



**The Flag and Whistle**  
**Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association**  
**- Over 41 Years Serving the Soccer Community -**

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President: Michael Hinz

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Member-At-Large: Chris Nevil

Vice-President: Steve Morgan

Secretary: Jay Pignatello

Assignor: Valle Altobelli

Mentoring & Assessments: David Welch

Training: David Welch

**Notes from the President**

1. **Single Referee Matches** – A check in call is required for **ANY AND ALL** matches where a SSBRA member is the single referee for a match. The phone number is **310-955-9905**. The call must occur no more than 4 hours before the match start time and no less than 1 hour before the match start time.
2. **2017 – 2018 Membership Dues** – **Membership dues are payable on or before June 1, 2017** and are past due on July 1, 2017. Members will not receive assignments if their dues are delinquent. Membership dues remain at \$75. You may use match referee fees paid to you by SSBRA from matches refereed before July 1<sup>st</sup>. This includes the MAY 27-28 CVU\* and the JUNE 10-12 LAPFC SoCal College Showcase\* tournaments.
3. **Annual Returning Referee Application** – All SSBRA members are reminded to submit their Annual Returning Referee Application for the 2017–2018 membership year. A link to the On-line application can be found on the SSBRA website on the “Association” page at <https://ssbra.org/association/rma/> and it will only takes a few minutes to be completed. The form is due by June 1 and members must have the current year’s form on file with the association. As of 5/2/2017 1/3 of the membership have applications on file.
4. **Referee Professional Development** - The next RPD is scheduled for May 16, 2017. Please go to the Cal South Website or the SSBRA training page and sign up. SSBRA will host a total of 10 RPDs in 2017.
5. **New Style Referee Shirts** - Don't forget that the new style referee shirts are available at the SSBRA monthly meetings at a special rate of \$65 for three shirts. Take advantage of this great offer.
6. **Dress Code** – Please remember when arriving at the pitch you should be in your shorts, socks and a black undershirt on and be ready to put on a referee shirt and begin your duties. We are receiving feedback from Cal South that is NOT POSITIVE. Shorts and shoes must be black. These issues with Cal South can cost us fields at National Cup and other Cal South events. Please make sure you act and look professional.
7. **It’s the beginning of 2017 Tournament season so please check your mileage limits in Arbiter.** We have an increasing number of games to cover and if your mileage is too restrictive then you will not get assignments. Members can use their Tournament fees to pay their 2017- 2018 Membership Dues only from tournaments which are completed before July 1<sup>st</sup>. The two qualifying tournaments are identified by an \* in the table below.

Date	Tournament	Location
MAY 27-28*	CVU MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS
JUNE 10-12*	LAPFC SOCAL COLLEGE SHOWCASE	SILVERLAKES - NORCO
July 22-23	Galaxy Coastal Classic - Girls'	South Bay
JULY 22-23	Eagles Summer Classic - Girl's	CAMARILLO
July 29-30	Galaxy Coastal Classic - Boy's	South Bay
JULY 29-30	Eagles Summer Classic - Boy's	CAMARILLO
AUGUST 19-20	CVU SUMMER CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS
AUGUST 26-27	THOUSAND OAKS CLASSIC	MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS
SEPTEMBER 2-3	SIMI VALLEY LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL	SIMI VALLEY



8. **New Members** - SSBRA continues to look for qualified Referees. If you know of a qualified Referee have them apply to SSBRA and you could be eligible to get your 2017 – 2018 dues covered by the Association via the New Membership Initiative program.
9. **Mar Vista League** – Please remember to sign up for a BTRC so your referee fees are processed and sent to you by the City without any delays.

### **Board Nominations and Proposed By-Laws Changes–**

At the April General Membership Meeting Steve Morgan was nominated for VP, Jay Pignatello was nominated for Secretary, and Bruce Ashton was nominated for Treasurer. No other nominations were made. Each of the nominees has provided a statement in regards to their nomination;

1. **Vice President:** Steve Morgan (Incumbent) – I wish to continue to help create the atmosphere and the opportunities for membership to grow their referee knowledge.
2. **Secretary:** Jay Pignatello (Incumbent) – I want to return as Secretary because I wish to continue to work with the Board to strengthen our membership and our presence at all our events, and to learn more about our membership on a personal level, so that I can provide better service to them as Secretary.
3. **Treasurer:** Bruce Ashton (Incumbent) – I again ask you to show me the confidence you showed in the past and cast your ballot for me in the upcoming election.

At the April General Membership Meeting the following By Law change was proposed;

1. Change the Annual General Meeting (AGM) meeting date from May to June. Cal South does not do training in June so this is a better alignment between the AGM and required training.

#### **IX ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- A. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held in June of each year.**

### **April General Membership Meeting –**

The Draft minutes for the April General Membership meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the May Annual Membership Meeting on the 30th.



