

# SRC Zoom Meeting

April 27, 2025

8:00 PM Called to order at 8:05

## I. Minutes

The minutes were sent out to the board April 24, 2025. No changes or additions were made to the minutes. The minutes were approved and put into record.

## II. Reports

- A. SYRA Chris Wood spoke about the plans for the trip to regionals. Right now, he is verifying that everyone has a Real Id since the delegations will be flying to Dallas. There are also plans to hold an in-person meeting in early June. If that cannot happen, they will resort to having a Zoom meeting. There has also been a request to refer to the event as Southern Region instead of Region 3.
- B. No additional reports given as this meeting's focus is on the budget.

## III. Old Business

### A. Website Update –

Danny reported that a draft is online and ready for our review. A link to the site had been emailed to all SRC members [screferees.org](http://screferees.org) (this one is different than the current [screferees.com](http://screferees.com)) Jeremy Smith a private contractor out of NC is working on the site. Gary voiced a concern about our ability to update the website if Jeremy is unreachable. Danny addressed that concern with reassurance that the SRC will have access to update the information on the webpage as the SRC will be given webmaster access. Danny plans on updating the site as needed. As far as the website, development – there was a request to add a governance page where the bylaws, budget and meeting minutes are added.

### B. Bylaws, Policies, and Procedures –

Michael said he has been working with Gary to update, however they are not ready for review.

### C. Update of Referees Selected for Youth Regional and President's Cup –

Chris reported everything was covered in his early comments as SYRA.

### D. Update of Referees Selected for Region III Amateur Regional –

Joe reported that the invites were sent out. Paige Bell has agreed to go with the expectation of received an assessment. She is going National on the AR track. Joe Thompkins is also going. Ishlan is available for 1 day. Danny has reached out to the tournament to confirm our officials will be getting assessments as the money funding the trip comes out of the training budget. There have been some issues in the past, and if they are not getting the higher-level training as expected – then the state may revisit sending officials.

E. Methodology for Identifying and Track Up-and-Coming Referees –  
Danny (SDA)/ Kris (SAC): Kris is currently collecting the data a trial program started in the Charleston area to share with Danny as a starting point for tracking the up-and-coming officials. This is still ground level. Goal is to get this implemented so that assignors statewide can also track the new officials and their development to identify those that are working with a goal of getting better in contrast to those that are certified but happy with just picking up occasional games. The board asked that the SAC work to hold annual assignor meetings. This is going to be a challenge as many of the assignors have been working independently for years without oversight and process to get everyone on board may be difficult.

F. Youth and Adult Referees of the Year –  
There was a motion to name the Male Youth Referee of the Year after Don Wilbur and the Adult Referee of the Year after Joe Machnik. Motion made by Danny and seconded by Gary. Motion passed. There is discussion to name the Female Youth Referee of the Year after Melanie Johnson-Stoner the first female National referee from SC, however she is no longer active in officiating **Another suggested name was Margeret Domka is at Clemson...was a FIFA referee that represented the US at the FIFA Women's World Cup in Canada. She, however, would still say she is from Wisconsin.**

and claims Wisconsin home even though she still lives in SC. No other ideas have been tossed around. There is not going to be a division of genders for the adult award. The youth referee award needs to be decided by the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June. Traditionally, they are invited to work regionals. Danny and Kris have volunteered to be on the selection committee.

G. Status of USSF Referee Abuse Prevention (RAP) –  
Joe reported that there have not been any additional challenges to the activation of RAP. The state is working on a form to alert officials of the actions taken in accordance with RAP. Kris stressed a concern/confusion as to who is covered under RAP reports – only team players and coaches fall under the guidelines. Concern was spectator abuse and this fall strictly under zero tolerance. Sofia said that SCASA can develop a spreadsheet that is accessible, and goal is to have SCYS do something similar. Kevin was not on the meeting to share his input.

#### IV. New Business

A. 2025-2026 Budget  
Gary Smith provided everyone with a copy of the budget. Income update: \$80 for each referee is sent to the state from US Soccer. The revenue is expected to

increase from 1200 referees to 1500 this year which is an additional \$24,000 in expected income. A flat \$15,000 will be given by SCYS that should be dedicated toward statewide training opportunities. The date of the SCYS funding has not been set; goal is to get the money in September to help with early training initiatives. Gary also pointed out that the SRC has an insurance policy for board members that he was able to keep at the same rate the new policy will also include ARA's as it is a list he will maintain. He requested verification that the SAC is part of the board and will need to be added to the policy. Michael confirmed that Kris will be added as the SAC.

Looking through the budget planning - clarification - Part of the training funds need to cover expenses for the on-field instruction performed at the different regions within the state level. Discussion on better options for sending that out did not follow with a determination. Currently money is sent to the regions based on numbers, but that does not include amounts needed to pay the session instructors. Money for local mentoring should come out of the funds sent to state' **regional organizations**.

There was a move to budget coins under the SYRA as he needs to give coins to the officials representing SC at Southern Regionals. Additionally, Chris Wood is going to update his section of the budget with the numbers he has been using for the upcoming trips to Dallas. Currently, the money comes from the SDI budget under Rick Rogers.

Money must also be allotted annually based on the mandated attendance to regionals. Thought is that if a state does not meet numbers for officials that must attend, there could potentially be fines and we need to set aside the money just in case.

Chris also addressed need for an in-person advanced training opportunity and event to be held annually. A motion to pull \$10,000 from the budget for this event has been approved.

Michael Copeland and Gary Smith are going to continue to rework the budget taking these points into consideration. The budget schedule is July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026. We need to finalize by mid-June.

- V. Our Next Meeting  
Date for the next meeting will be 18 May at 8pm. It will focus on the budget and additional information for sending officials out of state.
- VI. Meeting closed at 9:49.

Meeting attendance: Bucky Jones, Sofia Hernandez, Joe Balazs, Danny Thornberry,  
Marion Shull, Chris Wood, Brian Marshall, Gary Smith, Michael Copeland, Steven Faria,  
Kris Kenney