

- ◆ Robert's Rules: Constitutions, by-laws, and rules of order, that have been adopted and contain no rule for their amendment, may be amended at any regular business meeting by a vote of the *majority of the entire membership*; or, if the amendment was submitted in writing at the previous regular business meeting, then they may be amended by a *two-thirds vote of those voting, a quorum being present*. But each society should adopt rules for the amendment of its constitution, by-laws, and rules of order, adapted to its own case, but *always requiring previous notice and a two-thirds vote...* (emphasis added)

5. Committee Reports:

- Training – We're always looking for ideas for training at meetings, especially things that come from our games.
- Tournaments –
 - AC Milan Tournament – Mike Popowski, Sam Roorda, Ahmed Hrustanovic, Bill Bailey, and Bob Gould attended. Referees seemed to be relatively satisfied with how our referees were treated. Better communication would help, since they didn't know that one of our referees was coming.
 - Several other tournaments are being looked into, and Ray Pitcher will get the word out if they need referees.
 - Camden – No new info.
 - Gettysburg – six attended. This is a very good tournament.

6. Unfinished Business

- Intermediate Clinic needs to be postponed to next year because of the difficulty of getting workable dates.
- July meeting may be cancelled. Membership will be notified.
- Fitness test is only needed for grade 7 and above, including those grade 8s who want to upgrade.
- All grade 7s need to be mentored this year by a certified assessor. (Ed is our only qualified mentor.)
- Game Reports
 - Be sure to state Game Number, misconducts, injuries, incidents, and field issues in the email itself to draw immediate attention.
 - Include all details of any send off. You may pre-submit your report to Ed or Art for review if you like.

7. New Business

- CNYJSA – They have their own Game Day What-Ifs. Use these also for RSSC until RSSC has their own.

- Bill Brooks moved sending a donation to family of Oneida County Deputy Sheriff Kurt Wyman, killed in the line of duty on June 7, 2011. He was a new member of the Utica Board of Certified Soccer Officials. Seconded by Rich Abel. Passed. \$50 Hursic 2nd by Ray. Passed.
- Substitution rules – Of our leagues only the CNYSSL (adult) league restricts substitutions to less than “any stoppage of play.”
- CNYJSA teams have either Eastern NY or Western NY rosters, depending on where they are from.

8. Adjourned at 8:10 PM. Training followed.



Glen Bahr, Secretary

Training –

- Amendments to the LOTG. In effect July 1, but may be delayed to the beginning of the following season. For more info, see USSF web site.
 - Back of the goal post must align with the back of the line.
 - PK or Kick from the mark is retaken if anything interferes while ball is en route toward the goal (such as bursting).
 - Anyone who is permitted in the technical area other than players, substitutes, and substituted players are considered to be team officials.
 - Anything entering the field of play other than people-it’s referee’s judgment about whether the object interfered with play and required stoppage.
 - Proper restart to stopping play in error by the referee—always dropped ball.
 - Snoods are illegal equipment.
 - Cannot use vanishing spray to mark field.
 - AARs are not being used in the US
- National Referee Training Seminar (Ed Kobos attended)
 - Know THYSELF and thy limits
 - WE must perform “Self-Analysis”
 - Visibility and Credibility
 - How to view plays? Be aware of who’s listening to your comments or body language.
 - ◆ ARs take snapshots
 - ◆ CRs take movies

- USSF is saying there should be more Send Offs, considering the fouls that are being committed.
- Protect the player with the ball at his feet
- Studs up == Send Off
- Elicit positive response for change in behavior when penalizing misconduct.
- Use “No More” only ONCE!
- Be vigilant for player tools (e.g., elbows) used as weapons
- Advantage gives FLOW, but sacrifices CONTROL.
- When you go “Oooh!” when you see something happen, it’s probably at least a caution.
- Improve Angle of View
- Normal distance from play should be 10-15 yards
- We MUST call HOLDING, especially in the penalty area.
- S.I.A.P.O.A. Go onto ussoccer.com and check this concept out
 - Speed of play and the tackle
 - Intent of the tackler
 - Aggressive nature
 - Position of tackler (such as raising his legs to injure)
 - Opportunity to play the ball (was the ball already gone)
 - Atmosphere of the game
- Lessons Learned
 - Get out of danger areas (such as center circle) when you don’t need to be there.
 - Any Balls in the TA need the attention of the 4th.
 - Use “Dismissed” for VC of team officials
 - Personal space – stay further back when issuing Send-off.
 - Find other silent signals for Caution and Send-Offs
 - Caution should result in behavior modification. If not, send off
 - Personal, Public, Persistent = 3 Ps for dissent.