



The Flag and Whistle

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SSBRA SETS NEW STATE RECORD; MEMBERS SUCCESSFULLY ANSWER ODD QUESTIONS; RICK TOPS STEVE

Wanting to get the show on the road, President **Keith Gendler** asked Secretary **Warren Howell** to start the monthly meeting with brief remarks. His remarks were indeed brief, centering around the roster, how some names have disappeared from it with possibly more to follow, and the usual request to initial the sign-in sheet and make any corrections thereon. Treasurer **Tom Mallen**, with the assistance of **David Mallen** and others, passed out \$27,000 worth of checks, while reporting that over \$1000 had been donated to disaster relief, with about \$2500 remaining in the bank. Vice President **Ed McClure** then reported to the group on revisions to the sportsmanship award, that were nearly ready and would expand the program to include more players (different age groups would be added) and Members. **Greg Sirbu** and **Larry Savell** also expressed their thoughts on the matter, which will be taken into consideration for the final program draft. Webmaster **Lee Jordan** for once had little to say, though he did mention that **Rick Roberts** had surpassed **Steve McCall's** record by issuing 5 red cards in a single match. Some Members started to suspect that Lee brings this up in order to down-play his own card-giving antics on the pitch, though the possibility of a life-time achievement award for him in this category can not be ruled out. Past President **Larry Stern** was given a chance to speak, but declined to do so, while Training Director **Heidi Garlick** commented on the good reports we have been getting from SBPSL division 3 matches. All present were pleased to see **Frank Troeger** take the floor and share the good news of the

successful recovery of **Bill Mason** from recent surgery. A couple new faces were then introduced, including **Mark Shaner**, who currently belongs to the Long Beach group (which brought a reaction from some Members) and is thinking of switching to SSBRA. Those present did what they could to make him feel welcome, as we have come to expect.

Having heard enough, Keith took back the floor, and addressed the issues of player uniform mismatches (OK if not a safety issue), checking CSL coach's passes at each game (and they must be there for the whole game or the match needs to be terminated), and he reminded the Members to send copies of any supplemental game reports to SSBRA also. **Bob Hildreth** then expressed his concern about too small shin guards at the J-League games and elsewhere. **Tom Bobadilla**, who was known to most of those in the crowd as the Main Man in California USSF certification, then offered the "official" opinion that since there is no policy yet, it is up to the judgment of the referee if there is a safety issue or not.

Assignor **Bill Cook** then promised to talk about more interesting stuff, which he did. With a match from **Vince Delmonico**, the Katrina fund was up to \$1100. Vince read a thank you note to the group from a relative that SSBRA had helped. **Dick Eastman** made the comment that the Red Cross may not be the best charity for this purpose because of high overhead etc. but others in the group, including **George Heggie** and **Ed Beverly** disagreed. Bill continued by saying that there would be no SSBRA participation in the "Korean" tournament coming up due to lack of Member interest, but that the UCLA Business school tournament was scheduled for Nov. 4-5 and they had already asked for SSBRA to again supply referees to officiate, for the fourth year in a row.

It was time to give the floor to Tom Bobadilla, who first off mentioned how hard State Administrator **Penny Rehm** works at her job, something the SSBRA Secretary, among others, can vouch for. In fact, Penny later reported that she processed 87 USSF applications at the meeting (there were 91 Members signed-in), the most she has ever done at one time at any association meeting. Tom then remarked that referees can control three things - knowledge, fitness, and class attendance/education, and encouraged us to do so. A discussion then started on throw-ins, online USSF advice, PK encroachment, offside, substitution procedures, the "electric" ball, and number of players on the roster, with Dick Eastman and Larry Savell offering question and comments. The written test was then given (answering only the odd numbered questions on the 100 item test), and then they were corrected and the more interesting ones were discussed, as a group.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 19, 2005

- Discussed a match that was allowed to continue without a licensed coach present
- Conversated about another similar case that turned out to be a false alarm
- Debated a case where the referee made the players change socks and modify shirts to conformity
- Remarks were made about a team/club with unruly parents, will make a formal complaint to the league
- Went over a report of a match terminated due to a fight
- Shared experiences of one particular player who seems to be consistently involved in altercations
- Reviewed the list of non-paid and dropped Members
- There is \$5384 in the bank and \$1050 contributed to the Red Cross of disaster relief
- Nine SSBRA shirts were sold at the last meeting
- "Korean" tournament looking for officials, Bill will try to determine interest level
- Monthly meeting room renewal in progress

