



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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J-LEAGUE ASSIGNMENTS OUT; STATE CUP GAMES COMING SOON SAYS LARRY STERN

Due to the absence from the March meeting of assignor **Bill Cook**, president **Larry Stern** reported that April J-League assignments have been distributed, and anyone who has problems with those assignments should call him, since Bill is out of town until April 1st.

State Cup games for U14 through 16 are scheduled for April 6-7, followed by U17 through 19 games on the following weekend. There will be very little time for referees to confirm acceptance of assignments for these games, so he asked for immediate response. The venues for SSBRA's State Cup games have yet to be revealed, but he guesses they will be either in Lancaster, Bakersfield, or San Bernardino.

OTHER BUSINESS: MAY ELECTIONS, NO-SHOWS, SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD, OLD SHIRT COLLECTION, RECENT GAMES HELD

ELECTIONS. Larry asked everyone to attend the May meeting, and to come **EARLY** (it starts at 7:00 p.m.), so that elections for president and secretary can be held. Nominations are in April and May. Bylaw changes must be submitted in April. Following the elections, we will gather as usual for the annual pizza party.

NO-SHOWS. **Walt Hoovler** read a letter he received from Larry passing on a J-League suggestion that he and **Dick Lujan** commit hara-kiri for missing some recent games. Apparently, they did not notice a game time change. Instead of the J-League punishment, the board imposed a \$49,000 fine, or, alternately, to attend the March meeting to accept ridicule and embarrassment from their fellow referees. Walt and Dick opted for the last approach.

SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD. The board has selected the winner of the first Referee Sportsmanship Award, set this year at \$300, which will be announced

at the winner's high school ceremony. Until then his identity is classified.

OLD SHIRT COLLECTION. Several more members brought their obsolete shirts to the meeting for distribution to needy inner city referees. However, there was a request from the floor for yet another collection opportunity: the last chance will be at the April meeting.

RECENT GAMES. SSBRA officiated at a J-League tournament at Cal State Dominguez on March 24 involving nine youth games, plus one men's event between the LA Wings and Koreana, in honor of the upcoming World Cup to be hosted jointly by Japan and South Korea.

At another tournament, also on March 24, this one an invitational put on by OCU, we refereed 10 youth games at the fields of Costa Mesa H.S. Some referees from another association were seen wearing fuchsia and old-style black shirts, much to the astonishment of our members. At one of our own games, a player suffered a mild concussion when he collided with a goal post: since the goal post wasn't anchored his injury was minor!

LA SUMMER GAMES LOOKING FOR REFS

Joe Robelotto made a plea for volunteers to officiate at this year's "Watts" games on June 15, 16, 22 and 23, to be played at Cerritos Jr. College and Garr H.S. He is looking for 70 referees, and will take anyone still alive and kicking--SCSOA, USSF, or AYSO. He asked that a copy of his availability sheet be included with this Flag & Whistle (enclosed).

TREASURY RECOVERING FROM HAMMERING

Tom Mallen expects the treasury to get healthier as a result of checks we have received from the State Cup organizers. Cash on hand is presently \$1188, and the \$1158 the State Cup owes us will be deposited shortly.

TUTORIAL OF THE MONTH--NOT

Training director **Keith Gendler** admitted that he had not prepared any training material. He asked for opinions on what topics people were interested in covering. One suggestion was how to work with club linesmen; another was for names of suggested speakers (**Paul Krumpe** and **Bill Mason** were offered).

Keith then launched into a discussion of when is it obstruction and when something else when a player impedes the progress of an opponent. Advice to Referees is of the opinion that if there's physical contact it's a direct kick foul; if not, an indirect kick foul. Some members seemed to have other views, but the Advice ruling should be observed.

DOOR PRIZE WINNERS

As usual, names were picked out of the hat to award door prizes to those who made the meeting (some previous winners graciously declined). **Henry Gibson** walked away with a set of write-on yellow and red cards; **Bob Slater** won a set of flags; and **Bob Beverly** the much-coveted referee bag.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary **Dick Eastman**, back from his ski trips, reported that membership stands at 80. Some of those on the roster are GU (Florida, Orange County, etc.) and others are hurt or otherwise unavailable. One member, **Marty Kearney**, has resigned.

Long time member **Claude Haynes** appeared at the meeting accompanied by his son, who is perhaps a potential member.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MARCH 20, 2002

- Bill Cook is distributing J-League assignments for April.
- A no-show at Bakersfield was found to be a communication problem. Another for the J-League has resulted in a resignation. Two others will receive letters but no fine.
- The treasury is at \$1433. \$1158 is owed by State Cup.
- Sportsmanship award candidates reviewed and winner picked.
- Next board meeting is at Bill Cook's.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, MARCH 26, 2002

- Membership application by **Keith Kurtz** was approved.

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: *APRIL 30, 2002*
TIME: *7:30 P.M.*
PLACE: *REDONDO BCH. CITY HALL EMPL. LOUNGE, CARNELIAN & BROADWAY*
AGENDA: *TRAINING, BUSINESS, NOMINATIONS & UNIFORM COLLECTION*