

to provoke assault, (but calling the game is not considered provocation). The referee should retreat if at all possible, but may defend himself against injury.

- goal security
 - Be sure to check that goals are secured and cannot tip over
- RSSC Summer league – no decision to have yet. will probably have to affiliate w ENY.
- RSSC Summer – June 4-5 Sat-Sun. Being planned. Probably Westmoreland school/town park. Fees? (depends on age groups, game length, etc.)

4. Officer Reports:

- VP –
 - 1st firm registration for entry-level class has been received; on-line registration is available on the web site
- Registrar –
 - Orders for uniforms will be placed early May, so they will be available for delivery at May meeting (24th).
- Treasurer
 - “Technically we are solvent”. Arbiter fee has been paid. \$25 initiation fee for new referees (in the first year after joining) has not been collected recently, an oversight that we are trying to correct. MVSRA dues for 2011 are \$35.

5. Committee Reports:

- Membership (the incident at the CNYSSL Men’s “A” Final will be covered under New Business)
 - Constitution Review Committee (proposed Bylaw Amendment will be covered later)

6. Unfinished Business

- Future meetings will be at St. Thomas Parish Center. April meeting will need to change to Tuesday, April 12.

7. New Business

- Referee loss – We have 32 registered referees in MVSRA for 2011, down from 46. Most moved away, lost interest. We may have difficulty covering games
- Entry Level Class planned for March-April
- Meeting Dates for 2011
 - March 3, Thursday April 12, Tuesday May 24, Tuesday
 - June 12, Sunday July 17, Sunday
 - August 20, Saturday—Fitness Test at MVCC
 - November 15, Tuesday—Annual General Meeting

