



## **Minutes for the Canadian Soccer Referees' Association 20th Annual General Meeting**

*Radisson Airport Hotel, Calgary, Alberta  
21st February 2009*

**Joe Licandro (President) opened the meeting at 10.00am with a moment of silence.**

### **Notable Attendees and Guests**

Joe Licandro introduced honourable guests:

Michelle Pye (FIFA Referee & Guest Speaker), Layne Greenway (CDSRA), Sheena Law and Trent Nobbee (EDSRA), Garth Elgie (ASA RDC Education Chair)

### **Roll Call**

**Present:** Manitoba, Ontario, BC, Life Members Bill Hoyle (1989), and Basil Gill CSRA past President

Apologies: Life Members Paul Avis (2002) and Emerson Mathurin (2005). Also from Joe Guest, CSA Director of Referees, Kevin Jones

### **Minutes of Previous AGM**

Acceptance proposed by Ontario, seconded by BC, carried.

### **Matters arising from Previous Minutes**

Correction Meachin amount \$ 8770.22

2008 fees to be kept at \$3.50, Proposed BC, seconded Ontario, carried

### **Correspondence**

Received: J Guest letter (080929) was addressed and circulated for review, a formal response will be prepared by the executive and sent to Mr Guest



## **Executive Reports**

### **Presidents Address – Joe Licandro**

Honoured Guests, Life Members, Executive Members and colleagues, welcome once again to our 20th Annual General Meeting. It is a very pleasant feeling to be back in Calgary, Alberta. If I may say that for many years the Alberta Referees' Association was a strong supporter within the CSRA. In the past it hosted AGM's in 1992, 1998 in Edmonton and the last time we were here in Calgary was in 2003. So you see Albertans were much involved in the past with our Association and I am very pleased to be back here in Calgary once more. Thank you.

Since I am discussing the history of our Annual General Meetings it would be remising on my part not to mention the other provinces such Saskatchewan which hosted in 1990 and 1997. It would be fantastic if they became active with the association once again.

The present three members has BC and Victoria hosting on five occasions Manitoba on four occasions and Ontario on five occasions including the inaugural meeting in Etobicoke, Ontario.

Over the mast many years it has been very difficult to get eastern provinces to join our association. Although they participate in telephone conferences we still have to do more work to convince them that the CSRA would be stronger and unified association with them rather than participating from the outside if you will.

Last year during my address I mentioned that the executive will be focusing on working towards, sustainability, improving the competence of referees, implementing strategies to improve our association and set our growth expectations. During this past year the executive has worked hard and diligently with the said tasks. Surely I can report that as for growth, that is why we are here in Calgary.

We continue to communicate to the eastern provinces and it's very frustrating why they like participating in telephone conferences but rather not join and have a voice here. It seems that there is more work to be done there.



As for the Finances our Treasurer will be speaking to you and giving you all the details. All I would like to say is that this is a tough task because our main source of income is from the membership fees. As you can imagine the CSRA does not have the same finances as the CSA and or Provincial RA and District RA. I can honestly inform you that as volunteers the executive continues to work hard to meet the needs as they arise. No doubt that soccer is the largest sport in the world and goes for Canada also. The executive is presently discussing a strategic plan to see how we can improve as an association.

As to report to you on how much referee development the CSRA has done for our members we have a DVD for the provincial RA to distribute to each districts and branches as they saw fit of the presentation of last year's guests speakers. The presentation is a very good one as it's very instrumental on how you can reach your best potential.

Also, during telephone conferences between all provincial RA there are discussions that the new Entry level referee course is too long and the passing rate is not as high as everyone expected. The fun at the youth level is out as one put it. We have discussed this with Mr. Joe Guest and he will be looking into the matter.

For the future, I believe that the CSRA executive has to discuss and decide what it's concept of the role of the CSRA is. Also, I would urge all Referee Associations and District Associations to do the same thing specifically what the CSRA can do to help you with your referee programs.

When the CSRA was initially organized the grandfathers of the association set up a body which could deal directly with the CSA on behalf of all Referee Associations registered members across Canada. In our minds this is still a main reason for existence of the association, but we will not be a strong body until we can claim to represent a much larger percentage of Canadian referees and that means that the provincial associations have to get stronger. Perhaps the CSRA should be looking for referees that are affected by CSA referee development decisions.

In conclusion I urge all delegates to go back to their associations and seek on how the CSRA can be beneficial to all referee not just the higher level referees. I would like to congratulate all referees who have received CSA



appointments to national and international tournaments and continue to perform at their best level.

Last but not least I would like to thank our Guest Speaker Michelle Pye who is going to be making her presentation later in the program. Congratulations go to her for her development and accomplishments she has attained over the years.

I would like to thank the executive for this year. This group of men is really working hard to make the association a better one. I would like thank Robert Hope for accepting our appointment to fill in as Secretarial duties once the position became vacant.

### **Secretary's Report – Robert Hope**

Ask to fill in August 09 for balance of secretary term to 2010 AGM  
Executive Meetings were held by Conference Call using Teleconference.  
We will now be using a free internet communications service SKYPE.

### **Treasurers Report - Laurent Eloy**

The accounts for 2008 were presented and questions were taken from the floor and answered. Circulated

Meachin Fund currently stands at \$8770.22

Meachin Fund: Appendix three

Auditors appointed – (Alberta) and (Ontario), will audit the accounts after the AGM has concluded.

