

BGSR Executive Board Meeting

2/03/2026

ZOOM

Location: On-line: Zoom Meeting

Meeting Started: 6:15 pm

Attendees:

President: Michael Schmidt

Vice President: Jennifer Kotski

Secretary: Igor Kaluzny

Members-at-Large:

- Anthony Mazzatti
- Nick Bricker
- Nicholas Raeff

DRA: Tim Barnes

Treasurer: N/A - VACANT

BGSR Manager: Jeff Horowitz (Jeff is the Group Manager w/o a right to vote).

Meeting Adjourned: 6:50 pm

Topics Discussed:

- Schedule of Dates for the current and upcoming events: Entry Level Referee Class, Spring on Field Clinic, the End of the Season Gathering:  
The Entry Level Class is currently scheduled for March 1<sup>st</sup> at the GBFC Complex (Bahij Kashou – Owner).  
  
The Budget will determine what kind of arrangement we can make for the Clinic, the End of the Season Gathering and a possible Banquet for the James Pitcher Sr. Youth Referee of the Year Award. The money will be coming in from the Recertification fees and the Entry Level Class fees coming back to Binghamton Group. Our goal should be to have most if not all of our last year's referees to recertify. That will solve problems with covering game assignments and will also help to replenish the treasury.  
  
Field Clinic will be scheduled for end of March. This year we won't be using the Dick's House of Sports, because their field is outdoors and it might be still cold in March. GBFC complex might be one option. We would need 4 Referees that are currently recertified to help running the Clinic.
- Treasurer Position:  
After a brief stay at that position Brian Collins has resigned and we must find his replacement, a person that would be interested to become our new Treasurer for the foreseeable future. The Treasurer doesn't have to be a referee. It could be anyone from outside of the group. Most of the work is being done by the State Treasurer who will approve our expenses. Our Treasurer will not be signing checks but will be overseeing the Treasury in general to make sure the finances are moving smoothly.
- On-Line Store:  
The previous campaign turned out to be low participation. We received the entire catalog of products being offered and we will give it another try. This could be turned into a fundraising event, by including extra money in the cost of each item. However, it will make everything more expensive. The catalog will be distributed to the Board Members so we can identify the groups of items that our membership would be interested in buying.
- New BCSA Referee Fees:  
In November we have signed new Contract with the Broome County Soccer Association (BCSA) for 2026-2028. The referee Fees will be increasing across the board, with the most significant increases in the older age group brackets. Our group (BGSR) has the right to redistribute (if it seems to be appropriate)

the amount of money within the Referee Crew (with possibly increasing the ARs fee at the expense of the CR). The Board will look into the feasibility of that.

- Recertification Process:

Currently we have 24 Referees that have been recertified (comparing to only 8 at the same time last year). That does not include people that have started the process but haven't finished it yet. As the Board we must continue to contact last year's referees and encourage them to recertify.

- Old Business:

The Board Members that were assigned/volunteered specific tasks, please update our President on the overall progress of what you are working on.

- In-Person 3hr Recertification Clinics:

Those who are looking to work at higher level games (optional) or adult games (required) are encouraged to attend one of the 3hr Clinics. The closest clinic location in our area – Cortland.

- Access to BU fields:

Paul Marco is retiring, and Jeff Horowitz would have to find out how his retirement will affect field access at Binghamton University.