**State Referee Committee Online Meeting**

**August 1, 2024**

**8:00 PM**

**SRC Committee Members Present**

CHAIR Ken George

SRA/SYRA Paul James

SAC Cliff Clement

SDA Ernie Fisher

NCASA President Sam Cohen

NCYSA Mike Martin

Member at Large Herk De Graw

Member at Large Jeremy Mikell

NCFC Brian ?

**Excused Absence**

NCYSA President Bob Singer

**Call to Order**

Call to Order by Ken George

**Determine Quorum**

A quorum of seven (9) was determined at the start of the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion is needed for approval of the previous minutes. Jeremy Mikell motions and Abbas Piran seconds; the minutes are approved.

**Financials**

NCSRA processed close to $50,000 during the month of August. NCSRA’s account balance should be close to normal by end of August. This was primarily due to expenses incurred during the Regionals tournaments (President’s Cup and USYS Regionals). These were more expensive than in the past e.g. hotel room cost per night in Orlando was $230 per night for a delegation of 24 referees and staff. NCSRA made payments to Capelli for shirts order for the tournaments and purchased computers for ARA’s and staff amounting to $30,000. These are now in a 5-year replacement cycle, instead of the previous 3 year cycle. The timing of all these payments becoming due at the same time was problematic. Thanks to our Chairman, Ken George for short term loan of $30,000. NCSRA will look to pay this loan back by end of August.

**Paul James**

NCSRA representation at Presidents Cup and USYS Regionals was positive. Sending 2 referees to Presidents Cup and to USYS Nationals.

Capelli sponsored Eion Dockery to attend a tournament in Denmark in July, as a referee and Mark Kadlecik to attend as a Mentor.

According to the contract NCSRA has with Capelli, NCSRA will receive an in-kind reimbursement of $20,000 for apparel needed for 2025 tournaments/events (NCSRA purchased apparel for this same amount to furnish the tournaments and events in North Carolina for 2024). NCSRA processed close to $50,000 in registration payments in July and these continue to grow.

The 2025 referee recertification courses for 2025 have been published. We need to determine whether the new regional referee course is the same as last year or if there are changes to be made to add to Brainshark.

The Advanced Referee Clinic taking place on August 4 will be recorded to allow any referees that were not able to attend, to participate, so to receive credit for attendance which is part of the requirement for advanced referee grading.

Paul spoke with Kari Seitz about the Mentor program and Kari agreed that this program is expensive to implement and would look to help States with it. Kari indicated that changes will be made. Kari had a conversation with Ken George during Nationals in Orlando and she confirmed that the National and FIFA referee selection committee was disbanded and she was looking to form a new one. NCSRA has a zoom meeting scheduled with Faiza (US Soccer) on 8/13 at 4pm.

**Abbas Piran**

Abbas was invited to attend the Nationals Presidents Cup in South Dakota as a National Ref Coach, over 200 referees were present as well as numerous Ref Coaches and National Ref Coaches. The NCSRA Advanced Referee Clinic will take place on August 4 starting at 8am. There will be participants from South Carolina attending. There will be 5 presenters doing technical presentations, these will take place during the morning and the afternoon will be for the administration presentations, including assessors, assignors and instructors. The agenda will be sent to the SRC on 8/2 for finalization. Neverends Productions will be producing and managing the clinic again this year, as they have done during the past few years. Paul James gave Kari Seitz and Brian Hall access to last year’s Advanced Referee Clinic, which she greatly appreciated. Paul James will produce a presentation on how to use Arbiter. A small version of the Mentor Course will be on-line over several weeks, starting mid-August.

Abbas had a conversation with Kari Seitz regarding the arduousness and expense of the Ref Coach course.

**Ernie Fisher**

Ernie spoke with Pedro at US Soccer about requirements and new form and methodology for Mentors, Ref Coaches and National Ref Coaches. Ernie will prepare a US Soccer PowerPoint presentation and what the referees are going to be required to do with regard to assessments. Ernie will email Abbas Piran the slides of the PowerPoint presentation on new assessment requirements and approval to be presented during the Advanced Referee Clinic on August 4.

**Cliff Clement**

Everything is a little hectic at this time as Arbiter is glitching and some sub-assignor functions have been removed. Cliff encourages Arbiter to advise users of new roll-outs before they happen. Cliff apologized for his absence at Nationals, this was due to him having COVID. Cliff is working with Colby and coaches on SINC. Assignors are generally happy.

**Old Business**

None

**New business**

None

**Open discussion**

None

**Determination of next State Referee Committee Meeting**

On line Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 8pm

**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Jeremy Mikell, seconded by Abbas Piran