

# BWNYSRU Unit Meeting

March 23, 2017

Millennium Hotel Cheektowaga, NY

- 1) Call To Order by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Stephanie at 7:00 PM Approximately 70 members attended this meeting and marked their presence when entering..
- 2) Minutes: Mac; February meeting: motion made and seconded with unanimous voice vote
- 3) Treasure's Report by Laurie: presently have \$15,073.53; motion made to accept and seconded with unanimous voice vote in the affirmative
- 4) DRA Bill Helwig:
  - a. Annual General Meeting held in Rochester with 3 noted speakers; 20 referees from BWNYSRU attended; excellent PowerPoint and discussion about 'denying an obvious goal-scoring opportunity' which might be worthwhile to have our instructors have that same information; an attempt will be made to have the AGM in Buffalo next year!
  - b. Enrollment presently at 509 referees which includes ALL refs even those for House League; another course will be offered this weekend with 40 people enrolled and another one at SportsPlex at the end of April. This total is better than last year's enrollment. 13 refs have taken the recertification class and even paid their registration but have NOT taken the mandatory test..yet! This will result in no assigned games.
  - c. Pro Clinic includes 8 referees but none from this area
  - d. Risk Management will have an updated list that will be used BEFORE any assignments are made;
    - i. if your name is not on the approved list, then you may not/cannot be assigned any games!
    - ii. Motion made to accept Bill's report and seconded with unanimous voice vote
- 5) Risk Management Chairperson Rachel: She will be receiving updated list
- 6) Nominations Chairperson Marty: 4 positions available = present nominations are:
  - a. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Stephanie
  - b. Secretary: Mac
  - c. Senior Member At Large: Rachel
  - d. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Charlie
- 7) New Mentoring Program: Steph and her Committee presented the PowerPoint that will be placed on our website. This will help with tracking each new referee and Mentor using Google.docs; the Mentor will be the Center Referee for these U 10 games and the first year ref (Trainee) will only be the AR; **BWNYSRU will have a on-field testing session for Mentors before they are eligible to Mentor games; Trainees will also have an on-field application experience.** Trainees will also complete a feedback document to the Mentor as well as the Mentor assessing the Trainee; this can be done on the internet. Payment for the Trainee is \$26 for each game and for the Mentor center ref is \$45 and the Mentor is paid \$40 when s/he is assigned as the AR for that Mentor game. Rating procedure will be thru a 3-tiered progression measured by the

Mentor Committee chaired by Steph; progress will be related to excellence toward skills rather than a time line; as progress is made, movement to next tier will happen!

- 8) Website updated by Ankur Singh as assigned those duties
- 9) Facebook created by Steph and requesting to join/like us
- 10) Old Business by Mac: none noted
- 11) Arbiter Pay by John Kramer: each ref must register to receive payment
- 12) New Business by refs attending:
  - a. Marty voiced concern that the BWNYSRU minutes must be read out loud for the members to be able to correct any errors. This was agreed by the presiding officer Steph. Mac admitted that he had not posted these minutes and he accepted the responsibility to do this; he admitted he made that mistake. Part of the difficulty was that he had not notified the Webmaster, Ankur, to add a tab/screen specifically for the Board minutes to be posted as a PDF. Mac had recently notified Ankur to do this and the minutes will be posted. Steph read the minutes as written and as they had already been approved earlier at this meeting. No changes were made.
  - b. Marty asked where the BWNYSRU Board minutes were located so that the BWNYSRU members could read and approve of those. Yaser stated that Roberts' Rules did not mandate that task necessary for Unit approval.
  - c. Question from member regarding the BWNYSRU President. Steph stated that Lisa had resigned her position and Steph was the acting President for this meeting.
  - d. Uniforms were distributed by John either before the BWNYSRU meeting or after the official adjournment.

13) Adjournment: 7:40 PM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mac", with a small horizontal line underneath.