



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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MAY AGM REELECTS EASTMAN, MALLEN; DUES NOW \$60 IF YOU'RE NOT ONLINE

Thirty-five members at the May AGM took little time to reelect by acclamation **Dick Eastman** as secretary and **Tom Mallen** as treasurer for two more years on the board of directors, as no one else came forward to contest for the positions.

The only other significant item was approval of a bylaw change upping the annual dues to \$60 *for those without Internet access*: this is to compensate for the added effort and cost of assigning games to those without an online facility, and also for efficient distribution of the Flag & Whistle, availability forms and other association correspondence. As described by VP **Jon Ziegler**, we are in the early stages of developing an association Web site specifically for on-line game assigning.

UPCOMING GAMES: J-LEAGUE (JUNE); PATEADORES (JULY); MISSION VIEJO AND AND CAPISTRANO CUPS (AUGUST)

Larry Stern, in **Bill Cook's** absence, reported that assignments for June's J-League games at Arnold have been distributed. Next are the Pateadores Cup on July 20, 21, 27 and 28, Mission Viejo on August 3-5, and Capistrano on August 16-18. Assignments will go out when Bill receives the tournament schedules from the respective organizers.

Together with the L.A. Watts Games on June 15-16 and 22-23, there should be continuous soccer available this summer for all those willing to take games.

[An e-mail message by Bill to the membership threatening to discontinue all summer event scheduling if sufficient numbers do not accept their assignments apparently had its intended effect of shaking people out of their lethargy.]

MEMBERSHIP GROWS TO 83 FOR NOW

The secretary reports that membership is up to 83; a few more applications are in the works. Some shrinkage is expected after the annual renewal date of July 1. Get out your checkbooks.

TREASURY DOWN TO \$846; NOT TO WORRY

Tom Mallen's financial statement shows \$846 in the treasury, but a State Cup reimbursement of \$465 was handed to him at the meeting and another \$240 are owed. Our net worth is still respectable at \$1551.

BADGING: WEAR SSBRA PATCH FOR NON-AFFILIATED GAMES; NEW SHIRT COLOR

Larry Stern reminded everyone to carry the SSBRA patch to non-USSF games, since the USSF badge *must not* be worn at these games. *[Eastman has a supply of the SSBRA patch for those without one.]*

He also made the point that he has observed some refs wearing shirts whose color was too close to one of the team's, so be more aware of this issue.

Keith Gendler spoiled everyone's day when he reported that USSF has approved yet another referee shirt color: blue, effectivity ASAP.

PIZZA PARTY AND LAKERS

The meeting reconvened at the Round Table Pizza on Sepulveda and Artesia. Besides pizza and beer (soda for the teetotalers), the Laker game was the focus of attention.

GUEST INTRODUCED: SON OF BEVERLY

Kiyo Beverly, a prospective member, was introduced.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING,
MAY 21, 2002**

- Heard a proposal from member **Lee Jordan** to develop an SSBRA Web site. To talk to **Kamel Guerbaoui** about a possible second approach.
- Larry brought a clipping from the L.A. Times on the **Dave Hauptmann** inner-city soccer program to which we donated referee uniforms. The donations may be tax-deductible.
- Reviewed a member's response to a parent's complaint about him and decided on a brief suspension. Dick to write a letter to the parent on our action.
- We have \$1012 in the bank.
- Jon proposed levying a reassigning fee on those who turn back games. Tabled.
- To donate **Bill Mason's** speaker fee to Ken Aston Memorial Fund.
- Larry looking for new door prize ideas for monthly meetings. One suggestion: clipboard with SSBRA logo.
- Jon to attend to present SSBRA good sportsmanship award at high school meeting.
- Tom will deduct dues from tournament fees owed to participants.

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: *JUNE 25, 2002*
TIME: *7:30 P.M.*
PLACE: *REDONDO BCH. CITY
HALL EMPL. LOUNGE,
CARNELIAN & BROADWAY*
AGENDA: *TRAINING, BUSINESS AND
ASSIGNMENTS*