inserted after the original is approved; accessibility will be easy with lots of information available; meetings listed with time/date/place; uplink to Twitter and Facebook accounts within the website; John will create a chart for FAQ regarding game incidents (e.g. what to do if...) and actions to be taken for each incident; each tournament's pay schedule/procedure will also be described; tournament dates/times/places. His salary will be paid each month as approved by Lisa for those delineated services. This is what we presently use: <http://www.buffalo.wnyreferee.org/index.html>

New Business:

- 1] Lisa will investigate if the powerpoint of our soccer recerts can legally be posted on our website knowing that other soccer websites already have this available.
- 2] Yaser will update our FactPack and send revisions to the Board before it is posted on our website; this will need to be finalized by March
- 3] Charlie will be notified that he is assigned the Project Referee program that needs to be written that

includes how we select potential referees, what criteria will be used with a description of how each referee will be rated for that selection, assignment of games with that knowledge, age levels of Program referees to be assigned, how and when to recruit potential referees to this Project, assessors to evaluate the referee with best opportunity being at tournaments, producing a framework for this Project that is similar to the Mentoring Program that includes easy accessibility by those involved and any other topics that are deemed appropriate. Art Jaspe will be able to give names of enrolled referees to the appropriate assignors. Formal assessments will be used as well as the DNG ratings for new Project Referee enrollees.

John stated that grant money may be available at the New York West and State levels paid toward creating/implementing this Program. A simple application needs to be written to gain approval for this money which John will acquire the template.

http://www.nyswysa.org/GrantProgram/index_E.html?1485655230

- 4] John stated that 123 referees are officially registered to be referees which is typical for this time of the year. This list is continually updated as registration/clinic attendance and approval of Risk Management continue.
- 5] Rachel will monitor official Risk Management and Registration.
- 6] Lisa will contact a person from NY West to clarify the timeline/procedures and thoroughness of Risk Management; a representative from NY West will be requested to attend our Board meeting to discuss this and other topics.
- 7] John is proposing that referees below the age of 18 NOT be forced to be part of the Risk Management procedure; however, this was his own proposal to be pursued through his level of expertise.
- 8] A preliminary discussion was held about the selection of ArbiterSports or Game Officials after the contract with Arbiter ends in the summer of 2018. There exist pros and cons for each company. Rochester and Buffalo comprise about 90 percent of the registered referees in western New York. It would be prudent to reach a consensus among the entire western New York Units. The two companies cannot co-link information due to their different programming! A formal decision must be made by November 2018. It would be helpful to create criteria specifying what can/cannot be programmed into each company's website before any final decision is made. Referees involved with servicing high schools all use ArbiterSports and will continue to access this through the BOCES District accountability procedures.
- 9] Any expenditures from our Budget must receive formal Board approval BEFORE it is authorized to be spent.; this may be approved by Board email.
- 10] John is requesting ideas of gifts to distribute to every referee at our annual meeting. Please contact him with new ideas. Referee socks were proposed by Yaser and Mac as these seem to be a needy garment!
- 11] Further discussion will be held regarding having John assist/purchase new uniforms for referees; this was a cost-saving process. The new uniforms are not mandated for the next two years.

Next BWNYSRU Board of Directors' meeting is: Saturday **February 25, 2017 at 9 AM** at the Olympic Restaurant, 4611 Genesee Street, Cheektowaga, NY

Respectfully submitted by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac", written over a horizontal line.

Mac Barnett – Recording Secretary