

Ossrc Board meeting Nov. 11 2023

Attendees: Ken Baldosingh, Mike Goenner, Charlie Keaney, Patrick Knott, Larry Normansal, Mike Socolik, Matt Fotia, Kelly Frey, BJ Jabbari, Rizal Milliken, Mark Kleeman, Jeff Berman, Maggie Short (via phone)

Called to order 9:03 am (Have Quarom)

Need to appoint exec board for 2 years.

BJ Jabbari – SYRA

Rizal Milliken – State Director of Referee Development

Charlie Keaney – State Assignor Coordinator

Mike Goenner – Registration Coordinator

Treasurer – Patrick Knott

Nominated and second by all.

OSA – Wants SYRA to be appointed by ONSRA & OSSRC.

BJ Jabbari – Ohio South SYRA

Mike Farmer – Ohio North SYRA

Reviewed minutes from last meeting. Motion to accept – BJ, 2nd – Charlie

Mike G – Grade 7 clarification. Rizal to condense list to clarify referees to be either: grade 8, 8+, 7, based on qualifications requirements. Matt will work on list to be a part of the developmental requirements.

Patrick – we filed a 2021 tax return and a preliminary 2022 tax return. Move to fiscal year to calendar year.

9-1-22 thru 8-31-22

9-1-23 thru 12-31-23 (file a short form)

1-31-24 thru 12-31-24

2024 budgets need to be in place for all classes. 2016 was the last a budget was done.

Mike G – we are making financial decisions without a budget and we need to do this before start of the year.

Ken B – Directed to Patrick. “Do we want a form for budget?” Patrick response – Every form is different depending on what the needs are”. Each district needs to send Patrick a budget. How many classes/yr x 2 mentors.

Mike G – No policy changes today. Last meeting Rizal was going to merge SDA & SDI. Everything gets funneled thru Rizal.

Charlie – Robert Hope should only be communicated to regarding the Learning center. The DRA should go thru Rizal, not Robert. The DRA'S should send the spreadsheets to Rizal for the mentors compensation. This was tabled until Robert is notified to see if he wants these emails to go to him as well or just Rizal.

Mike G – We haven't done anything to change policies 3 & 4: Job description

Ken B – Congratulations to Maggie Short – WPSL (AVAR) & Michael Nickerson AR1 – USL1 Championship game

Registration: 2024 – Referee 402 badges new & recert referees so far. Sending out reminders to referees about policy of upgrades when they inquire

Dec. 2, 2023 meeting at OSA office with Bill Glaze & committee for Tournaments, State cup, Presidents cup & Regionals.

Mike G – Doesn't want to lock in contract with Capelli. Will add link for OSI & Capelli on OSSRC. Matt F 2nd motion. Will put on OSSRC website as an option. 35 associations have agreement/contract with Capelli. SOASA does not (Jeff B). Mark K add every list of supplier. Mike S 2nd. Unanimous carry to put on OSSRC all suppliers. Mark k to provide list to upload to OSSRC under resources

TOC for the next 2 years it will be in Ft Wayne Indiana. We had 2 Ohio teams in the final. Torres FC won over Gunners. We want referees who are grade 7 that are regional candidates or new regionals referees. JJ Jemison was the referee for the final. Josh Braunstein AR

Male Youth referee of the year – Akhash Riphati (Ohio South)

Female Youth referee of the year – to come from Ohio North

Adult Ken B/Ken C referee of the year – BJ Jabbari (presentation on Jan 20)

Ken B – working on the advance clinic. Chico sold GAC

AGM – Jeff to put BJ Jabbari's award on the agenda

Advance clinic – Dec 2nd & Jan 20. Rizal to send out topics

Rizal – 3 mentor & coach certification classes:

Dec 9 – Faith Baptist (Cinti)

Jan 20 – MVYSA

Feb 3 Wittenburg

Have emailed coaches for teaching. Will discuss policy for upgrade

Larry- We need to have a meeting with the 5 DRA'S either in person or zoom

Charlie – 22 Spring youth tournaments approved not including Sate cup & Presidents cup.