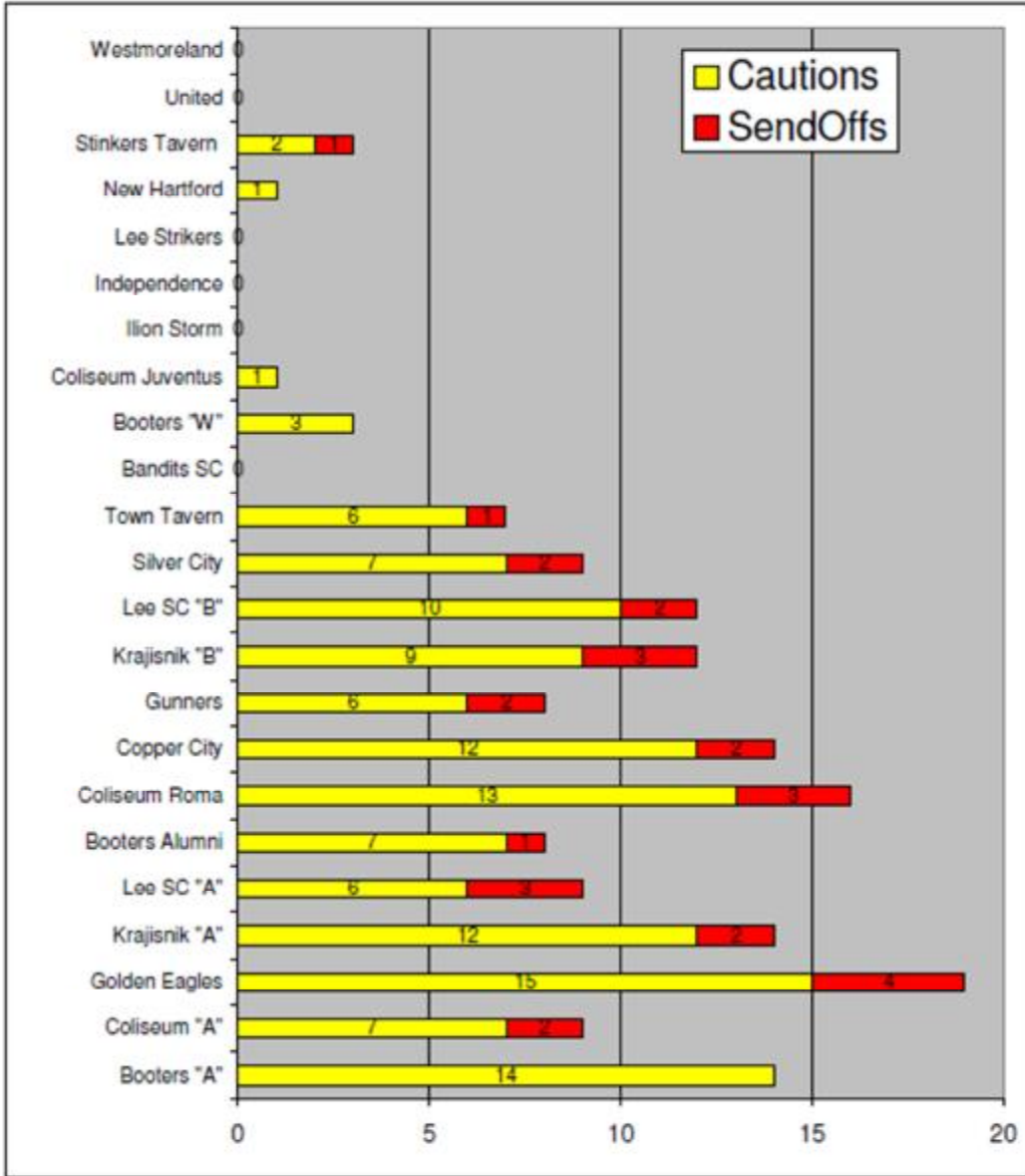
- Intermediate clinic is being planned for May-June timeframe. This would be a 4-6 hour clinic. 15 of 20 attendees showed some interest.
- We would like to appoint a Tournament Committee, charged with researching tournaments that we may wish to attend, and suggesting which referees should attend the state and region sponsored events. Volunteers? contact Ed
- Indoor committee, to coordinate events with RSSC – chair will be Bjorn Solli, who will be recruiting committee members.
- Dues and Fees
 - Dues \$35 will be due by April 12th meeting. After that date, \$45.
 - We are delinquent in collecting the MVSRA “initiation fee,” (\$25) imposed once on every member. We will be contacting those who have not paid this fee in the past few years.
 - High school students do not pay MVSRA dues, and the initiation fee is deferred until the year after they graduate from high school.
- Mentoring. One expense covered by our dues is mentoring. More time is expected to be spent with those referees that are more likely to benefit directly, rather than all referees equally. Ed, Kevin, Art, Glen, Ray, and Kit are mentors, but most of these are active doing games and are less available as mentor.
- Bylaw change
 - Current:
 - VI. MEETINGS*
 - 3. Regular meetings of the MVSRA membership shall be held at least seven times per year in the months of February, April, May, June, July, September and November, or more frequently as needed.*
 - 4. The Executive Committee shall meet at least six times per year or more frequently as needed.*
 - Proposed:
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 - Lack 2/3 of membership, so cannot vote. Tabled.
- Encouraging meeting attendance
 - Discussed at length. Those who don’t attend don’t receive the training we do at our meetings.
- The Executive Committee made the following decisions concerning the incident at the CNYSSL Men’s “A” Final Game on July 31, 2010, between Krajisnik “A” SC and Coliseum SC A. The incident involved referee Nurko Kucevic and others.

