

Minutes of the MVSRA Meeting on May 17, 2009

Called to order: 7:10 PM

Attendance: Ed Kobos, Art Durando, Kevin Waters, Peter Inserra, Jim Wright, Kit Hutchinson, Joe Stanco, Steve Barth, David Gould, EJ Conzola, Bruce Harris, Bill Brooks, Bill Bailey, Glen Bahr, Alan Copeland, Duane Wheeler, Andy Totman, Ray Pitcher, Paul Mazloom, Denis Mistic, Eric Ventura, Gary M Gerhardt, Bjorn Solli, new members: Alex Firsching, Phil Trela, Robert Gould, Gary N Gerhardt, Julie Gerhardt, and Nurko Kucevic and special guest all the way from Canada Pat Woods.

Approval of minutes: The minutes of the last meeting were approved as posted online at www.mvsra.org.

Correspondence: Paul Tamberino has posted an update for the 08-09 Guide to Procedures online at <http://www.ussoccer.com/laws/index.jsp.html>. It is important that everyone read both the procedures and the update to increase your knowledge of the laws of the game especially if you intend on officiating at tournaments.

Officers Reports

- 1) President: there are still opportunities to officiate outside the area such as Albany, the Soccer Hall of Fame and there will be 4 CNYSSL womens games on a Sunday in July. Let Ed know of your interest.
- 2) Vice-President: Our mentor program will educate 8 members and who will pass on their learnings to the rest of the membership at least once per year per referee. In exchange the mentors will receive \$35 per session as reimbursement for being unavailable for refereeing.
- 3) Secretary: The president cleared up confusion with one email address and the secretary said everyone should have received a copy of the roster except Bill Bailey who will receive his by mail.
- 4) Assignor: Kevin requested everyone update Arbiter as often as possible concentrating on Monday through Friday from 5PM on as he has already received 6 turnbacks and the SSL season hasn't started yet. He also gave a brief demonstration to show how to leave notes, block days and other things Arbiter can do.
- 5) Treasurer: The association has a balance of \$1091.64

Committee Reports:

Training: After the business portion of the meeting we will go over the most missed questions on the recertification test.

Membership: Every member has been emailed a copy of the roster. If you did not get one let the secretary know and he will get one to you.

Old Business:

- 1) Audit: The finances of the Association are in good standing.
- 2) Bylaws: Changes to our bylaws were reviewed and will be voted on at the June meeting. They will be emailed to every member separately from the meeting minutes.
- 3) Dues: anyone who has not paid their MVSRA dues to the treasurer will now owe \$30 and will not be assigned games until paid.
- 4) Entry level course: 13 new members have been added to the club and those in attendance were recognized and applauded.
- 5) Mentoring: The mentor course will be held May 18 and 29.
- 6) ENY tourneys: There are still assignments available including Camden, State Cup, Hall of Fame and Albany.
- 7) We will be sending referees to other tournaments including Gettysburg, PA and CDYSL in Albany.

New Business:

- 1) The next meeting of the MVSRA will be June 14, 2009 at 7PM at Grace Church in Utica. The association will be voting on bylaw changes so attendance is EXTREMELY URGENT!

CNYSSL:

- 1) A list of procedures for every referee to follow for situations such as inclement weather and substitution available through a link on our website www.mvsra.org.
- 2) There will be 6 A league teams, 7 B and 9 womens with play starting on June 1.
- 3) Referees are to match each players pass to the roster and be sure the photo matches the player to avoid problems such as occurred last year.
- 4) Game reports are to be emailed within 48 hours of game end to Ed and Art this year and any red cards are to be called to Kevin the same night.

Items for the good of the game:

- 1) On June 6 there will be a 7v7 AYSO tournament in Herkimer for u14's, u16's and u19's if anyone is interested in officiating contact Ray Pitcher ASAP.
- 2) Also on June 6 there will be a spaghetti dinner to benefit Robert Fusillo, brother of our own Tom Fusillo, who had a very serious car accident. There will be raffles and a 50/50 drawing. Everyone interested should contact Peter Inserra.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Submitted by Peter Inserra, Secretary, MVSRA