

CASRA Meeting Agenda – October 6, 2019
Started at 6:06 approximately 20 members

1. Drew Bauer – Charleston Battery. Asked for a few minutes to discuss the upcoming Battery game on Oct 19th.
 - a. Drew was meeting with John Kenney before the meeting but had other obligations to fulfil and could not stick around.
 - b. The discussion points with the promoter for the Battery organization was to look into offering CASRA members potentially promotional tickets to attend the local games. Idea's like flex tickets or promo codes were suggested to Drew. In the past when CASRA bought tickets in advance the tickets were not utilized as desired resulting with unexpected expense on the CASRA balance sheet. Update to come.
2. Current Account Balance - \$3900
 - a. Arbiter cost estimated between \$1900 and \$2200 forward looking would allow for enough to host our end of year celebration.
 - i. Location of end of year celebration/elections TBD. We will no longer have access to the 3 Lions Pub as the Battery is losing its lease on the property.
3. Arbiter – Total Arbiter licenses are currently 360 with 350 in use.
 - a. 40 additional licenses were purchased to allow 'out-of-town referees' to be added to the system for assignment planning of local tournaments. Hoping to avoid having to purchase more licenses until next year
 - b. 64 referees listed as not ready
 - c. About 120 are used on any given weekend
4. CASRA Dues Reminder:
 - a. We are now observing the new CASRA dues structure of \$20/member.
 - b. Next CASRA dues collection date will be June 1st, 2020 instead of Feb 1st, 2020.
 - i. Reminders will be sent when we get closer to dues collection date.
5. CASRA Merchandise:
 - a. Business Cards – ordered more on 10/7. Will be available at next meeting.
 - b. Coins – (\$4/each) available for purchase at any time – see John
 - c. Shirts: There seems to be enough interest in doing up another shirt order.
 - i. Would like to see everyone wearing CASRA Wick shirts or Polos to their games
 - ii. Wick shirts are all black with a cost of \$10.50 each
 - iii. Polos are available in different color schemes for \$29 each.
 - iv. Order forms and example sheets are available to look at or you can visit www.kenneyassigning.com and click on the CASRA Shirts link in the upper right corner of the page.

Email reminder will be sent out with due date for next order by John. Enough requests have been voiced. This time around the deliveries will be sent to the ordering party as this is easier to manage as there are still today shirts from the previous order which have to find their proper home. Sending direct will increase cost of member by \$3-4.

6. So many leagues – different rules & pay scales.
 - a. Don't guess at the field – know before you go!
Reminder that the data is readily available on the CASRA.info web-site with links to the different leagues.
 - b. Question about identifying which league when looking at OPEN/PMSL/SCSCL/NPL assignments. Check end of the line for league (i.e. U13 BOYS OPEN, 16 Girls SCSCL). NPL games have NPL in the team name.
 - c. Quick reference sheet is updated and posted to the CASRA website at <http://casra.info/League%20quick%20ref%2010042019.xlsx.pdf>. Please download and have it readily available as it helps as a quick reminder to discuss the match rules during pre-game routine.
 - d. <https://www.casra.info> is kept updated with rules, pay, forms, and tons of information.
 - e. How does each league pay? Arbiter says \$0 on some and dollar amounts on others.
 - i. Games listed with \$0.00 amounts pay cash at the field
 - ii. Games listed with dollar amounts pay in other ways besides cash at the field
 1. Check, Arbiter Pay, other types of Electronic Funds Transfer – depends on who's hosting the league/tournament.
7. What would you do?...During the taking of a penalty kick, an unidentified player from the defending team makes a loud sound right before the ball is struck. What action, if any, would you take?
 - a. If the goal is scored?
 - i. Goal stands – caution defending player if you can identify
 - ii. Cannot identify player - Issue verbal warning to all players on Unsporting Behavior
 - b. If the goal is missed?
 - i. Retake the kick – caution defending player if you can identify
 - ii. Cannot identify player - Issue verbal warning to all players on Unsporting Behavior
8. We need to get more referees working middles! We have too many “AR only” refs:
 - a. Topic has been discussed before
 - b. Coastal PDL – great opportunity for us to get inexperienced referees to get comfortable working centers on lower level games. Please make sure they understand the 1st and 2nd periods of these games are non-competitive and yelling at the referees from coaches and parents is strictly forbidden. These games are for learning/training purposes. 3rd period is competitive and should be centered by the person listed as Referee in Arbiter.
 - c. Ideas on how we can improve on this? Who's mentoring?

We want to encourage young referees to utilize the Coastal PDL as a learning environment where mentors will be available to teach in a friendly environment how to communicate and position yourself in a soccer match. The first two periods of the match are used as training ground for players and referees. Non-stressful environments. Coaches and parents have received strict guidance from Battery Soccer Club on performance expectations.

9. USA/MP Men's Shootout – this weekend, Oct 11-13th. Please update your blocks in Arbiter. (Kris additional information?)
 - a. CBSC Holy City tournaments for Oct 18-20th and Oct 25-27th were canceled due to lack of teams.

10. Bucky Jones – has a couple items to discuss

Upcoming recertification classes will be scheduled 6/7/8 December with a target group of 50 people. Further classes will be scheduled in January so that there are 3 local classes available to get the recertification. For adult amateur league an advanced recertification clinic and PFT will be available.

President Medal Tournament 14/15 Dec to be expected.

Open question in regards to Regional Referees. What aren't we doing in the low country since it is a long time since we had a new regional referee from the CASRA pool. Please be encouraged to become an adult amateur referee is the first step towards the regional referee.

For the last 3 years we utilized the pub at the battery for education of referees in SC and CASRA. We ought to come up with ideas how we can thank our host the Battery for using their facilities for that purpose without charge. Please forward any ideas to Bucky.

11. Training Topic - Bob Correia - Wearing of uniforms/proper attire

Uniforms – Bob has observed, that at some games referee teams had three different color uniforms on officiating a match. Reminder, in case of lack of a certain color both AR's ought to wear the same color even if they are close to the team color and only if necessary the center wears a different color uniform.

Use the red card if you are being insulted directly by a player on the field. If you overhear these comments you invite repetition of this behavior to your referee colleagues in the next games. There is no reason not to call this offences out as stated in the law of the games.

When you go on the field to officiate think about it if it would be last game you are going to referee and as such you want to make sure you want to make it count. With this attitude you and the game can only win.

Bob also offered to observe you to receive some feedback in case you think you are ready for the next level of refereeing. Contact him if interested and if his schedule allows he will take the time to give you some pointers.

12. Questions or comments?

Ask – tell – dismiss. If you are dealing with coaches, spectators who want to constantly coach you or your assistant referees utilize the ask, tell, dismiss technique with the coach. Tell with YC to send a clear message to the surrounding, this will most likely calm the coach, spectator down as most do not have an assistant with them which would mean to forfeit the game. It will most likely not come to the dismiss part. This has been now observed at several matches as helpful tool to be able to focus on the match and not on the comments from the sideline.

link to video to be posted on CASRA website.

<https://ussoccer.app.box.com/s/u7o23m7vxgt5gdq9adsxgw0o9wlcddm/file/502500730718>