

1 Buffalo and Western New York Soccer Referee Unit

2 Meeting Agenda

3 April 26, 2017

4 Meeting place: Millenium Hotel Cheektowaga, NY

5 Start: 7:04 PM End: 8:17 PM

6 Presiding Officer: Dan Teplesky – President

7 Call to order by President

8 Approve of minutes of last BWNYSRU – Unit March 2017 meeting as posted on
9 website:

10 Motion to accept and seconded with unanimous approval

11 **President's message:** (Dan Teplesky)

12 Protocol is to sign in at table outside of this meeting room

13 Turn cell phones off to vibrate only and answer call in the hallway

14 Income created by our Unit equals \$500,000 from JSL, other leagues and
15 tournaments

16 Professional appearance includes complete uniform as shown with black
17 shoes, shorts, appropriate shirt and socks

18 Procedure for all referees at all games:

19 ***Center ref contacts both ARs and both coaches with***
20 ***pertinent game information and also requesting a reply***
21 ***from everyone***

22 [Not all Leagues that we service require the Referee to confirm the
23 game with coaches. In fact, Thruway League and the ERL do not
24 provide a coaches or contact list. Both of these Leagues have a very
25 expensive fine system in place that requires the teams to inform the
26 League of any changes = stated by Bill Helwig]
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28 Assurance needed for designating the correct field of play by the
29 home coach

30 Arrive 30 minutes before start of game with pregame meeting with
31 ARs

32 No cell phones on the field

33 Center ref to interview ARs regarding past referee experiences

34 All referees are to walk the field to investigate potential difficulties

35 while notifying the home coach to fix any concerns on the field
36 including goals

37 Check the air pressure of game balls with a gauge and have a pump

38 available

39 Check roster for eligibility; must be typed

40 Review the game and score while staying on the field at the end of
41 play; once referee is physically off the field of play, nothing
42 legally can be changed by the referee

43 Do NOT wait till players shake hands; this is not mandatory nor the
44 referee's responsibility

45 Return the passes to the coach

46 Center referee will evaluate the ARs for proper attire and complete
47 the reports as necessary on JSL website

48 BWNYSRU needs a referee to fill the position of tracking referee NO
49 SHOWS and professional responsibility of contacting the
50 coaches; please contact Dan if applying

51 Game injuries may result in having the referee request that the
52 coach remove a player from the PITCH

53 With head injuries it is better to be safe than sorry; when a player
54 has a head injury, s/he is to be removed from the field and
55 require a medical clearance in order to return

56 Coach believes player is eligible to return and you as the referee do
57 not agree with the coach's decision? Allow the player to enter
58 field of play and immediately send off for injury

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61 **1st Vice President** - (Steph Serrano):

62 Uniform orders end this Friday by contacting John Kramer
63 immediately after this Unit meeting

64 Mentor Program supervisor – Cathy Jaspe

65 Progress measured by skill development rather than by
66 number of games or years of service

67 U 10 Premier level games will only allow an experienced center
68 referee with special rules for offside

69 Lower level U 10 games will assign only 1 referee to game

70 Mentoring meeting will be held immediately after this Unit meeting

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72 **2nd Vice President** – Charlie Loweecey is unavailable due to college classes

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74 **Senior Member** – Rachel Reichart

75 Reviewed the process for acquiring Risk Management approval

76 New lists are received today with new names added to eligibility

77 Timeline for receiving the approved pass after applying is 4 – 6

78 weeks! Six people process the steps for eligibility!
79 Authorization received through an email to each referee/coach who
80 MAY use that printed authorization to bring to the game while
81 waiting for the legal Risk Management Pass
82 Risk Management pass expire on August 31 every 2 years
83 Picture ID is mandatory on pass for referee and each coach

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85 **Junior Member** – Yaser Soliman unable to attend

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87 **Secretary** – Mac Barnett
88 No correspondences

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90 **Treasurer** – Shane Greene
91 Total as of today is \$19,274.62 as submitted

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BWNYSRU		
Treasurer's Report as of 4/26/2017		
Beginning Balance in Bank 09/01/2016	8,914.80	
Income Categories		
10101 - Registration Fees - District	18,065.00	
10102 - Club Fines		
10400 - Misc		
Total Income Categories	18,065.00	
Expense Categories		
60350 - Trophies & Awards		
60400 - Gifts		
60500 - Office Expenses	563.56	
60501 - Arbiter	2,679.75	includes 2016 house league reimbursements
60600 - Postage	22.98	
60700 - Rent	2,970.00	HRCC; Millennium
60800 - DRA expenses		
61100 - Uniforms		
61300 - Website Maintenance		
61600 - Meals & Entertainment	985.30	Board & Committee expenses
61601 - Banquet		
62502 - Bank Charges	266.82	
62503 - Charitable contributions	50.00	
62600 - Assessing Fees		
63030 - Training Lodging		
63040 - Training Equip	16.77	Reimbursement for class materials, S.B.
63011 - Local Training Fees	150.00	Clinics
63050 - Training Meals		
Total Expense Categories	7,705.18	
Ending balance 4/26/2017	19,274.62	
Shane Greene		
Unit Treasurer		

