



The Flag and Whistle
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Notes from the President

1. Please note the following changes...
 - a. The **April RPD is on the 23rd** with is the 4th Tuesday, not on the normal 3rd Tuesday.
 - b. The **April GMM is being held in the North High School cafeteria**, not in the normal Library location.
2. I am pleased to announce that SSBRA has a new client starting in April. We are now providing referees for the Learn4Life 7v7 league. This is a Youth League consisting of High School students from Learn4Life High Schools. We are receiving \$50 per match and the matches are being played Friday mornings at 10 am. Yes, Friday mornings at 10 am. While the season is short, we are pleased to be able to increase or client base and we look forward to a continued relationship with this client.
3. Remember that the recently released changes to the FIFA LOTG are not effective until June 2019. Read then, ask questions about them, but do not inforce than until June.
4. As the tournament season gets closure, we are getting initial contacts to provide referees for several tournaments. Like always, these tournaments will be at venues like, Silverlakes, Great Park, Camarillo, & Ventura. Gabriel will review the number of available referees to determine how many fields SSBRA can support, so please open up your blocks now as it will not help to ask for assignments the week ahead of a tournament when Gabriel needs to provide SSBRA's coverage numbers several weeks before the tournament.
5. As we do every year, we will be resetting the assignment history in Arbiter for the start of the new membership year. This is early notice that if you want to keep a history of your assignments you need to do that before the system is reset.
6. Checks for some MB, ZOG, LAGOC matches will be brought to the April RPD and April GMM. If you do not come to one of these events, they will be mailed out after the GMM.

The **April GMM is on the 30th and we will be meeting in the North High School Cafeteria, not in the Library**. Please make sure you attend. There are lots of things going on and attending the meeting is the best way to stay current on all the different things going on.

The draft minutes for the March General Membership Meeting can be found below.



SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2019 7:30 PM
North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Steve Morgan, Chris Nevil, Gabriel Goldsman & Taidgh Simpson (Absent: Bruce Ashton, Jay Pignatello).

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: MH opened meeting at 7:40 requesting approval of February 2019 General Meeting; after a request to update the minutes to include a statement about the \$1000 award SSBRA received from Coast Soccer League during the March GMM Larry Savell motioned for approval with the update, the motion was seconded by Tim Reynolds and approved by acclamation.

NEW MEMBER INTRODUCTION: New applicants Mars Brownsen and Nick Salvini introduced themselves to the membership.

CAL SOUTH TRAINING: MH introduced Cal South instructor Daniel Radford who offered a presentation on "Playing in a Dangerous Manner (Law 12)." Following the presentation Daniel shared some of his MLS and VAR experiences with the group. Training ended at 8:55 PM

IFAB LAW CHANGES: MH pointed out upcoming changes to IFAB Laws Of The Game (LOTG) and announced that while these changes were already posted on our SSBRA website they do not go into effect until June 2019..

Last Month's Guest (CSL): MH clarified that the statements of last month's guest, Bernie Towers of CSL regarding the differences between CSL and SCDSL were strictly Bernie's personal opinions and not SSBRA's opinion.

ZOG: MH said that league asked referees covering ZOG games to be more diligent about preventing overly aggressive physical play in their leagues. ZOG wants tighter control and more cards to minimize injuries. ZOG wants Yellow cards shown to control the players.

ASSIGNOR: Gabriel Goldsman then took the floor and asked that new members to be sure and complete their Arbiter profiles, update their blocks and click the "Ready" button in order to be assigned. (Taidgh Simpson interjected that ALL members must add a photo to their Arbiter profile in order to receive assignments: NO PHOTO, NO GAMES).

Gabriel said that assignments will soon start to pick up as other associations have contacted us to staff some of their fields at such venues as Lancaster, Silverlakes, Great Park, Camarillo & Ventura. In order to fill these needs he will need more referees willing to travel.



Gabriel also reiterated that for all State Cup assignments referees are **required to report a minimum of ONE HOUR prior to their first game.** BE ON TIME!!

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS: Chris Nevil, Steve Morgan and Taidgh all stated that they had nothing further to add at this time.

RPD: MH stated that due to North High availability issues the April RPD will take place on April 23 instead of the usual third Tuesday of the month. Please register with Cal South. MH also announced that 91 referees (including 50+ from SSBRA) attended the March RPD. The 91 attendees represent an all-time high for RPDs.

OTHER ITEMS: MH aid that we were working on two additional new clients. Also, the Financial Assessment required by our Bylaws will be done next month.

RAFFLE: Prior to adjournment a raffle was held with several members winning various equipment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Next Meeting: April 30, 2019, 7:30 PM, North High **Cafeteria.**