



# The Flag and Whistle

## Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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### PIKA IS OUT OF HERE MEMBERS VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO WEAR PANTS REFEREES GET THEIR HEADS EXAMINED

It was the last Tuesday of the month, and for some reason Warren wanted to talk about the “new” Beverly Hills 7v7 league. It had started well, with a few minor rule changes, mainly that a cautioned player has to sit out two minutes. Also the games are being played on bigger fields, and some of the teams have female players too. The Main Man for the league is Tim, who is there for the games – so whatever he says, goes.

It was then announced that the City of Lawndale had asked for a proposal for SSBRA to handle their Spring League, with both 1-man (the youngsters) and 2-man systems. A general discussion then took place as to the pros and cons of the 2-man system, and if SSBRA should even get involved with it (currently we do not). Many folks had something to say, but **Lee Jordan** seemed to settle the issue when he remarked “I do the 2-man all the time, and do not like it.” The crowd felt the same, and would rather have 2-man games rather than none, so the Board will go ahead with the proposal.

Warren then announced that **Deepika Saluja** had resigned as Secretary. She has been going through some transitions in her life lately (including her upcoming wedding), and felt she could no longer give the position the

attention it deserved. Warren expressed the gratitude of the Board for all she had done, and then announced that **Bruce Anderson** had been appointed as interim Secretary to take over till Pika's term expires in June.

At that point **Larry Stern** started telling us about some stuff. He revealed that SBPSL teams have the option to send us feedback on the matches every week. Mostly they do not say anything, and sometimes there are the usual player rants. But there are at times complaints that seem reasonable and that deserve to be followed-up on, which the Board has been doing all along. Larry then provoked a discussion as to whether these comments should be forwarded to all the Members, only the crew involved, or not at all. A lively discussion followed, and it was decided that comments that appear to have possible merit would be passed on to the crew.

It was then the turn of **Vince Delmonico** to take the floor. After thanking all those that expressed their condolences at the passing of his mother, Vince initiated a discussion of the SSBRA anti-long pants policy. Many of the Members had an opinion on this, but the majority felt that the short pants policy should continue and be enforced. The only exception is to be.....well, never. Vince continued talking, reminding us that that for SBS, it is no card no play, cards must have the current year stamp, employees, including Dennis Fox himself, included, with NO exceptions (verbal overrules are not acceptable) . He then reminded us that SBPSL has a zero tolerance policy on profanity at the request of the league – go straight to your red card. And finally he asked that we check the home/visiting team names and record the scores properly at Manhattan Village.

**Ralph Quiroz** then had something to say – wear the correct badge at your matches. For matches Bill assigns, wear either your current year USSF badge, your SSBRA badge, or no badge at all, as appropriate.

At that point **Bill Cook** started telling us some interesting stuff. He said the Spring League will start March 3, the SCDSL Spring league will start March 31, the Lawndale Spring league will start March 25, and the J-league will start March 3.

Since the Board was all talked out, it was time for **Ed Cushner** from Cal South to take over for the evening's training session. The subject was Requirements for Injured Players, and a lively discussion took place, with seemingly most of the Members having a point of view (the session should be available for review on the Cal South web-site).

Bill then ran the raffle, and the lucky winners went home better equipped than when they came.