- Secretary will inform Nurko of ExecComm decision:
 - ◆ Suspension for one (1) year from the date of these events (July 31, 2010).
 - ◆ Prior to being reinstated, must attend an anger management program approved by the MVSRA ExecComm.
 - ◆ Probationary status for one (1) year after reinstatement.
 - i. Close monitoring by the Membership Committee during this period.
 - ii. Not be assigned games involving either Coliseum or Krajisnik teams at any level during this period.
 - ◆ Right to appeal in accordance with the MVSRA Bylaws.
- MVSRA ExecComm (President) will write to CNYSSL governing body indicating the need for investigation and positive action by the League to review these events and prevent recurrence. Appropriate League actions may include:
 - ◆ Disciplining the clubs and individuals involved
 - i. Sanctioning these two teams, such as imposing a significant points handicap that they would have to overcome to reach the Final Game next season
 - ii. Suspending Amir Dolic from coaching for a period
 - ◆ Scheduling future Final Games only in venues where crowd control is easier to achieve
 - ◆ Providing personnel to enforce spectator positioning during the game, as this is nearly impossible for the Referee Team to implement without help
- Concerning MVSRA:
 - ◆ There should be no suspensions of MVSRA referees except by action of the Membership Committee as allowed by the Bylaws
 - ◆ All significant events occurring at a game while MVSRA referees are in the area should be documented in the Official Game Report
 - ◆ Referees should be encouraged to interrupt games as necessary to request crowd relocation by League authorities
 - ◆ MVSRA should extract significant unusual events from Game Reports and share this information in a timely way with all MVSRA referees
- Arbiter & Game assignments –
 - We need to reduce turn-backs. Too many times referees are not indicating their unavailability for known events in their schedule that will preclude them accepting a game. This results in needless duplicated effort for the Assignor.
 - ◆ Do we need to impose fines?
 - ◆ The ExecComm will address this and recommend.
 - Need to accept games in a timely fashion

- Indoor assignments
 - ◆ submit availability early; accept games ASAP.
 - Current referee roster will be available at the April meeting, and will include all new referees from our class.
 - Referees are asked to suggest topics for future training.
 - CNYSSL Meeting Notes (Feb. 21, 2011)
 - Season dates:
 - ◆ Women — June 1 – August 6
 - ◆ Men — June 6 – August 6
 - Final “A” Division Playoff Game
 - ◆ Both Coliseum and Krajisnik
 - i. Forfeit 2010 \$100 Bond and fined \$100
 - ii. Each player sent off (one each team) is Suspended for first 3 games of 2011 season
 - Number of teams and Divisions up in the air
 - Registrar will laminate all passes. Only registrar-laminated passes will be accepted
 - Other MVSRA suggestions to be discussed at next meeting
 - Still missing 8 game reports
 - 132 Cautions and 28 Send-offs in 2010: (see chart below)
 - Everyone must submit their CNYSSL Game Reports electronically. If not received within 48 hours, you will be fined \$10 for every late report. After 3, you will NOT be assigned any games as CR for a TBD time.
8. Adjourned at 8:15 PM. Training subjects included most-missed recertification test questions, bench control, and interesting play videos.



Glen Bahr, Secretary



Referee Assault Procedure

The following is the procedure to be followed in the event of an assault on a referee:

1. If the game was in progress, **IMMEDIATELY** terminate the contest. Under **NO** circumstances is the game to be completed.
2. If a person with a pass (coach/player/trainer) was involved, and you can safely do so, display the red card. Again, if safety permits, after retaining the offender(s) card(s), you may return the other unless the local rules require you to retain all passes (using an intermediary is a good method to avoid any further problems). However, even if you cannot display the red card or retain the passes, a Supplemental Game Report still is to be submitted detailing the assault and the misconduct (dismissal/send off).
3. If contact was of a nature that a crime was possibly committed (physical assault i.e. being struck, bumped, pushed, or spat upon), the referee is to contact local law enforcement immediately and fill out a formal complaint at the venue. This way, any witnesses who can support your story will be on record with the police as well.
4. As soon as possible (preferably same day) contact:
 - the president of your local referee association—Ed Kobos, (315) 269-3978, kk2b@aol.com,
 - the SRA—Richard Ceonzo, (845) 452-2631, rceonzo@aol.com,
 - the SYRA—Ray Wolfe, (516) 488-1883, rhmwolfe@verizon.net,
 - the ENY State Association President
 - Adult—Sal Rapaglia, (917)371-5188, shopgirl17@aol.com
 - Youth—Richard Christiano, (516)766-0849, lakeville1@verizon.netContact should preferably be by phone. Alert all parties as to what happened in detail.
5. Fill out a USSF Referee Game and Supplemental Report and submit to the proper ENY governing body for the match. Be clear and complete, but calm and unemotional. Make **NO** recommendations or suggestions as to what you feel should be done. Simply state the facts. Be sure to send copies to all individuals listed in 4 above.
6. Await contact by either the SRA or the State office about further proceedings. Be sure to proceed with any charges with local law enforcement.