



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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135 STATE AND NATL. CUP GAMES WENT WELL, OLDERS NEXT; SPRING LEAGUE STARTS; GK-RELATED FOULS DISCUSSED

Assignor **Bill Cook** reported at the February membership meeting that SSBRA covered 135 games for the CYAS-S's State and National Cups at Bakersfield and Lancaster. The organizers told him that they were pleased with our work.

Forty-six members and one visitor were in attendance at Redondo Beach City Hall's lounge. Near-term plans include the Coast Soccer League's spring program starting March 6, and the "olders" State Cup games.

The J-League competition continues: Bill promised that the games on March 6 will be reassigned to those who lost their rained-out assignments on February 21.

For the tutorial portion of the meeting, training director **Keith Gendler** led a sometimes spirited discussion on the subject of Crime and Punishment: Fouls and Misconduct Incidents Involving the Goalkeeper, consisting of 16 game situations which he lifted from the USSF Intermediate-Level Referee Course. He divided up the room into a number of teams, each team reporting on its view of what should be the outcome of one of the situations, sometimes to raucous disagreement from the other teams.

From the Secretary.

Dick Eastman reported that we continue are upward growth spiral, having reached 109 on the roster, including 7 youth referees.

The Treasury.

Treasurer **Tom Mallen** calculates \$1205 in our bank account; this must carry us until 1 July when the dues for 2004-2005 come in.

He carried in a big box of shirts and caps for distribution. The \$23 polo-type shirts are all black, except for a gray collar, and have **SOCCER SOUTH BAY REFEREE ASSOCIATION** in gold lettering, while the \$8 caps are black without logo, to be worn on hot days (if the tournament organizers don't object!).

The President Contributes.

Larry Stern introduced some new faces: new member **Ben Goodman**, a student at Chadwick who turns 14 in April, and **John Moody**, a visitor who was later approved for membership by the board.

At the ever-popular door prize drawing, Larry gave **Scott Ziegler** a sweatshirt he had found. Scott's name has been picked an astounding number of times in these drawings, so the shirt was a way to let someone else win.

Winners included **Ralph Quiroz** (jacket), **George Heggie** (socks), **Michael Dewart** (flags, which he declined), **Humberto Castro** (the flags), and the \$50 Soccer Central gift certificate to **Bill Mindlin**.

THE TRAINING SESSION

Keith started out in seance fashion by having everyone close their eyes and imagine themselves in a boys U16 game. It's 25 minutes into the first half of a hard fought but fair game. An attacker slides into the ball and the keeper. You gasp. What do you hear? Yes, screams of anguish and protests all round.

The subject for the night: Goalkeeper Incidents. He handed out copies of a set of 16 incidents/situations involving possible fouls (or not) involving goalkeepers, identified the teams of referees in the room to consider the incidents, and asked each team to appoint a spokesman.

The responses, and the critiques of the responses by the other teams, served as a vivid review of what

should be considered fouls and/or misconducts and what are properly no calls for which the referee need make no signal.

In some cases a verbal acknowledgement of “no foul,” or an arm signal (*not* the “play on” signal) may be useful to defuse a potentially sticky situation.

Keith has the questions in Adobe pdf: e-mail him at keith@gendler.net for a copy.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

- 3 applications approved: **Sami Badawi**, Ben Goodman, and **Roger Stevenson**.
- Spring League: Cook attended organizing meeting. CSL to run. 300 teams, for training and player evaluation. May use CSL Web assigning software. Same fees as last season.
- J-League up to 12 teams; 4 games per Saturday until June19.
- **Heros Baghoumian** running more tournaments; 6 or 7 before Memorial Day. We expect to get more than previous years.
- \$1283 in account. Coming expenditures: pizza party, speakers.
- **Warren's** report: we're all happy disgruntled campers. (?)
- **Brian** discussed AYSO-USSF crossover process.
- **Lee** suggests adding link to SCSOA on Web site.
- No speaker this month; training by Keith.
- **Dio Cordero** fund contributions: to be by individuals only.

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Approved applications from John Moody and **David Sena**.

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: *MARCH 30, 2004*

TIME: *7:30 P.M.*

PLACE: *REDONDO BCH. CITY
HALL EMPL. LOUNGE,
CARNELIAN & B'WAY.*

AGENDA: *TOURNAMENTS,
BUSINESS AND TRAINING*