



Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the month at St. Paul Lutheran Church located at 1309 Franklin, downstairs on the building's SE corner. Instruction will begin at 7:30 p.m. For continuing education requirements, if you plan to attend the meeting or other referee training, register beforehand on the [WASRC website](http://www.wasrc.org) and then be sure to **initial** the meeting sign in sheet confirming attendance.

Meeting Minutes	October 12, 2009	Clinic #2868
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The Columbia Soccer Referee Association (CSRA) monthly meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by CSRA President **James Smith**. The previous meeting's minutes were approved as written by the 30 officials in attendance.

INSTRUCTION

VP of Instruction, Larry Pitt introduced **CPA, Earl Savey** for outside instruction having to do with tracking income and expenses for tax purposes. Payed travel allowance is taxable so include it in income, then deduct the actual expense. Travel, uniforms, gear, shoes, postage, office supplies, water, gatoraid, and any expense relating to travel for training are viable deductions. Cell phone usage as a percentage can be a deduction if you can document the expense. Information goes on Schedule C or C-EZ if income is less than \$5,000. Expenses for away trips are deductible if at least 50% is for business reasons. Spousal expense is not deductible.

REPORTS

Treasurer Gene Chase provided a current bank balance of \$3,268.93. He added that there would be additional expenses for the second round of WOA registrations, which is \$60 for adults and \$40 for those under age 19.

VP of Assessments Fred Parrish said he has been doing assessments. He has not received any requests for fitness tests and cautioned against waiting until December and colder weather before scheduling with him.

VP Youth Referees, Christopher McKinnon did not attend the meeting.

Youth/Adult Referee Assignor Drew Brooks and his wife are expecting a baby so did not attend the meeting. However, James asked everyone to provide Drew with November availability in the old format. This will be the last such request, as Arbiter will allow officials to block and unblock dates and specific times.

WOA Secretary Rick Stover reported that 49 members are registered and of that number, 36 were certified as having done the clinic and passed the test. He has seen a slight drop on misconducts when compared with last year. Be mindful that matches are important as teams are vying for playoff positions so their intensity will go up.

WOA/NFHS Assignor Jill Derry said everyone was doing it good job and 95% of the games were covered for Tuesdays and Thursdays. She added that there are only a handful of teams that are strong and the rest are not. That leaves only a few in the middle. Be aware of even last-place teams, as they want to win! For now, accept assignments the old way and on Arbiter. By spring, we will only use Arbiter for assigning. USSF recertification testing will be offered prior to the November meeting.

LEAGUE REPORTS & NEW BUSINESS

No league reports or new business reported.

OLD BUSINESS

President James Smith said that Jill, Drew, and he had worked countless hours on the Arbiter system. He got an e-mail today regarding a venue change that went to six different officials. The system then requires reconfirmation and he said this is a great feature. Be sure to check your e-mail each morning and prior to the game. Self-assigning is not active until perhaps next spring. It is a beautiful system but still needs some adapting to be effective. Drew will try to use Arbiter by late October. James will send screenshots on how to block out dates and times on Arbiter.

There being no further action before the organization, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Recorded and submitted by: **De Stichel**, CSRA Secretary.