



HUDSON VALLEY SOCCER REFEREE ASSOCIATION

MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES FOR APRIL 13, 2016

INSTRUCTION:

Galo Trujillo and David Bork

BUSINESS:

Michael Delohery, Secretary

It was brought to our attention that the appointment of a new President was not necessary. Although a new slate of possible board members had not been submitted by the President in November, as required by Art. VII, the President was still in office. Given that the terms of office typically do not end until the March meetings, Enrico Romano, Dave Bork and Rob Miller were still board members in their respective positions.

According to the Bylaws, in November, the President should propose a Nominating Committee subject to the approval by the membership. That committee should put forth a slate of potential nominees in February and the vote for the Executive Board offices should take place in March. That did not happen.

The terms for the President, 2nd Vice President and Treasurer did not expire in February. The bylaws hold that the Board offices are for approximately two year periods and that the new officers do not become officers until the meeting at which they are elected. Since the terms had not expired, the 1st Vice President had no authority to claim that he is the acting President and therefore could not have appointed a President at the March meeting. Concurrently, the Bylaws saying that a person is not a new Board member until their election means that current board members stay board members until an election has taken place.

There term vacancy is defined in the Bylaws. It does not account for a ministerial error such as not proposing a Nominating Committee. It envisions someone incapable of performing their duties. Here, all of the Board members were capable of performing their duties and were at the March meeting. Another point about vacancies, if there is a vacancy, and the March meeting intervenes, there should be an election.

We should have an election. Following Art. V(6)(b) the Executive Board has “authority in all areas not specifically covered”. Since a situation wherein the Nominating Committee was not proposed is not addressed by the Bylaws, the Executive Board should determine that a Nominating Committee will be proposed at the April meeting, that a slate should be put forth by the Nominating Committee at the May meeting and that elections be held in June.

President’s Report:

A nominating committee was created with Bob Boyce, Rob Sweeting and Tom Synder appointed to it.

There has been an issue with Sal Rapalgia of Eastern New York. Because of this issue, Enrico Romano has resigned as SRA. He has also resigned as the adult leagues assignor. Galo Trujillo will be the new adult leagues assignor.

Cathy still needs coverage for the youth matches.

Treasurer:

Review of the budget.

There was a proposal for the creation of a college fund that would offer a scholarship to referees going to college. A committee was formed to investigate the possibility of creating such a fund. It appears that using money from the Association’s surplus is appropriate, but fund-raising may need to be done to sustain the fund.