



The Flag and Whistle

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Notes from the President –

Happy Holidays!!!

The Board wishes you a great holiday and we hope everyone enjoys the holiday time with your family and friends.

The entire Board also thanks you for a great 2014 season and we all look forward to an even better 2015. The Board is working hard to drive improvements in the organization, getting more business, and growing the membership and we are interested in your thoughts and ideas.

As we have been discussing over the last few months, Jan 1, 2015 brings a lot of changes for Cal South / USSF, and SSBRA. As of 12/05/2014 62 SSBRA Members are listed on the 2015 ROL (Registered Officials List). That means 79 members still have not registered for 2015 and/or have not completed the 2015 Cal South certification requirements. If you are one of the 69 you need to do so before the end of December. The good news is that you can complete everything on-line at the Cal South web site by completing the two steps listed on the “Referees” drop down tab. Please remember if you have not completed the 2015 certification process until your name shows up on the Cal South 2015 ROL posted on the Cal South web site at <http://www.calsouth.com/en/referees/officials-list/>. You also have to complete all the requirements and give Cal South 1 or 2 weeks to update their records since starting January 1st; **SSBRA cannot assign you any matches until your name is listed on the Cal South 2015 ROL.**

In addition to the new Cal South requirements, starting in 2015 all SSBRA members are required to attend at least 5 SSBRA general meetings per year to maintain their SSBRA registration. Since SSBRA meets 10 times per, this means you can meet this requirement by attending half the meetings. SSBRA will not be able to assign you to any matches if you do not meet this requirement.



USSF Match reports – We are continuing to have issues with getting USSF Match Reports properly completed and submitted on time. We need everyone's help in properly completing and submitting the Match Reports to the SSBRA MAL, Chris Nevil, on time. This is just part of the job...

The next SSBRA sponsored Referee Professional Development (RPD) is scheduled for February 17, 2015 starting at 7:00 pm. Please sign up at the following link; <http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6871201&eventtype=RPD> and remember, all USSF Grade 7 referees must complete at least 3 RPDs each year.

The look and feel of the SSBRA web Site has changed. Please let me and our Web Master know what you like or dislike about the current site and please let us know if you have any ideas on how to make it better. SSBRA Web Master Email is web.ssbra@gmail.com.

The SSBRA Board would like to welcome our 4 newest SSBRA members. The new members are (in alphabetical order); Craig Collar, Geoff Falk, Andrew Rogerson, and Jared Syverson. This brings us to 14 new members in two months. This is the exact type of growth we need to insure we can provide the proper level of service to all or current customers and continue to grow our customer base. With that said, if you know an experienced Referee who is USSF and Cal South approved, please give her/him an application. If she/he is approved for membership, you can get a waiver for next year's dues per the New Member Incentive plan.

SSBRA Logo "Dry Fit" T-Shirts - Manny Fineberg of CSA Sportswear has a few extra Dry-fit t-shirts with the SSBRA logo still available for purchase to our SSBRA members. He will bring them to the January meeting. These shirts help keep you cool in the summer and warmer in the winter by wicking moisture away from the body. They will also provide a more professional look when SSBRA referees arrive at game sites and when we have to change jerseys due to color conflicts.

At the Nov. General meeting (see a copy of the draft minutes below) Michael Hinz had **new members** introduce themselves and then talked about a service failure which occurred in Nov. SSBRA was fortunate that another member was available to cover the match so there was no impact to the match. **Proper post match protocols** were also discussed before the meeting was turned over to Cal South instructor Szilard Gyalay who presented a set of questions and answers from the FIFA exam and information on time management.

After the training was completed the new **2015 Cal South registration and certification requirements** were reviewed. MH then congratulated **Ryan Cho for becoming our newest State Referee (USSF grade 6)**. Michael also thanked the new **SSBRA webmaster**, Rick Roberts, for his work on the new web site and urged members to check out the new and improved website. Another main topic involved **legal matters** which can occur in our business. MH informed the meeting that some of our members had recently been contacted by a Liability Claims Adjuster regarding an incident from November 2013 he suggested that if a referee is contacted by anyone, that referee should we simply tell them that an official USSF Incident Report had been filed with the league and to refer them to that league. Additional details can be found in the Draft Meeting Minutes attached

below. Once the meeting minutes are voted on and approved at the January meeting, copies of the official meeting minutes can be obtained from the SSBRA Secretary, Veto Galati.



