

CASRA General Membership Meeting Agenda – October 28th, 2021

Present:

Alessandro Di Maio, William Reeside, James Felluca, Jay Diffley, Carl Filios, Wayne Pavlischek, Jeffrey Hearn, Andre Woolcock, Drew Bartow, Howard Ash, Drew Barlow, Luc Geo, Larry Krasnoff, Randy Dahlman, Andrew Woolcock, Kevin Kollegger, Jenn Flanagan, Kathryn Perry, Chris Morley, 12155340274, Ray Newman, John Kenney, Robert Goodman, Hal Cauthen, Joe Suchoski, London Newman

Start: 6:38pm - Welcome attendants

Budget:

1. Balance - \$8,721 (Bank) & \$2,344 (PayPal) = \$11,065 total
 - a. Expenses:
 - i. End of year party:
 1. December 11th 2021, combined with Training Day
 2. Looking for a location that can accommodate both the celebration and training
 - ii. Website
 1. Website Security Essentials ~ \$80
 2. Standard SSL ~ \$160
 3. Domain renewal ~ \$80 (3years)
 4. Will not renew Deluxe Windows Hosting with Plex \$350 (not utilized)
 - b. The following ideas were discussed:
 - i. Instruction Tests Award from Bobs Papers – Not at this point
 - ii. Secondary Shirts – Award etc.
 - iii. Travel Stipend for State sponsored events is approved. Stipend will be issued once the referee completes the event.
 - iv. CASRA Coins for new referees – approved and will be mailed by CASRA President.
 - v. Purchasing more CASRA coins – different quality/design, better coin
 - vi. Training day with supplied food (target date 11. December)
Bob to find location & Cost (Terry to establish food) is approved
 - vii. Marketing Campaign.
2. Arbiter – Total Arbiter licenses is currently 360 with 299 in use.
 - a. 69 referees are marked as Not Ready in the system – about 23%
 - b. License number was reduced to and paid for 300 but Arbiter never adjusted it.
3. League information/updates:

- a. Arbiter Pay – Request to add scores and verify attendance in Arbiter after game conclusion. We're paying refs that didn't show up.
 - b. Assignors worked together to establish assigning prioritization for game assignments due to the lack of available referees each weekend to cover a large number of high-level games.
 - c. Informed all the leagues that we need to consolidate our field usage and stack games.
 - d. Several CPL games are going without referees. We cannot put ARs only on the U11/12 games without a center referee. It isn't good for their development, they receive no guidance or mentoring, they have no one to safeguard them (especially the youth).
 - e. Reminder to know the rules of competition for the league you are working. Most leagues have different procedures. If you don't know, ask. I'm working on getting everything posted and the quick reference sheet update again.
 - f. Bob Correia has been putting together some Continuing Education training and Bucky has been sending them out to the membership. Big question – Is anyone taking the time to read them? Good, quick refreshers on selected Laws of the Game. It's in everyone's best interest to review.
4. Elections in December:
- a. Vice President – (Nick Michael)
 - b. Secretary – (Ray Newman)
 - c. Anyone interested in volunteering to run for a position?
 - d. If you would like to nominate someone, you can do it during the meeting or through email to casrapresident@gmail.com.
 - e. Elections will be held during our end of year celebration and training.
 - f. Information will be sent out to CASRA Members with request for other nominations to be considered and voted by the membership in December.
5. Membership Dues & Arbiter Cleanup for 2022:
- a. December 31st is CASRA dues deadline – will be collected \$20.
 - b. Arbiter data will be purged on Jan 3rd, 2022 – request you download your games if you are tracking for game count.
6. Mentor program updates:
- a. Back in Nov 2020 Youth referee of the month or season awards never seemed to get going?
will request again input from membership
7. Final tournament of the year is coming up November 19-21st in James Island. Currently there are 168 teams registered and they are shooting for 200. Will need as many referees assisting as possible to make it work.

8. CASRA Shirts order (to check costs at ice palace by Mark). Final date TBD but shooting for some time in November.
 - a. Information on Shirt Orders will be sent out and posted online
 - Port & Co moisture wicking shirt
 - 25-34 shirts - \$12 each
 - 35-49 shirts - \$10.50 each
 - 50-74 shirts - \$9.25 each
 - Polos - \$29 for 12 or more
 - Shipping \$6 for all orders

9. Website/Facebook
 - a. Transition between Joe and Ray as webmaster
 - b. Ray needs help with content. Ray will manage but if you have a picture, video, instructions please sent it to webmaster address on website and it will be posted.

10. Verbal abuse towards officials continues to be a growing concern. There are shortages nationwide in all sports. Protect yourselves and each other.
 - a. We lost several referees between the spring and fall seasons, as well as a handful of referees after their first time on the field.
 - b. Put a stop to it quickly.
 - c. Support your crew
 - d. When dealing with team officials, exercise the Ask – Tell – Remove.
 - e. When dealing with spectators, enlist the assistance of the team's coach. If that doesn't work, dismiss the spectator. If they still won't leave, terminate the match and leave the area with your crew. Report the incident immediately to your Assignor and the ARA.
 - f. Open to all suggestions for improving our retention rate.

Questions/comments?

Observations/Conversations suggest that parents seem not to realize that there is a shortage of referee's and if you get a chance as referee to bring this up in any conversation it may help to spread the word.

Kevin Kollegger
Vice President
South Carolina Youth Soccer
Committee Chair: Risk Management, Coaching

mentioned that he advocates in the Youth Organization Board (SCYCA) and looks for other suggestion he can bring to the table and discuss at the Board or in his Committee:

The following items were also suggested:

Field Marshals on Fields by clubs

Supply Referee by additional Clubs

Consolidate games on sites by organizations to limit spread of Referee's

Finish: 7:35