



The Flag and Whistle

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Notes from the President –

As you can tell by all of our assignor's emails, Bill has assigned both Saturday and Sunday and we really need everyone to accept their assignments as soon as possible.

Please join me in congratulating four more of our members, **Mario Arita, Craig Breitman, Alonzo Ramirez, and Tim Reynolds** for completing their upgrade to USSF Grade 7. These 4 members bring the total of USSF Grade 7 or higher SSBRA members to 39 which is over 26% of the total SSBRA membership. Tell them "good job" next time you see them out on the pitch or around town.

Referee Professional Development (PRD)

The next PRD is this Tuesday July 21, 2015 at North High School. If you have not already signed up it's not too late. Please sign up at <http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6986707&eventtype=RPD> or use the link on the SSBRA Training page.

Arbiter Transition

If you have not replied to the Arbiter survey sent out on July 9th, please do so now by clicking on the following link. Please let us know if you have an Arbiter account, and what email you want to use with Arbiter:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MPBM23H>

As we proceed, we will communicate each step via emails and meetings. We have set up the following email address ssbra.arbiter.2015@gmail.com which is specifically available for questions about the Arbiter transition. We have also set up an SSBRA-Arbiter page on the SSBRA.org website to post communications, FAQs, tips, and best practices.

Mike Clifford Fund

Please remember that the Galaxy tournament is a great opportunity to donate to the Mike Clifford fund. As we heard during the June General Meeting, Mike woke up from his coma in June but still has a tremendous amount of work ahead of him. If you are interested in donating, please click here or go to the [Donate to Mike Clifford!](#) link on the SSBRA home page and donate a match assignment or two to the fund. Please do what you can and also consider setting some time aside to visit him at Westside Healthcare. Contact Jonny Joseph to get more details on visiting hours and the appropriate protocol.



June General Membership Meeting –

After welcoming three new members, we had our monthly Cal South training and then we moved on to SSBRA business.

I would like to thank Gabriel Goldsman for helping us by conducting the monthly training for us. Thanks to Gabriel, we were able to receive the May Cal South training during our June meeting. June is normally an off month for Cal South training and since SSBRA holds its Annual General Membership meeting in May, we would have missed two months of training if Gabriel did not help out. Thanks Gab!!!

The Draft minutes for the June meeting are listed below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the August meeting.

SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes - June 30, 2015, 7:30 PM North HS Library

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

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: MH opened meeting at 7:40 PM asking for motion to approve minutes of April 2015 General Meeting. Minutes approved by acclimation.

New Member Introduction: New applicants introducing themselves were Jack Desemone, Rudy Heregia and Russell Stern (returning member)

Dues Payment Deadline: MH reminded members that the deadline for 2015/16 membership year dues is July 1, 2015. Members working the Galaxy tournament may opt to have their 2015/16 dues deducted from the tournament fees. Also, those still owed for recent Lawndale or MB 7v7 games may also request that Steve withhold their dues from those pending payments.

CAL SOUTH TRAINING: At appx 7:50 PM Cal South Instructor Gabriel Goldsman took the floor, beginning with a series of questions from the FIFA exam, with subsequent discussion. Training session focused Law 11 Offsides and how to interrupted when a defended plays the ball . Cal South training session ended at appx 9 PM

Single Match Call In Protocol: MH informed members that one to four hour window will be strictly enforced and that there will be no more extended grace periods. If you miss your call in, a replacement will be sent to the field. This applies to all single referee matches, not just Manhattan Beach 7v7.

MANHATTAN BEACH 7 V 7: MH reiterated that it is not the referee's responsibility to either clear the previous occupants from the fields or to set up the field for the 7 v 7 games. Those tasks should be delegated to the team captains. Our job is to blow the whistle to start the clock on the hour.

ELECTION RESULTS: MH announced results of elections held at the May AGM: Bruce Anderson & Steve Brandon were reelected as Vice-president and Treasurer, respectively.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS: The MH announced the following pending board appointments, to become effective in July and ratified at August General Membership meeting:

Director of Mentoring, Training & Assessment: Kurt Jackson

Assignor: Bill Cook

Back-up Assignors: Chris Nevil, Kirk Jackson, Veto Galati



SWITCH TO ARBITER: MH informed membership of board decision to switch our assigning system to Arbiter (from current Easy Assigning) with the transition to take place during the 2015-2016 season, and a brief discussion followed. Board will work on implementation plan to ensure a smooth transition. MH told members that they will be informed of status as the board moves forward with the plan. When asked how many members have experience with Arbiter, a majority responded that they have. MH asked for questions from floor and the only inquiry was from Larry Savell who asked about the cost, which will be \$5.50 per slot, and this amount is covered in our budget for the upcoming year. MH mentioned that down the road we may also look into the RefPay system that is available on Arbiter but that for now we are only looking to get the assigning system up and running.

2015/16 DUES DEADLINE: MH reminded members that due date (including grace period) for 2015/16 season dues is July 1, 2015, We have the option of asking Steve Brandon to deduct our dues from fees already earned but unpaid from Lawndale or Manhattan Beach games. Another option would be to notify Steve that we will be working the Galaxy Tournament and request that dues be deducted from these payments.

RANKINGS: MH reported in Bruce Anderson's absence that BA has compiled a ranking committee comprised of three board member and three others, volunteers from the general membership. The goal is to complete the rankings by the end of July. Chris Nevil offered that to date we've only had 90 responses to the rankings survey and that we urgently need the remaining sixty to respond.

RPD: Chris Nevil appealed to our members to participate in RPDs. We had impressive attendance when we started but the numbers have gradually declined each month. Please continue to attend RPD sessions even if you have completed the required number of sessions to upgrade or maintain your grade. Gabriel Goldman then took the floor and commented that Arturo Angeles has told him that SSBRA efforts have been noticed by Cal South. They know that we are receiving advanced training and this has raised the profile of SSBRA. Gabriel urged our members to take advantage of this opportunity and to continue to come out in numbers for our RPD sessions. Gabriel also noted that we are raising our profile with neighboring associations. CN said that there is something in it for everyone; that we all have room for improvement. Maria-Grazia Ascenzi commented that the sessions have been both very informative and enjoyable.

BILL COOK: BC stated that we need more availability for Galaxy tournament; we need 120 referees per day.

UPGRADES: MH congratulated Tim Reynolds for his recent upgrade to 7.

Mike Clifford: Jonny Joseph took the floor to report on our comrade Mike Clifford. Mike is in rehab and is improving. Jonny suggested that visits from fellow referees will help speed up his recovery. MH encouraged members to continue to donate game fees to the fund established for Mike on our website.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Next Meeting: August 25. No meeting in July.