



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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MOORPARK TOURNAMENT, STATE CUP AND OTHER GAMES

Bill Cook gave a rundown on the tournament at Moorpark, which, although it went well, he reported, we were short on four games but scrambled to make up the missing assignees. Two refs were no-shows and will probably be fined for their transgressions.

The J-League kids' tournament concluded last weekend without hitch.

Bill reiterated that he needs to know everyone's availability to help him schedule assignments [*is "duh" in order here?*], as well as *changes* in availability to avoid rescheduling hassles.

He informed the group, which was missing several board members (**Larry Stern**, **Dick Eastman** and **Brian O'Donnell** all had other plans), that we have three fields to cover at the State Cup in Bakersfield, all B15 games.

Other games to be assigned are for the CSL Spring League, which he won't tackle until later in the week. The league is still disorganized, in his opinion.

Also on our rather full plate is the Nike "olders" games in Moorpark. The organizers of the latter are unhappy, he has heard, with the performance of the Ventura referee group, so we will be getting even more games from them.

TRAINING DIRECTOR DOES HIS THING

Interim meeting chairman **Jon Ziegler** gave the floor to **Keith Gendler**, who reminded all that any proposed bylaw changes must be submitted in writing at the next (April) meeting.

He had no formal training presentation to give, but he neatly picked up the slack by discussing how an A.R. in a game should keep an eye out for the other A.R., mirroring his flags. Another subject was how to handle leaving and reentering the field of play in various situations

THE TREASURY CONTINUES ITS SWOON

Treasurer **Tom Mallen** gave out the latest bank figures, indicating that we're down to \$882 as the fiscal year is three months from its end.

He indicated that no reimbursement has arrived for the past tournament's fees, but if and when money is available, he promises to pay, IN CASH, those who attend the next monthly meeting. Otherwise, checks will be sent in the mail.

THE WATTS GAMES

Joe Robelotto brought up his favorite subject, referees for the Watts games in June. He is in special need of volunteers for the Father's Day weekend, June 14/15. Contact him at 540-0545.

OTHER THOUGHTS ON GAME SITUATIONS

Jon started a discussion on when players challenge for the ball in the air. In his opinion there are too many non-calls on this, especially when players come in from behind. Although non-calls are the rule in these 50-50 situations in the pro leagues, many in the room agreed with him that more calls should be made.

Member **Lilia Moncayo** offered that, although she rarely speaks at the meetings, she feels strongly that a lot of times referees do not adjust their foul-calling to the level of play, especially those "high level" referees who let too much go uncalled when doing lower level games. After much discussion among the audience, she seemed to have won over everyone on this point.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER

Guest and prospective new member **Kirk Zielomski** was introduced. He submitted a membership application after the meeting which was approved by the board members present.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

Rick Roberts was the winner of a pair of ref socks, and **Scott Ziegler** came under a measure of ribbing as a frequent winner of the grand prize, this time the referee bag. *[How does he do it?]*

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BOARD MEETING, MARCH 25, 2003

Noticing that they constituted a quorum of the board, those present voted to accept Kirk Zielomski for membership. Feeling flush, they then voted to fine two members for not honoring their assignments at the Nike tournament. The two perps have the right of appeal to explain their sides of the matter.

BOARD MEETING, MARCH 19, 2003

At the regularly scheduled board meeting:

- The secretary promised to complete the new member orientation pamphlet.
- We now have an account at the TRW Credit Union. Tom to obtain checks and transfer the remaining treasury funds.
- Approved a candidate for membership, **Gabriel Goldsman**.
- Upheld a prior decision to knock down a no-show fine for humanitarian reasons, suspending it in part as a probationary matter.
- Another fine was upheld and will be deducted from tournament fees.
- It was decided not to implement minor changes to the Web assignment system until more are indicated.
- Discussed association "goals." Out of 17 responses, referee field assessments received the most votes.
- One member is to be queried on his USSF status.
- Assignor gave rundown on upcoming events.
- Meeting speakers were offered by CYSA-S if we specify topic.
- Issuance of good-sportsmanship green cards to be continued.

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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: *APRIL 29, 2003*

TIME: *7:30 P.M.*

PLACE: *REDONDO BCH. CITY
HALL EMPL. LOUNGE,
CARNELIAN & B'WAY.*

AGENDA: *TRAINING, BUSINESS,
ASSIGNMENTS AND
DOOR PRIZES.*