



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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**SSBRA is looking for someone to take over the generation of the Flag & Whistle.
If you are interested please contact any Board member.**

The Minutes for the June monthly General meeting are shown below.

SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

June 24, 2013, 2014 7:30 PM

North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Veto Galati, Bill Cook

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting, addresses following subjects:

MH told the members that Warren was on vacation in Finland and was not able to attend the meeting so as Vice President, he will run the meeting.



New Member Introduction: New members Greg Waugh, Jonny Gray and Steve Morgan introduced themselves as new members. Ryan Cho also introduced himself as former SSBRA youth referee, now returning as referee. Also, Trey Thompson was in attendance as new applicant.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Vice President: MH explained the process of recruiting and determining a candidate to fill in the upcoming VP vacancy and informed members that Bruce Anderson had been chosen in a board election between two final candidates. MH then made a motion for ratification, seconded by Bill Yee. Motion carried by acclamation, with no Nay votes.

Director of Mentoring & Assessment: MH explained that Ralph Quiroz had decided not to continue in this position after his term ends as of July and that board had appointed Kirk Jackson as new Director of Mentoring & Assessment. MH then made a motion for ratification, seconded by Bill Yee. Motion carried by acclamation, with no Nay votes.

Assignor: MH said that board had reappointed Bill Cook as Assignor. MH then made a motion for ratification, seconded by Bill Raventos. Motion carried by acclamation, with no Nay votes

Service Failures: MH discussed our recent service failures, with single game referees either missing or showing up late for their games. MH announced our new board policy as a result of these failures (also communicated to all current members by Bill Cook in email blast), effective July 1, 2014 as follows:

It was decided unanimously to change the single ref call in procedure from 30 minutes to one hour prior to match start time, effective July 1, 2014. The Call-in notification in the assigning system will be changed to reflect the new procedure. BC will maintain a back-up list made up of the unassigned refs who provided availability for the specific day and will begin calling to reassign games if the original assigned ref has not called in one hour before the single referee match start time. Up to a 10 minute grace period maybe applied before the replacement referee is called. Once the replacement ref is called, the originally assigned ref **WILL NOT** be paid for these matches even if they show up at field. Original ref may choose to do the games but they will forfeit their fees to the replacement ref anyway. Public disagreement between referees at the field on this issue **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**. It also needs to be understood that this policy does not change the existing bylaws in regards to missed assignments. Referees who fail to call in and are replaced but still show up to the field will not be considered as missing an assignment.

Cal South Profiles: Members were reminded that Cal South has mandated that all referees update their profiles in the Cal South referee system to include a recent photo. The picture must be of the referee alone, not a photo that includes other people. Per Cal South instructions any referee who fails to do this **WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE** to referee and Cal South sanctioned matches after July 1, 2014.

RPD: Members were reminded that RPD at Citrus College was scheduled for the next evening (June 25) at Citrus College. MH also informed members that board is investigating the possibility of SSBRA hosting local RPD sessions in the near future. This news was enthusiastically received by the members.



AYSO National Games: MH reminded everyone that AYSO National games will start next week in both Torrance and Riverside and encouraged our AYSO members to participate but to make sure SSBRA needs are addressed first and to be sure to have availability updated in SSBRA system to reflect any commitments to AYSO during this period.

Concussion Awareness Training: MH conducted a training session on this subject using slide show presentation package and asked members to once again read this section posted on the SSBRA website. Also, noted that per our assigning system, by showing availability for SSBRA matches, members are confirming that they have read and understand SSBRA policy on Concussion Awareness.

Sexual Harassment Training: MH conducted a training session on this subject using a slide show presentation package and asked members to once again read this section posted on the SSBRA website. Also, noted that per our assigning system, by showing availability for SSBRA matches, members are confirming that they have read and understand the SSBRA policy on Sexual Harassment.

Risk Management on Cal South Referee List: Bill Cook mentioned that under the RM (Risk Management) column on this list, “expired” is showing for some referees and asked our members to verify that they are shown as “approved” on the list. Gabriel Goldsman stated that he would look into this with Cal South and get back with the board.

Cal South Training: Gabriel Goldsman took the floor and covered USSF Grade changes and physical requirements for each grade. Gabriel also covered Cal South Risk Management requirements.

No raffle and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Information from the BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, June 16, 2014

ATTENDEES: Michael Hinz, Chris Nevil, Steve Brandon, Bill Cook. Veto Galati

New Applications: The Board approved 3 new applications and declined 2 applications. The Board had long discussion on whether or not to continue accepting new members with no referee experience. The general consensus was that we will but more focus on prior referee experience and applicants with no referee experience will required more review.

Discipline Issues: The board closed on 5 separate membership issues.

SSBRA business cards: Card have been printed and passed out to Board members. Will distribute additional cards to members at June 24 General Meeting.

Single ref game call in process: It was decided unanimously to change call in procedure for single ref games from 30 minutes to one hour prior to game time, effective July 1, 2014. BC will adjust notifications in assigning system to reflect the new procedure. BC will maintain back-up list of unassigned refs available during these single games and will begin calling to reassign refs if original ref has not called in on time (appx



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Board Appointments: Michael discussed open board positions and nominations. General membership approval scheduled for the June meeting.

Cal South eligibility requirements: MH noted that Cal South requires all associations to have certified assignors, assessors and instructors. We confirmed the following current positions and backups at each position:

Assignor: Bill Cook, Larry Stern

Assessor: Gabriel Goldsman, Joe Robelotto

Instructor: Larry Stern, Gabriel Goldsman, Joe Robelotto

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MONTHLY MEETING

THERE WILL BE NO MEETING IN JULY 2014. THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, 3620 182ND ST. (AT YUKON - SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILED MAPS).