## SSBRA General Membership Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2017

### Board Member Attendees:

<b>Steve Morgan - SM</b>	<b>Bruce Ashton – BA</b>	<b>Chris Nevil - CN</b>
<b>Valle Altobelli - VA</b>	<b>Michael Hinz - MH</b>	<b>Jay Pignatello – JP (not present)</b>
<b>David Welch - DW</b>		

- 1) Approve March Minutes
  - a. Call to approve the minutes by Michael
    - i. Motion to accept as presented: Steve Resnick ; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Yee
- 2) Welcome new members – always looking for new members.
  - a. Glenn Kinzie
  - b. Victor Guerra
- 3) Bring the Considerations to this meeting and RPD! Michael reminded the membership of this offer
- 4) Cal South Training – Rick Rehm
  - a. Review of four scenarios
  - b. Review of the rules of competition for the Cal South/USSF National Cup games (especially)
  - c. Game paperwork completion
    - i. Cross out any players not present
    - ii. Cross out all blank spaces
    - iii. Make sure to hang on to the player and administrators cards until the end of the game and only players who are eligible to play that game may be listed on the roster and on the bench; only up to four administrators may be listed on the roster and on the bench. So if more the 15-18 players come to the game (depending on the age division) they may not sit with their teammates; nor can any injured players. They must sit with the spectators
    - iv. Only 18 are allowed for that game – make sure only 18 eligible players are listed; cross out any extra names !!!
    - v. EVERY individual referee and AR must sign their own names on the roster (the Referee may not write in/sign for his/her AR's)
    - vi. All Cautions must be listed as UB (Unsporting Behavior) – no other designations
    - vii. All Ejections must be listed as noted on the roster for its correct code
    - viii. Look out for Sit Out Sheet for Red ( R) cards or RX (Concussion) for players who are ineligible
- 5) Manny has apparel and accessories for sale
- 6) 2017 – 2018 Membership Dues – Membership dues are payable on or before June 1, 2017 and are past due on July 1, 2017. Member assignments will be impacted if dues are delinquent. Bruce will use any current fees checks and the next two tournaments for dues for the 2017-2018 dues unless you tell him not to do so. (Note: Galaxy tournament is too late).
- 7) Annual Membership Application –email with link to membership application will be sent out shortly. Online on the website and an email will be sent out.



- 8) Annual Membership Meeting in May. Same location as last year.
- a. Board nominations
    - VP:** Steve Morgan (motion by Jack Desemone.; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Bill Yee) Vote: Unanimous; no Nays or Abstentions
    - Secretary:** Jay Pignatello (motion by Jack Desemone.; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Alan Sampson ) Vote: Unanimous; no Nays or Abstentions
    - Treasurer:** Bruce Ashton (motion by Vito Galati; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Byron Eguchi) Vote: Unanimous; no Nays or Abstentions
- Other nominations may be made at the May AGM by the floor
- b. By Law changes - Proposed Bylaw amendment
    - Change the Annual General Meeting (AGM) from May to June. Cal South does not do training in June so this is a better alignment between the AGM and required training.
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    - Motion to accept as presented: Michael; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Beverly Vote: Unanimous; no Nays or Abstentions
- 9) Single Match call in requirements
- a. Reminder: must call in at least four (4) hours prior to your game time and at worst, no more than one (1) hour prior to your game time.
- 10) Referee Appearance – Get it right! No more old shorts. The Board wants to make it clear that “Brown is not the new Black!!!” Manny offers a number of options on uniform purchase & prices
- 11) Tournaments and League status - Valle
- a. Mar Vista – On Going
  - b. National Cup – On Going
  - c. DirectKix – No longer supporting DirectKix
  - d. ZogSports- On Going
  - e. BH –On Going
  - f. J-Liga – On Going
  - g. MB – On Going
  - h. Aspire - On Going
  - i. PSL – On Going
  - j. Lawndale – On Going
  - k. Friendlies are continuing to come in - Keep your availability current
- 12) Bruce speaks – Tax season is over and welcome back Bruce ---
- a. Financial review – Need volunteer to do the Bi-Annual assessment. Completed. He and his volunteers are in process
  - b. Checks after the meeting- unless you want to use them for 2018 dues but must have at least the amount to cover the annual fees in one game set please.
- 13) Valle - speaks
- a. Check the SSBRA website for info on competitions and game fees.
    - i. The website is current, if information is missing, contact Valle and not the League adm.
  - b. Referees should never contact a league directly – please contact the SSBRA POC as listed on the SSBRA Website.
  - c. 2017 USSF registration
    - i. 125 on ROL 18 Not on ROL.
  - d. Photos in arbiter – Need last 7 members to add photo – No assignments until they are uploaded.
- 14) Chris speaks - USSF match reports – The reporting was covered well by Rich Rehm so a simple reminder to send to Chris



- 15) David speaks – No further report
  - a. 4 new members still on the probation list
    - i. Training - 1 new members still need training
    - ii. Assessments - 6 new members still need assessment -
  - b. Let David know if you want a service assessment
- 16) Jay P. – Not present
- 17) Michael H. speaks –
  - a. SSBRA Meeting requirements – 5 per year
  - b. Cal South Training requirement – 5 per year
  - c. Grade 7 PRD requirements – 3 per year and 5 to upgrade
- 18) Steve speaks -
  - a. Ranking meetings are in progress. If you feel your ranking may not be correct, contact Steve for a review

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:03pm**