



The Flag and Whistle
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Notes from the President

1. The Board hopes you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to what should be a very busy and exceeding 2019.
2. You need to be 2019 USSF certified in order to get assignments from SSBRA. Please work with Cal South to resolve any questions or issues with your 2019 certification.
3. SSBRA has purchased 2018-2019 LOTG books and we gave them out at the Oct and Nov GMMs. We still have some available, if you have not received your copy, come to the Jan. meeting on the 29th and pick one up.
4. SSBRA recognized by the Coast Soccer League for SSBRA Referee's performance in the 2018 Fall Season. SSBRA is 1 of the 3 (out of the 35) associations being recognized by the Coast Soccer League.
 - a. Thanks to the hard work and dedication by all the SSBRA Referees, SSBRA earned a "5 star" rating for the 2018 Fall season. SSBRA has been recognized by the Coast Soccer League clubs and teams for making the Fall 2018 season more enjoyable for everyone involved. The recognition event will be held on Saturday February 2, 2019.
 1. Coast Soccer League will be sending out individual invitations to Referees who will be recognized for earning a "5 Star" rating. If you get an invitation please do what you can to attend.
 2. The SSBRA Board has been invited to attend the recognition event to represent SSBRA which we are honored to do.

The January GMM is on the 29th. Please make sure you attend. There are lots of things going on and attending the meeting is the best way to stay current on all the different things.

The draft minutes for the November General Membership Meeting can be found below.



SSBRA General Membership Meeting Minutes – Nov. 27, 2018

Michael Hinz opened the meeting by putting the Oct GMM Minutes up for approve. The membership approved the minutes.

Michael reminded the membership what the 2018-2019 Law books are available to members.

All members are reminded to get their 2019 USSF certification done and to get it done now!!!

The next topic covered was Grade 5 and 6 upgrades and recertification. SSBRA now have two USSF grade 5 referees and 9 USSF Grade 6 referees. This does not include 6 grade 7 members who are currently in the process of upgrading to grade 7.

5	Karen	Callado-Ferreira
5	Brandon	Stevis
6	Ahmed	Ibrahim
6	Alexander	Arita
6	Mario	Arita
6	Michael	Hinz
6	Stephen	Mccall
6	Chris	Nevil
6	Bill	Raventos
6	Trevor	Wiseman
6	Matthew	Wong

In addition SSBRA now has 47 USSF grade 7 members with the following members recently upgrading to grade 7.

7	Craig	Collar
7	Carlos A	Farias Sr.
7	Russell	Hill
7	John	Moody
7	Misha	Ostapchuk
7	David	Serrano

Due to issues with getting the Cal South Training started, it was decided to conduct the remaining part of the SSBRA business until the instructor was ready to present.

The next topic discussed was a reminder of the **Ask, Tell, Dismiss** process. If there is a coach or spectator negatively impacting the match, SSBRA expects that you as the Referee takes the appropriate action. You are expected to **Ask** and then **Tell** the coach or spectator to correct they behavior and then **Dismiss** them if they do not respond properly. The leagues cannot do anything about a problem coach unless you as the Referee **Ask, Tell, and Dismiss**. Having “THICK SKIN” only allows if not encourages the unacceptable behavior.

Gabriel informed the membership that he had to return all fields for the Figo tournament in Lancaster over the Thanksgiving weekend because there was not enough support from the membership.

Bruce covered the SSBRA financials and informed the membership that he was working on getting the required informal assessment of the Association’s financial records in even-numbered years completed. Bruce also provide some statistics on game counts and informed the membership that the association did more matches this year than in 2017.



Thanks to Taidgh's help the issues with getting the Cal South Training going was resolved and Lee Eichenbaum covered the following topics:

- 1) LOTG Questions
- 2) October Class Refresh
- 3) End of the Year Review and Summary

After the training a raffle Michael and the Board wished the membership a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and the meeting was adjourned.