Draft SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

(A copy of the official meeting minutes can be obtained from the SSBRA Secretary, Veto Galati, after they are approved at the January General meeting.)

November 25, 2014 at 7:30 PM

North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Bruce Anderson, Veto Galati, Steve Brandon, Chris Nevil, and Bill Cook (Absent: Kirk Jackson)

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: Meeting opened at 7:35 PM and reviewed highlights of November board meeting. Also, minutes from October General Meeting were approved by consensus.

New Member Introduction: Newly approved applicant Jared Syverson introduced himself. Additionally, Rick Talanoa introduced himself.

Service Failure: MH talked about a recent service failure in which a referee failed to show up for his game. Fortunately, one of the refs from the previous game stayed to cover so no damage to client. MH also mentioned recent complaint from SCDSL in which a referee's comments were misunderstood and suggested we be very careful with our comments.

Post Game Procedure: MH stated that when we complete our postgame paperwork we are finished. We do not get involved in postgame discussions, arguments, etc. MH talked about one of our refs helping a coach verify opponents' ID cards at completion of a match. He stated that if coach thinks an illegal player has participated in a match we can do nothing but note coach's complaint on the match report. It is not our job to verify once we have complete pregame check in process. MH read excerpts from both the CSL and DSL rules which clearly address player roster accuracy and or any ID irregularities.

Cal South Training: MH then turned over meeting to Cal South instructor Szilard Gyalay who presented questions and answers from the FIFA exam and information on time management.

Training Requirements: MH reminded us that Cal South requires that all (USSF Grade 8) referees must attend a minimum of five (5) training sessions per calendar year in order to be eligible for recertification. This can be accomplished by attending Cal South training session at our SSBRA meetings, attending training sessions at other associations (at their monthly meetings) or by registering and taking the online Webinar. (Grade 7 referees must also attend 3 RPDs). He also reiterated that, effective Jan. 1, 2015; all SSBRA members must meet all Cal South requirements and appear on the Registered Officials List to be assigned ANY matches covered by SSBRA.

Ryan Cho: MH congratulated Ryan Cho for becoming our newest State Referee (USSF grade 6). This announcement was met with a round of applause for Ryan's accomplishment.

New Webmaster: MH introduced Rick Roberts as our newly appointed webmaster and urged members to check out the new and improved website and provide comments and suggestions.



Draft November SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes (Con't)

Legal Matters: MH informed the meeting that some of our members had recently been contacted by Liability Claims Adjuster regarding an incident from November 2013 wanting to take a recorded telephone deposition. He suggested that if a referee is contacted by anyone, that referee should simply tell them that an official USSF Incident Report had been filed with the league and to refer them to that league. While, everyone is free to do what they want, you cannot be forced to give depositions over the phone or in person unless subpoenaed.

USFF Reports: CN briefly took the floor to ask that members send him USSF Incident reports for all send-offs and any injuries that require medical attention. Please limit to facts; not a narrative. CN will then review report, suggest any appropriate revisions and file with the leagues when necessary. Members: DO NOT FILE REPORTS DIRECTLY WITH THE LEAGUE

Assignment Conflicts: MH asked members that if you have any association with a particular player or club for leagues that we referee, please notify Bill Cook so that he may avoid any suggestion of a conflict of interest when assigning.

Chris Nevil speaks: Thanked everyone for our strong RPD showing (52 participants). Please keep supporting the RPD sessions because it helps us become better referees and raises our profile in the soccer refereeing community.

Steve Brandon speaks: Informed members that anyone who was paid \$600.00 or more by the association will receive a 1099 by January 31, 2015. This will be sent via DocuSign email.

Thanks to Bill Cook: MH thanked BC for his hard work in assigning the tremendous amount of games we covered this season.

Raffle conducted at 8:50; various prizes given away.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Next Meeting: Dark in December. Next meeting will be Tuesday January 27, 2015 at 7:30 PM – North High Library.