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Unit dues remained the same

DRA – Bill Helwig

Games are posted on ArbiterSports as they are received
Referee level rankings (number) have changed and are available by
contacting Bill
US Soccer has not done away with the Emeritus Grade, only
Emeritus Grade Referees who work adult games, must change
over to a Grade 7 Referee in 2018
Next year's recertification schedule will begin in November with the
culmination anticipated by the second week of January in order
to speed up the process of acquiring approval of Risk

106 Management passes

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108 **Old Business:**

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110 **Website** – Ankur Singh: webmaster of www.buffalo.wnyreferee.org

111 Quicklinks are available

112 New WNYSRA App is available also

113 Facebook and Twitter accounts also available

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115 **SDA** – Art Jaspe

116 Assessments are organized by Art

117 Payment for upgrade assessments is mandatory

118 Assessor will recommend advancement or to remain at the same
119 grade

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121 **New Business:**

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123 **Leagues:** Thruway are assigned by Bill

124 Women's is an adult league using only a single grade 7 referee per
125 game

126 BDSL games are assigned by Andy Evenhouse with payment on the
127 field of \$70/\$40/\$40 for center and ARs; contact Andy if you
128 want to ref a game

129 WPSL exists in central New York and uses a 4th referee

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131 **JSL:** Mark Meyerhofer – President

132 U 10 games have a Build Out line that originates across the field and
133 touching the outer line of the center circle; field MUST have
134 cones signifying this Line but need not have actual physical
135 line drawn across the field; this line is only enforced on offensive
136 team's goal kick while also realizing that the kicked ball must
137 cross the 18 yard line before it can be played by the receiving
138 team; the receiving team MAY play the kicked ball before that
139 ball crosses the Build Out line IF the kicking team physically
140 kicks the ball before the receiving team members are all
141 beyond that Build Out line...because the kicking team chose to
142 kick early! When a violation by a player of the Build Out line,
143 then the referee will blow the whistle and require a Restart of
144 the kick (e.g. no penalty awarded). If no circle line exists, then
145 walk out 4 yards each way from center point to create Build

146 Out line placement. Punting is allowed.

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148 No use of heading the ball for U 10 and U 11 players; violation
149 is an Indirect Free Kick from point of violation.

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151 Field sizes vary dependent upon age level of players;
152 dimensions are located on JSL website

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154 **Lead JSL Assignor** – John Kramer

155 Must have ArbiterPay account available by May 15, 2017; use
156 Direct Pay to your bank account or other payment
157 methods will cost money per payment!

158 Assignors were introduced as listed on website

159 Turnbacks must include an email to assignor AND John Kramer
160 or call each person when an urgent situation happens on
161 the day of your game; notify us!

162 Distance payment of 20 miles minimum from your home is an
163 additional \$12; assignor must receive an email signifying
164 the game number and date for any referee who is
165 eligible; use your mileage designation and not what
166 ArbiterSports website uses! Payment will be made
167 at the end of the season in one full payment.

168 Extended mileage for extreme distant games will include an
169 additional \$20 total payment distributed among 3
170 referees (e.g. \$8/\$6/\$6) in additional to regular extended
171 mileage payment!

172 Tournaments are listed on our website; Akron is the first
173 ArbiterSports tracks your viewing results: **Published** means
174 that referee has not looked at schedule for this game;
175 **Notified** means that referee did look at that game
176 request to referee; limit of 6 days for a referee to
177 make a decision or that game is eliminated from that
178 referee's availability schedule and that availability is
179 blocked for no further games on that date

180 Must arrive at least 30 minutes before your tournament game
181 is scheduled to play in order to receive special rules

182 Uniform orders end this Friday for purchase by John

183 **Assignors:**

184 U10 Assignor Cathy Jaspe

185 U11/12 Assignor Steve Wu

186 U 13/ U14 Assignor Mark Kaczmarek

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Nominations – Marty Morris - Nick Morris (son) read positions available three times as mandated by our Unit By-Laws

- 1st Vice President: requests names for nominations; Steph Serrano already nominated; no other names submitted
- 2nd Vice President: requests names for nominations; Charlie Loweecey already nominated; no other names submitted
- Senior Member: requests names for nominations; Rachel Reichart already nominated; no other names submitted
- Secretary: requests names for nominations; Mac Barnett already nominated; no other names submitted

Business for the Good of the Organization : none

President Daniel Teplesky asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion by Ashley Cedro, second Jennifer Jones; passed unanimously