



The Flag and Whistle

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

The next Referee Professional Development (RPD) is scheduled for Tuesday 21, 2014 starting at 7:00 pm. Please sign up at the following link;

<http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6871201&eventtype=RPD>

A lot of changes are happening to the SSBRA web site. Please make sure you visit it and check it out. One change is how the Competitions page is laid out. We also added a [Cal State Dominguez Hills -- Fields Map](#) to the competitions page. For whatever reason, none of the field location or directions show the actual location of the different fields at CSUDH so we added that detail here.

The 2nd 2014-2015 season required New Member SSBRA training class was held on Tuesday Sept. 30, 2014 with 10 new members in attendance. **If you are a new member and you have not attended either of the two classes** since the start of the 2014-2015 season **you need to contact Kirk Johnson**, SSBRA Director of Mentoring and Assessment, **so your ability to receive assignments from SSBRA is not affected.**

Note: If you still have not received your Cal South Photo ID card, show the Coach your USSF ID card in place of your Cal South Photo ID card if requested before the match during the player check in. If there are questions after a match, give the coach or team manager the last 4 digits of your USSF ID. Do not use your Photo ID card except during the team check in.

At the September General Meeting, the Board conducted the monthly general meeting, after the Cal South training, and reviewed several proposed Bylaws changes with 5 of them being nominated by the general membership for voting at the October general membership meeting. Based on discussions at the meeting, 1 proposal was withdrawn and it will be revised and re-proposed at the April meeting.

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



SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

September 30, 2013, 2014 7:30 PM

North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Bruce Anderson, Steve Brandon, Veto Galati, Chris Nevil, Kirk Jackson,

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: Gave highlights of September Board meeting, mentioning in a general way disciplinary issues and bylaws change discussions. Also informed membership of board liaisons to our various leagues, as follows:

SCDSL: Steve Brandon
CSL: Michael Hinz
J-League: Veto Galati
7v7 Leagues: Chris Nevil (Manhattan Beach & Beverly Hills)
Lawndale: Bruce Anderson
SBPSL: Kirk Jackson

Cal South Training: MH then turned over the meeting to Cal South instructor Szilard Gyllyal who covered Law 11 – Offside and the new interpretations on what is considered defender's possession to reset the point of decision for an offside rulings. This ensued in a lively debate/discussion.

New Member Introduction: New applicants Leon Tchakalian and Andrew Rogerson introduced themselves.

Service Failures: MH addressed recent service failures that resulted in disciplinary action by board. One referee went to wrong field during United Cup Tournament, didn't have his partner's contact info with him and decided to leave. Fortunately, one of our SSBRA officials assigned to prior games on this field stayed and covered the matches. The other service failure was a result of a referee asking for, being assigned and accepting termite games during time slots in which the referee had been assigned and accepted other games. MH stressed that we are responsible for checking both the SSBRA and the CSL systems.

BYLAWS Change Proposals and Discussion: Per our bylaws, motions for changes may be accepted at the September meeting for a vote and the October meeting. The following five (5) changes were proposed.

1. **MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:** Chris Nevil proposed amending the membership requirement in bylaws (Section IV – article A), effective January 1, 2015, to read: **All members must be USSF Certified, registered with Cal South and meet all current Cal South Youth and adult requirements, including Risk Management and photo, for continued membership in SSBRA.** This would replace current language: currently registered with USSF or who have satisfactorily met the standards prescribed by SSBRA to demonstrate their knowledge of the Laws of the Game, their physical ability and their officiating proficiency. This proposal was seconded by Bill Raventos and will be voted on at the October meeting.

2. **MINIMUM MEETING REQUIREMENT:** Michael Hinz introduced proposal to amend Section IV – Article C-3 to read: **a minimum of five (5) membership meetings per year. Board will review requests for exceptions.** This would replace the current language: Attend an acceptable number of membership meetings. Motion for this amendment was made by Lloyd Lehrer and seconded by Steve McCall and will be voted on at the October meeting.



3. ANNUAL FEES and DUES: Michael Hinz introduced a proposal to amend Section V, Article A to read: **Dues are payable by June 1 of each year.** This would replace the current language: **Dues are payable of July 1 of each year.** Also included is an amendment to Section IV Article C-5 to read: **within 30 days of due date.** This would replace the current language: **within 60 days of due date.** Under this proposal the membership year would remain July 1 to June 30. Motion for this amendment was made by Steve Resnick and seconded by Bob Slater and will be voted on at the October meeting.

4. MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING: Michael Hinz introduced proposal to amend both Article VII Section A (election of Officers) and Article IX Section F-1 (Bylaws changes) to add the following language to each article: **Only members in good standing may vote.** Under this proposal no language will be replaced or deleted. Motion for this amendment was made by Lloyd Lehrer and seconded by Bill Yee and will be voted on at the October meeting.

5. ELECTION PROCEDURES: Sue Pascoe introduced a proposal change election procedures outlined in Article VII Section A to accommodate members who cannot be present at the AGM. After much discussion with several ideas being presented Larry Stern suggested that we table the matter since there will be another opportunity for bylaws amendments at the February membership meeting which will precede the next AGM. Board will work with Sue and general membership to come up with a solution.

GUIDELINE CHANGE:

Michael Hinz explained board position in a guidelines change regarding Youth Referees. Effective immediately, dues for youth referees will be \$55.00 for the first year (to cover cost of insurance, assessment, & training). For every subsequent year (which begins July 1 of each year) dues for youth referees will be the same as those for full members.

Also Rudy Chavez recommended a guidelines change to stipulate that members must be at least 21 years old to work adult matches (J-League, PSL, 7v7 leagues, etc.). Board will review this request at the October board meeting and report back to the general membership.

MEMBERSHIP RANKINGS: Michael Hinz reported that the Rankings Committee, led by SSBRA Vice-president Bruce Anderson, has completed their rankings for the 2014-15 season and advised members to contact Bruce with any questions about their ranking.

High School Training: Before adjournment, Larry Stern gave information on upcoming training for high school referee association.

No raffle.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 28, 2014 at 7:30 PM – North High Library.