Current Membership #s OSRA 583, BCSRA 338, MNSRA 111

Motion to accept Treasurer Report: Manitoba, seconded BC, carried

### **1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President's Report – Tony Troughton**

This year the CSRA was asked if we needed to reinvent it in order to be of use to its members in the future. Well that has lead to continued work on the constitution. The review of our constitution and bye-laws is now at an advanced stage.



Dialogue with other Provinces with a view to them becoming Members of the C.S.R.A. has commenced.

We continue the right to honour individuals who make a significant contribution to the Canadian Soccer Referee community by making them Life Members. Life Members role are important and would be to encourage referees to join their local RA's, local RA's to join (or form) Provincial RA's or join the CSRA where no Provincial RA exists, as well as to lend their experience to hot button issues when the need arises.

We have a pretty good relationship with the CSA, we might not be officially recognized, but they do talk to us, and we should continue to foster this relationship, and hopefully they will possible use us as the main conduit to pass information to the Canadian Referee.

Our web site continues to provide information for members and the world. With approximately 600 hits a month it is still a viable resource for the CSRA and best of all it is free.

We still look at evaluating the John Meachin Fund since there has only been one recipient, Hector Vergara back in 2003. But the fund continues to grow and we would like to see it used.

We have been asked recently "What has the CSRA achieved in the past years".

Well. We have supplied an educational DVD's to all provincial referee associations in 2005 and now in 2009. We have brought quality education to cities throughout Canada such as what you will be part of this afternoon with FIFA official Michelle Pye.

We also purchased CSRA toques for special occasions and for use for Canadian FIFA officials to take with them on international trips. I was fortunate enough to present FIFA Assistant Referee Simon Fearn with a CSRA touque at the B.C.S.R.A. spring council meeting last year.

Our 19th Annual General Meeting was held on February 23, 2008, and was hosted by M.S.R.A. (Manitoba Soccer Referees' Association) at the Viscount Gort Hotel in Winnipeg. The afternoon session was a symposium with Canadian FIFA Referees Carol Anne Chenard and Darci Kruze giving an excellent presentation on their careers to date, detailing exactly what it took and what sacrifices they had to make in order to become FIFA referees to an enthusiastic audience. Hopefully they will have inspired many of the youngsters present to follow in their footsteps!

## **2nd Vice-President's Report – Elvio Chies**



## NOMINATION OF WERNER WINSEMANN TO CANADIAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME Application is good for five years

The CSRA Executive has decided to nominate Mr. Werner Winsemann into the Builder's category of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. For those who may not be familiar with Mr. Winsemann's exploits, suffice to say before there was Hector Vergara there was Werner Winsemann. Mr. Winsemann was a Canadian FIFA Referee from 1971-1980 during which time he was appointed to two World Cups (1974 W. Germany, 1978 Argentina) and two Olympic Games (1972 Munich, 1976 Montreal). He was appointed 16 times as a referee and 13 times a linesman, as during his time on the FIFA List referees were also available to be appointed as linesmen, and is on record still as the only Canadian FIFA Referee to have refereed a World Cup match: Sweden v Holland 1974 World Cup. Mr. Winsemann is also an inaugural inductee into the Canadian Soccer Hall of Fame, the inaugural recipient of the CSA's Ray Morgan Award, named after the late Chairman of the CSA Referees Committee, and a past member of the CSA Referees Committee.

The nomination, which is open for a 5 year period, has been received by the Hall of Fame. Mr. Marc Bowley, the Vancouver Area branch President of the BC Soccer Referees Association, has been delegated to act as liaison with the Hall of Fame for day-to-day inquiries. The President of the CSA, Mr. Dominique Maestracci, agreed to write a letter of support for the nomination as Mr. Maestracci was a member of the CSA Referees Committee at the same time as Mr. Winsemann's tenure. To this date the letter has not been received, unless it was sent directly to the Hall of Fame. I would ask that given the recent problems at the CSA we allow for understanding in this regard.

We are under the impression an announcement of this year's inductees will be made later on in the year and look forward to Mr. Winsemann's name being amongst those chosen.

### **Delegate Reports:**

**ASA** Garth Elgie (Referee Education Chair) spoke to the meeting

**BCSRA** submitted by Robin Woods, BCSRA Vice President (appendix four)

**MSRA** read by Jurgen Titzer, MSRA President

**OSRA** read by David Cope, President



## **Reports From non-member Associations**

**CDSRA** Layne Greenway President spoke to the meeting

**EDSRA** Sheena Law spoke to the meeting

**NBSRA** submitted by Roland Belliveau (read by the Joe L)(appendix five)

**SNSRA** submitted by Carman King Referee Development Officer (read by Joe L) (appendix six)

**Motion** to accept all reports Ontario, seconded BC, carried

**Bill Hoyle** Life Member CSRA addressed the meeting with regards to membership

## **Unfinished Business**

None

**Constitution:** Proposed Changes (appendix one)

**Motion:** to accept all proposed constitution changes, Ontario, seconded Manitoba, carried

## **Elections**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tony Troughton conducted the elections:

**President:** Joe Licandro (ON) acclaimed

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President:** Elvio Chies (BC) acclaimed

**Treasurer:** Laurent Eloy (MN) acclaimed

## **New Business**

Proposed CSRA Budget 2009 (appendix two)

**Motion:** to approve CSRA Budget 2009, Ontario, seconded BC, carried

## **Information:**



Added \$1000 to the education fund to investigate how to assist provinces

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm**

Motion to Adjourn: BC, seconded Manitoba, carried.