

Buffalo and Western New York Soccer Referee Unit

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Place: Alton's Restaurant Time Start: 7 AM End: 8:50 AM
Present: Dan, Rachel, Steph, Chris, Mac = Board members; John Kramer, Bill Helwig = Guests
Presiding Officer: Dan
Agenda:

1] Recertification **dates** arranged: These are arranged by Bill as District Referee Administrator :

Buffalo region

Wednesday	November 8, 2017	6-9 PM	Sportsplex	Basic
Saturday	November 18, 2017	12:30 – 3:30 PM	Sahlens	Basic
Sunday	December 3, 2017	9 AM – 12 PM	Sportsplex	Basic
Wednesday	December 6, 2017	6-9 PM	Harlem Road Community Center	Advanced
Saturday	December 9, 2017	9 AM – 12 PM	Veronica Connor Middle School Grand Island	Basic
Wednesday	December 13, 2017	6-9 PM	Sahlens	Basic
Wednesday	December 27, 2017	6-9 PM	Frontier Educational Center – Hamburg	Basic
Saturday	December 30, 2017	9 AM – 12 PM	Sweethome High School	Basic
Saturday	January 6, 2018	9 AM – 12 PM	Harlem Road Community Center	Advanced
Saturday	January 6, 2018	! PM – 4 PM	Harlem Road Community Center	Basic

2] **JSL Rules** updated: [BWNYSJSL New Rules for 2018.Ref Unit.pdf](#)

3] **BWNYSRU meetings:**

Wednesday	February 21, 2018	Meeting place to be determined
Thursday	March 22, 2018	Meeting place to be determined
Thursday	April 26, 2018	Meeting place to be determined
Thursday	May 24, 2018	Meeting place to be determined
Thursday	June 28, 2018	Meeting place to be determined
Thursday	August 2, 2018	Meeting place to be determined

4] **Parent meeting for new referees:** Wednesday March 21, 2018 Meeting place to be determined
Notification will be made to mandate that every new referee create a Gmail account; more new parent meetings will be scheduled based upon entry level clinics. Mentor program committee will determine these scheduling arrangements.

5] Discussion of possible **meeting rooms** with different people researching what is available for total membership attending between 15 and 100; email each other with possibilities to everyone so that final decisions can be made. Fees tentatively include \$275 at Millennium Hotel with renegotiations possible

6] **Dues:** update of the website form is needed by Shane; he will also research needed to determine how to pay through website/internet. Presently, Unit attendees may pay at all recertification meetings by credit card process that Shane has through his cellphone access.

- 50 7] **Risk Management:** Rachel will acquire updated list and send email to those who need to re-register; time
51 element for obtaining a formal positive response is still a concern
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- 53 8] **Notification to members by email** to: register for Recertification meeting, pay dues, Risk Management
54 needs, take and earn a passing grade on the referee test within 5 days of attending the Recertification
55 meeting or another payment of \$5 will be necessary to take and pass another format of the referee test.
56 Dan will notify everyone to perform these actions. Dan will create this for everyone's review before
57 distributing it.
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- 59 9] Received **check** from NYSRA for \$2,000 regarding the Mentoring Program that was inserted into
60 our Unit account
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- 62 10] **Unit Clinics:** agreed to develop an agenda in order to assure that each Clinic presents the
63 same information; presenters will create this agenda and PowerPoint
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- 65 11] **Arbiter payment:** discussion regarding who will pay and cost per member; we had about 600
66 slots last year; Shane Green will contact Steve Wu (State Treasurer and Primary Arbiter
67 Administrator) who will negotiate with Michael Tata (NY State Referee Administrator on the
68 Executive Committee) regarding final arrangements.
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- 70 12] **Website Manager:** Payment from Shane to Ankur for next year's services for same amount
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- 72 13] **Election concern** from last Unit meeting: a letter was received from Charlie Lowecey stating
73 his resignation as a Board member due to inability to attend Board meetings; Dan has this
74 email. Chris was appointed to Charlie's position and accepted this position. Jessica was
75 appointed to chair the Election Committee and was approved by the BWNYSRU Board.
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- 77 14] **Discipline of members:** Yaser is the chairperson who needs to create list of
78 particulars/concerns/violations related to any BWNYSRU member who is being considered for
79 sanctions/discipline. The JSL may enforce specific discipline without approval from the
80 BWNYSRU Board. A procedure regarding this format needs to be developed. A letter will be
81 created to send to a member regarding concerns raised by the Board. Yaser will present a
82 review of allegations at the next Board meeting. Names of members discussed will not be
83 written into these minutes. Formal sanctions regarding membership/duties may only be
84 enforced by the State Board of Referees as per the Constitution.
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- 86 15] **BDSL:** referee concerns regarding abusive and language at a game by anyone; consideration is
87 being given to create a 'team dissent penalty' by tracking team members' violations and having
88 a fine/violation against the team. Also, the BDSL will track each referee's disciplinary cards in
89 order to determine patterns that may exist showing inconsistency of rule enforcement. The
90 center referee needs to enforce strict discipline at the start of the game in order to lessen
91 probability of an escalation of abuse toward another referee! A major concern is that written
92 reports regarding abuse need to be filed/sent to the BDSL in order for a follow up conversation
93 to happen; without this documentation, no changes can happen. Concerns also exist regarding
94 playing on a team and also being a referee that may create presumed ethical conflicts.
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- 96 John Kramer will research the payment that is needed for games already performed.
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- 98 16] **JSL schedule:** John Kramer reported that the schedule may begin one week later than previous
99 years; open dates in the calendar will exist in order to more easily arrange for rescheduled

100 games; Odenbach Tournament site may be changed; Akron Tournament may also limit its
101 number of teams to play

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103 17] **Adjournment:** motion by Rachel; 2nd by Steph at 8:50 AM