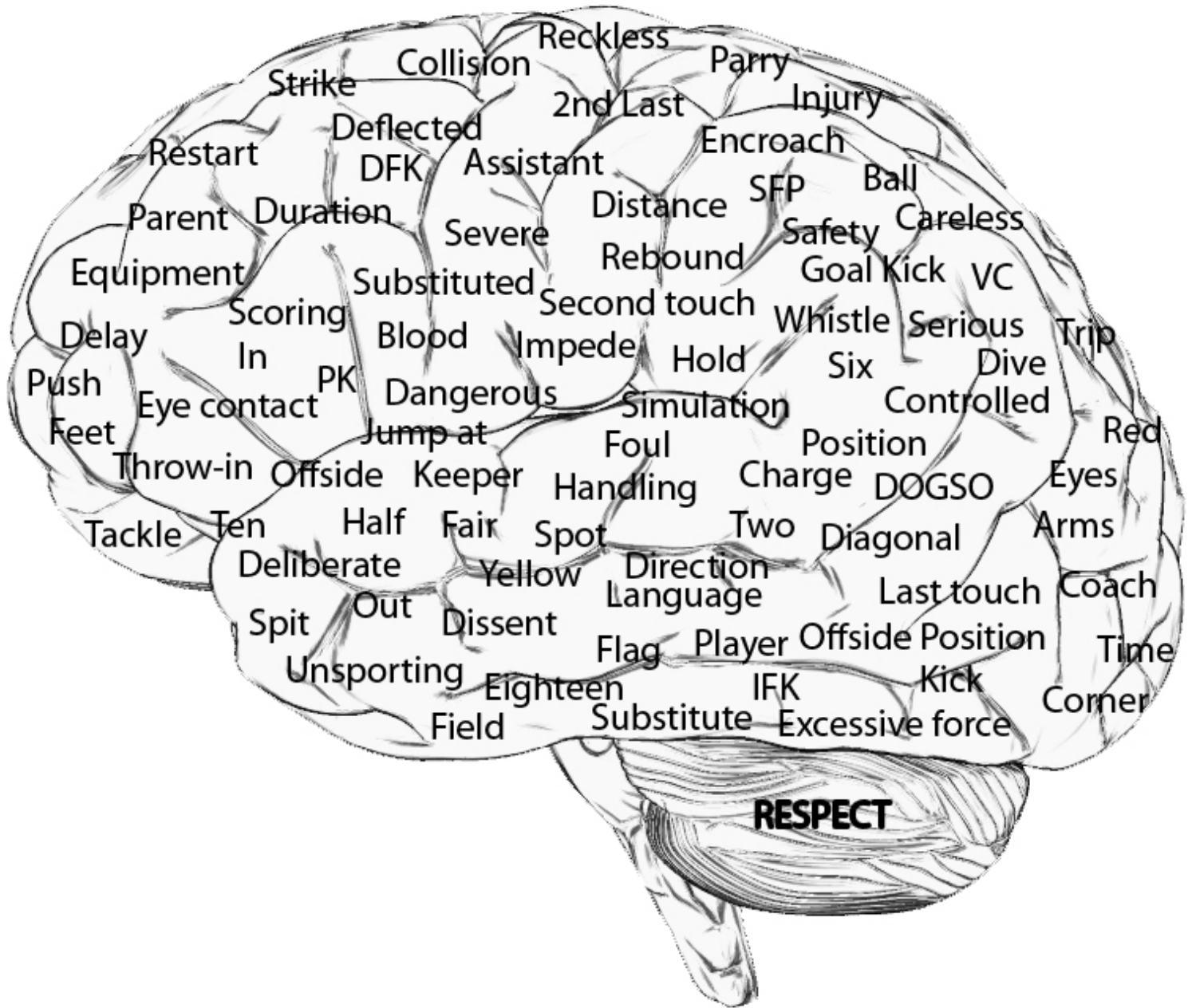
## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

- Discussed new applications and decided that there were plenty enough new Members for a training class
- Talked about some recent misbehavior by Members
- Everyone has been duly informed about the no long pants policy
- SBS: no valid ID cards, no play
- Lawndale is starting a Spring league, Bill will put together a proposal
- CSL/DSL-style Spring leagues starting in March
- Beverly Hills 7v7 will be starting
- Manhattan Beach contract signed
- Bruce Anderson is doing facebook and helping Pika with the newsletter
- Pika has announced her resignation (bummer!). Possibly replacements discussed
- Bill will do the February raffle in Steve's absence
- Date purge into 2007, still going, though slowly
- A plan was decided on so that various Board Members would regularly contact the different leagues and head off problems etc.
- Talked about sharing the PSL referee weekly reviews with the Members. We will take a vote at the monthly meeting

- Steve talked about money: we have some

## **NEXT MONTHLY MEETING**

**THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27, 2012 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CAFETERIA OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, 3620 182<sup>ND</sup> ST. (AT YUKON - SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILED MAPS), WHEREIN BEVERAGES AND FOOD ARE PROHIBITED BY THE SCHOOL FOR THE PURPOSES OF OUR MEETING. NOTE THE LOCATION, IT WILL BE IN THE CAFETERIA, NOT THE LIBRARY. THE AGENDA WILL INCLUDE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS, RESULTS OF OUR LAWDALE PROPOSAL, BYLAW DISCUSSIONS AND CAL SOUTH TRAINING.**



**Soccer Referee Brain** (submitted by Bruce Anderson)

**The Large Member Feels the Pain of This Guy** (from Referee magazine)

Most humbling officiating experience: “Once during a high school basketball game I started to turn and backpedal on a quick turnover. I tripped over my own foot and fell face down on the court. I was so embarrassed that I decided to lay there and pretend I was hurt so everyone around me would stop laughing at me.”

## Just When I Thought We Were Starting to Get a Little Respect (news item)

A Chinese soccer referee admitted in court in December 2011 to taking bribes to fix local and international matches. **Huang Jungie**, a referee for more than 20 years, was accused of accepting about \$245,000 to fix two international friendlies and 20 local matches.

## A Close Call

Three parents came to the aid of soccer official **Tommy Manor** after spectators noticed he had collapsed while officiating a January game in Houma LA. Two parents, one a registered nurse, helped perform CPR while another provided other aid while waiting for paramedics to arrive. Paramedics eventually administered electric shock on Manor, 60, before transporting him to the hospital. After receiving a stent in his heart, Manor said he expected to get back into the game soon.

Submitted by Bruce Anderson