2021 – 2261 referees. 2023 – 2663 referees. So far 402 referees (recert & new) registered for 2024. 108 referees registered in 2023 but haven't done concussion certification even after multiple emails. So far 88 new referees registered for 2024 have NOT done the concussion certification....starting the process all over again

Setting up 3 person assignor clinics

Columbus – 12/3

Dayton – Jan 27

Cinti – Dec 9

All clinics are posted on OSSRC calender

Federation moving from Chicago to Atlanta

BJ – Ken, BJ & Bill Glaze had a meeting. Each Referee association will have its own SYRA

Bill will support more with transportation. 2024 Presidents cup regionals – South Dakota, NCS – Kansas City. Will contact referees from last year who want to go back to NCS. Bill will provide coins (state cup) and provide better support. Brian Miller (ON) quit. Will find out what OSA is planning for next year. OSA agreed a long time ago will pay for Hotel & Travel. Discussion On OSA needs to come up with money for (stipend per diem, travel car or plane)

Mike G – 397 profiles. Small % coming back. 16-18% borderline Cinti/Ky

Jeff B – Attended USASA AGM, US soccer members meeting. Cyndi did say there is a referee crisis. We are down 30,000 referees nationwide. John Motta wants to increase membership

Will remove the word Grassroot off the Learning Center site, Working on strategic initiatives, they are acknowledging the problem but no concrete plans to fix it.

Membership meeting – How can we mitigate referee abuse/assault?

Columbus (CPSL) – Initiated reimbursement for assessment (1 per year). Onsite mentor program for CPSL. Hopefully will have Cinti Amateur league this Spring.

Had one reported referee abuse. Should have a disciplinary hearing. No one committed to be on hearing. The suspended player was suspended 6 games. Player not currently back.

Ken B – Referee abuse by a player goes to state association (adult & youth)

Matt F – Academies – Ran 2 advanced academies. 4 Intermediate academies (**Galaxy** – cold, limited, **Blue Chip** – better attendance, better games, **Club state cup** – not organized, don't want to go back, **State Cup** – good referee coach opportunity at state cup ON & OS, everyone seen that was going to regionals). Developmental – Nike – good job with Mike Socolik although probably not Nike next year. Youth – Creek (1 field all day went well. Ages 14-17 yo. Had parents that were referees assisted with awareness of academy. Issue with Lightning and tournament director that took games away. Ken Koehler helped out a lot. Want to focus on High school aged referees

Need to figure how to do a developmental academy in Columbus & Cincinnati

Ken B – “How do you advertise for this?”

Matt – Email, Advance academy to Intermediate academy participation. Want to get it scheduled earlier

Ken B – Need to a better job on communication

Matt – Participation in the academies is good. For the advance academy, familiarity with teams, became an issue. Priority to referees closer to upgrading and have passed the fitness test

BJ – Fitness test – will set up one for Cinti for this year. There are several referees who need to take the fitness test still

Ken B – Will set up 3 fitness tests on the same dates each year moving forward

Mike S – Amnesty programs – Target people who were referees not currently certified. If recert for 2024 will put name in hat for gift

Mike G – will breakdown OSSRC first & last name, grade, district. Will not include under 18 referees

Patrick – Stripe acct (US soccer). Learning center is switching for payment from stack out to Stripe

Ken B – Will continue SRA until 2025. Will retire to spend more time with family. Will appoint committee for 2024 to find new SRA. Asked Mike G to lead committee along with Bill Glaze, Patrick Knott, Charlie Keaney, Jeff Bermen

THANK YOU KEN FOR YOUR MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO OHIO SOUTH. YOU HAVE TOUCHED SO MANY OF OUR LIVES AND HAVE GUIDED SO MANY REFEREES TO WONDERFUL CAREERS. WE CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH.

Meeting called to close 1:07 pm Kelly, Mark K 2nd.

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