

Mohawk Valley Soccer Referees' Association
2/15/2010 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM.

1. Present: Paul Mazloom, Kit Hutchinson, Nurko Kucevic, Ray Pitcher, Steve Barth, Rick Mitchelson, Ed Kobos, Art Durando, Chris Swider, Gary Gerhardt, Bill Bailey, Jim Wright, Bill Brooks, Denis Mistic, Bjorn Solli, Joe Stanco.
2. Minutes from the 2009 Annual General Meeting were approved. The only change to the Executive Board is that Glen Bahr is now the MVSRA Secretary.
3. Ed reported the only correspondence he has received is from USSF regarding re-registration for 2011. People will no longer be allowed to re-register after December 31. Anyone who needs to do that will have to attend the last night of a new referee course, take the test, and pay the full fee for the course. The MVSRA will use the following dates for re-registration: August 21 (fitness test), November 15 (re-certification and test), and December 18 (make-up re-certification and test).
4. Officers reports:
 - a. President – There is no new information since the AGM.
 - b. Vice-President – Art had to correct some grades on the re-certification test because of a mistake on the answer key. However, the changes did not cause anyone you passed to fail or who failed to pass.
 - c. Secretary – Please send any address or phone changes or correction to Glen via e-mail ASAP.
 - d. Registrar – Anyone who has not taken Risk Management needs to do so. Everyone who was a MVSRA member in 2008 or 2009 and is over 18 has already passed the Risk Management. Anyone turning 18 in 2010 needs to take the Risk Management. Those under 18 do not need this.
 - e. Assignor – The Executive Board will be developing a self-survey for all MVSRA members to take. This survey will have people judge their own fitness, knowledge of the laws, people skills, etc., and be used in 2010 assignments. Also, anyone who has a game cancelled needs to e-mail Kevin immediately to make sure officials are properly paid. If you are not planning to officiate this year, let Kevin know ASAP because our fees to Arbiter are based on the number of referees that need to be assigned games.
 - f. Treasurer: There is currently \$1,041.08 in the MVSRA checking account as of 2/15/2010, and there is no outstanding debt. Art suggested that 10% of our funds be set aside annually for a reserve fund. Jim thinks that we currently have enough and can raise funds in other ways if we need to. The proposal was sent to the Executive Board to examine.
5. Committee Reports:

- a. Membership – No report
- b. Training – There will be a session about persistent infringement after the meeting. Art has reserved dates at Grace Church to hold a new member class. Start to think about people we should ask to join and about advertising.
- c. Constitution Review – Changes were approved. Glen will put the new MVSRA Constitution on the website.

6. Unfinished Business:

- a. Art will prepare a report about those who mentored in 2009 and give a stipend to them. In 2010, everyone will be mentored at least once.
- b. An audit for the MVSRA finances needs to be done before the next meeting.

7. New Business:

- a. 2010 dues are \$30 with the increase to pay for mentoring. There will be a \$10 late fee for any paid after 4/12/2010.
- b. During 2010, meetings during the indoor season will be on Mondays to avoid conflicts with games; during the outdoor season, they will be on weekends to avoid conflicts. Meeting dates for 2010 are as follows:
 - i. February 15 (Monday 6 PM)
 - ii. April 12 (Monday 6 PM)
 - iii. May 16 (Sunday 7 PM)
 - iv. June 13 (Sunday 7 PM)
 - v. July 18 (Sunday 7 PM)
 - vi. August 21 (Saturday 8:30 AM) (fitness test only)
 - vii. November 15 AGM (Monday 6 PM)
- c. The MVSRA would like to put on an Advanced Referee Clinic sometime around May 22. This would be open to all referees. Send any topic suggestions to Ed.
- d. The Mohawk Valley United have disbanded so we will not be officiating their games.
- e. The National Soccer Hall of Fame has closed. There may still be tournaments in Oneonta, however.
- f. If you are going to a tournament to officiate, let Ed know. Upcoming tournaments:
 - i. Gettysburg Blue-Gray (May 29-30); Battlefield Blast (Aug 28-29)
 - ii. NYS Empire Cup (June 26-27) (U11-15)
 - iii. State & Regional Tournaments – by invitation
 - 1. Region 1 – ODP (Princeton, NJ) June
 - 2. State Cup (ENY) June
 - 3. Challenge Cup (ENY) June
 - 4. Region 1 – Cup Championships (Huntington, WV) July
- g. CNYSSL items:
 - i. The season begins June 1.

- ii. Updated Procedures and Guidelines will be available on their website (www.angelfire.com/ny5/cnyssl) or from our website (www.mvsra.org).
 - iii. Game fees for 2010 will be \$145 per crew (suggested distribution of CR \$65, AR1 \$45, AR2 \$45). This is to match fees paid for U19 games.
 - iv. There are no changes anticipated for rained out games.
 - v. ZERO Tolerance is to be presented to the coaches at their next meeting.
 - vi. The MVSRA has proposed a mandatory clinic on the Laws of the Game and Referee procedures for each team official.
- h. Other new business:
- i. There was concern about referees not getting paid for cancelled games last summer. Kevin will look into this, and this is the reason he needs to be e-mailed about every cancelled game this year.
 - ii. Steve Barth mentioned that AYSO Area 3E will be sponsoring two referee training clinics. One is in Clinton on March 6th for U8 officials, Basic refs, and Intermediate refs. The other is on April 10th in Camden for U8 officials and U8 officials upgrading to Basic refs. Contact Steve for more information or go to www.ayso3e.org. Glen will put a link on our site to the 3E website.
8. Gary Gerhardt made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rich Abel. No discussion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM for training on persistent infringement.

Respectfully submitted,

Kit Hutchinson
MVSRA Registrar and acting secretary