

Minutes of the June 14, 2009 MVSRA meeting at Grace Church, Utica, NY

Called to order: 7PM

Attendance: Ed Kobos, Art Durando, Kevin Waters, Peter Inserra, Kit Hutchinson, Ray Pitcher, Alex Matthews, EJ Conzola, Rick Mitchelson, Andy Totman, Bjorn Solli, Nurko Kucevic, Steve Barth, Bruce Harris, Paul Mazloom, Glen Bahr, Rifet Begic, Denis Mistic, Rich Abel, Gary M Gerhardt, all 3 Wheelers, Joseph Affatigato, Phil Trela, Alex and Michael Payne, Eric Ventura, Joe Stanco, Alan Copeland.

1) Presidents Report:

- a. FIFA has released a memorandum regarding law changes for 2009-10 (starting July 1, 2009) and must be read by all referees. Ed will have to email us a link to it as I could not find anything on US Soccer or FIFA's websites.

2) Vice Presidents Report:

- a. Mentor program is going very well with 6 students passing the course.
- b. 2 red cards were issued within the first two weeks of the CNYSSL season.

3) Assignors report:

- a. Be sure to confirm your games sites and uniform with your partners at least a day in advance of your game
- b. Arbiter cannot list a game if one is in progress so games at Proctor Park will be listed as starting at 8:30 pm but should start immediately after the junior league game being played before hand. Inform the coaches to have their players warm up away from the field, inspect rosters and passes and do the coin toss/pregame before the junior game is over.

4) Secretaries report:

- a. Condolences were given to Rifet Begic for the loss of his father and Ray Pitcher for the loss of his mother in law.
- b. A card was passed around and signed by everyone for our treasurer who is recovering from brain...err heart surgery. Get well soon Jim we need you back!

5) Registrars report:

- a. Whistles and other equipment will be bought if there is enough interest. Please contact Kit.

6) Committee Reports:

- a. Bylaw revision committee

- i. There were not enough members in attendance for a vote on by law changes and they were tabled until the next meeting.

7) New Business

- a. The fitness test will be August 22 at MVCC for all those referees who are grades 1-7.
- b. MV United season started the 13th of June at HCCC's Wehrum Stadium and the MVSRA provided all 4 of the referees. Contact Rifet if you want more info on schedule, cost, etc.
- c. Kevin Waters made a motion that the meeting format change from business first to training first as the lateness of the meetings might be a cause of low attendance especially from early workers & students. The motion was seconded by Duane Wheeler and passed 29-2.

8) Old business

- a. Tournaments are coming up fast so contact Ed or Kevin if you are interested in refereeing at: Camden, Soccer Hall of Fame, Clifton Park, Empire Cup or Salt City.
- b. CNYSSL
 - i. Reports are coming in that referees are not consistent and everyone should check their law changes from the link on our website if you are unsure of substitutions, thunder and lightning, etc.

9) Items for the good of the game:

- a. Steve Barth reported on the Select 7 tournament that will be occurring over the June 20 and 21st weekend. 47 teams in 4 divisions at 3 games sites will be playing and referees are needed.
- b. August 2 is the date of the Future Famers tournament at the Soccer Hall of Fame in conjunction with the Induction Ceremony featuring Jeff Agoos and Joy Fawcett.
- c. Joe Stanco reported our treasurer Jim Wright was resting comfortably at home after undergoing heart surgery and was doing great as of June 11.
- d. July 2 there will be a Red Bulls clinic for coaches and players contact Alan Copeland if interested.
- e. Nurko Kucevic knows of 4 soccer fields that are available for games or practice if anyone can use them.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM for training on AR procedures and guidance motion first Kit Hutchinson, second Paul Mazloom.