



**The Flag and Whistle**  
**Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association**  
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Mentoring & Assessments: Taidgh Simpson		Assignor: Gabriel Goldsman

**Notes from the President**

- I am pleased to report that Taidgh Simpson has been appointed as the SSBRA Director of Training and the SSBRA Director of Mentoring and Assessments. Please join me and the entire Board in welcoming Taidgh.
- You must be on the 2018 ROL by 1/1/18 in order to receive assignments; you will not be assigned any games until you are on the ROL.
  - As of this F&W SSBRA has 85% of its members on the 2018 ROL
- State Cup is starting the older divisions and we look to get some more work over the next few weeks so please keep you availability (Blocks) open.
- The March SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance had a record of 78 referees in attendance with over 60% (47) of them being SSBRA members. This is great news and shows SSBRA's member's commitment to improving their Referee skills. The next RPD is scheduled for 3-20-2018. Please sign up on the Cal South Website. And while you are there, sign up for all the listed 2018 RPDs. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
- The March General Membership Meeting is scheduled for the 27th. The Board looks forward to seeing you there.

**February General Membership Meeting**

The draft minutes for the January General Membership Meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the January General Membership Meeting on the 27th.



**General Membership Meeting  
North Torrance HS  
27 February 2018**

Meeting was called to order 7:30 pm by Michael Hinz.

Order of business:

1. Motion to approve January 2018 GMM minutes
  - A. Motion was made by Brandon Stevis
  - B. Second by Bill Yee
  - C. Approved by majority vote
  
2. Welcome to new members – 6 new members introduced themselves.
  
3. Cal South Training – Chuck Acocelio
  - A. Health and Safety update from US Soccer
  - B. Kicks from the mark procedures/responsibilities
  - C. Laws of the Game questions
  - D. CalSouth announcement regarding irresponsible behavior
  
4. SSBRA Business
  - A. You must be on the 2018 ROL by 1/1/18 in order to receive assignments; you will not be assigned any games until you are on the ROL.
  - B. US Soccer recommendations on Referee Health and Safety on the SSBRA website
  - C. SBPSL – 5 minute yellow card sit out does not apply to goalkeepers. Keeper receives the card but does not leave field of play.
  - D. Lawndale and J-League start in March
  - E. State Cup and National Cup review and discussion
  - F. Accepting Tournament fees below \$1.50 – Michael presented the new Guidelines text which addresses tournament fees below \$1.50 which the membership voted on in the January GMM. The new text reads:  

IX FEE SCHEDULE  
Tournament Fees. Referee fees for tournaments are negotiated on a tournament by tournament bases. In order to ensure SSBRA members are paid a fair fee for the work they perform during tournaments, the Board will review all tournament it is asked to support, and will generally not support any tournament where the referee fees are below \$1.50 per minute. Exceptions could be for tournaments with full length upper division matches.
  
6. Board Items
  - A. Bruce – Costs continue to increase and a dues increase may be in order.
  - B. Jay – No items
  - C. Chris – No items
  - D. Michael – New CalSouth match report - one report for each red card
  - E. Gabriel – discussed availability issues again and hopes that people keep their availability current for the upcoming State and National Cups

Meeting was adjourned