

Ohio North State Referee Committee
Minutes of Meeting
May 9, 2006

Present: Tom Chapman, Blaz Pesorda, Bob Hobart, Barry Brooks, Tom Lewis, Bill Nest, Joe Ganim, Matt Livingston, Darrell Clay, Regina Van Varous, Ted Williams

Call to Order: 7:20 p.m.

Barry Brooks motioned to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Seconded by Bill Nest. Motion passed by unanimous acclamation.

Bill Nest

All new referee clinics are concluded. There may be one more in Cleveland at Tri-C. We are also going to sponsor a new referee clinic for coaches that need it for their "D" license. It will be a grade 7 to grade 6 clinic on the same weekend as the State Referee reregistration – August 12, 2006. (Physical will be at Valley Forge High School track due to construction at Tri-C.)

Holly Hollingsworth taught the Advanced Clinic. Saturday was great, Sunday was not as good due to there being too much material for a single day.

Recreational clinics haven't work perfectly, but all in all they have worked largely as expected. Most comments were neutral or positive.

Interchange of instructors in the districts for inservice meetings went quite well.

Bill will be in Colorado during State Cup weekend.

Blaz Pesorda

72 Assignors in Ohio.

Matt Livingston

Turned in the last set of referee registrations. Firelands may be in need of a Grade 8 to 7 upgrade clinic. Bill Nest indicated that if there is sufficient interest, one could be organized.

July 15 is the Firelands golf outing.

Bob Hobart

MVSOA roster complete. 4 State referees. 386 total.

July 22 is a coaches clinic. So there is a Recreational Referee clinic and Bridge Course held in conjunction. Stevens Park is the location.

Joe Ganim

Recreational clinic held after last SRC meeting. Registered another 9 referees as a result.

Joe is teaching at Firelands next month.

Has 4 people interested in upgrading, but they need to meet the game experience requirements.

Tom Lewis

Recertifications done for a total of 415 recertifications. 16 grade 7s. 148 new grade 8s. Total of 27 fewer referees.

Regina Van Varous

Is there a change in the rule on throw ins? Yes, players must give two yards on the throw-in. This was effective as of July 1, 2005.

Is there a new rule on the use of arms in soccer? No, there is merely an emphasis on preventing the use of elbows.

Tom Chapman

Tom attended the Professional Clinic in April in Columbus. Took a dozen referees. Fitness testing in the morning, clinic in the afternoon. Instructors were Holly Hollingsworth and Paul Tamberino.

PDL and W-League matches are being played in diverse locations this year. Some in Youngstown, St. Ed's, Akron St. Vincent-St. Mary, Erie, etc. Toledo team has folded.

Prior to State Cup, there will be a Referee Academy. Wynngate Hotel in Sylvania.

Veterans Cup assignments made – Darrell Clay, Carl Del Corral, Tim Dicken. No assignments made for tournament of champions. Volunteer help will be needed. We are to supply lunches for the referees.

Holly Hollingsworth is attempting to implement a “State Assessor Academy” at the Tournament of Champions. Sam Cho will be serving as head assessor. State Assessors will be “shadowing” the National Assessors.

At our July Meeting, Tom needs 2007 budget requests.

Columbus Crew will be holding a Referee Night on July 19 when they play the Red Bulls. Pre-match clinic at 6:00. There is also a post-referee clinic. Referees who attend will receive 2 hours of USSF inservice hours AND credit for two OHSAA meetings.

Barry Brooks

Still waiting for information from other states regarding incorporation of the Ohio North SRC.

Referee risk management program still needs to be discussed. Ted Williams shared information about Ohio North's risk management program for coaches. 100% of all coaches undergo a background check.

Regarding State Cup: Bob Hobart is in charge of assessors for the tournament. Fifteen have already committed to be there and to assess. Referee fees have been raised this year.

We are still selecting referees for Regionals. Barry is also looking for suggestions for ODP Referee selections.

Motion to adjourn made by Barry Brooks. Seconded by Gina Van Varous.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.