- Went over the latest rankings, some ideas were proposed about rotating members on the ranking committee
- No education component planned for the next meeting aside from Penny and Tom's visit
- No progress to report on the mentoring program
- Discussed re-invention of the scholarship program, Ed to follow-up

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, SEPTEMBER 27, 2005

- Three applications for memberships received and approved
- A Member was invited to meet with the full Board at the next Board meeting
- Added back one Member to the roster
- It was decided that no more Members would be deleted till the next full Board meeting
- The appearance/attire of one Member was discussed at his request

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2005, AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, YUKON AND 182ND ST. AGENDA TO INCLUDE ASSOCIATION BUSINESS AND TRAINING.

Coaching Wisdom of the Month: From a BU10 coach in a recent CSL match (I am not making this up) - "Ref! Ref! C'mon Ref! That was almost a handball!!"

Letter to the Board from Penny Rehm (in reference to SSBRA September monthly meeting):

Good Morning,

Tom and I wanted to thank all you for your hospitality last night. We really enjoyed spending the time with you at dinner. Please thank your members for the great turnout. I really appreciate the support I get from your group. It really makes my job easier and on the plus side, I get the chance to actually meet and talk with the officials.

Penny

News Item:

Airliner fakes emergency so passengers can watch soccer game

Wednesday, September 21, 2005; Posted: 12:47 p.m. EDT (16:47 GMT)

LIMA, Peru (AP) -- A chartered jet carrying 289 Gambian soccer fans pretended it needed to make an emergency landing so they could watch their team compete in the FIFA Under 17 World Championships, officials said Wednesday.

The plane, claiming to be low on fuel, landed Tuesday near the stadium in Peru's northern coast

city of Piura.

"It truly was a scam," said Betty Maldonado, a spokeswoman for Peru's aviation authority, CORPAC. "They tricked the control tower, saying they were low on fuel." Emergency crews were scrambled ahead of the unscheduled landing by the Lockheed L1011 Tri-Star, owned by Air Rum Ltd., Maldonado said.

The Air Rum plane, which she said was chartered by Gambian President Yahya Jammeh, should have made its approach to the capital, Lima, but instead flew directly to Piura, entering Peruvian air space "without permission."

The passengers were permitted to attend African team's 3-1 victory over Qatar on Tuesday night, she added, but the plane remained in Piura on Wednesday while authorities determined what penalty, if any, to levy against the airline.

News item from the newspaper Turun Sanomat, Turku, Finland (translation by W. Howell):

PLAYER SUSPENDED FOR 15 YEARS

Friday September 30, 2005, Helsinki, Finland 14:45:36

The Helsinki Palloliitto Soccer league has suspended a player from the FC Botan team for 15 years. He broke a rule that states that the referee can not be touched, during a critical divisional match with FC Made. The player struck the referee so violently after the match ended in a 1 - 1 tie that the official was unable to preside at the kicks from the penalty spot afterwards. Another FC Botan player was also suspended for 1 year for touching the referee. In addition, FC Botan was fined 500 euros and thrown out of the league altogether.

Communication (by W. Howell)

It was a sunny Sunday morning in Manhattan Beach, and an eager SSBRA team was out on the pitch to officiate at an SBPLS 3 match, with all of the usual suspect players ready to go. Things were going along in their normal argumentative way, when an attacker, being 2 strides in an offside position, watched the ball sail over his head and down the field via a kick from a teammate. Knowing he was in an offside position, he stopped moving, and as the ball moved forward 20 or more yards, looked at the A.R., who looked right back but made no signal as there was no participation. Taking that as encouragement, he then started a sprint to the ball, with only the keeper between him and glory. Alas, the A.R., upon seeing the movement, raised the flag for the offside call, and the whistle blew. The player then turned toward the A.R., who knew some outburst or other was about to ensue. It did, with the player wildly waving his arms and shouting at the top of his lungs.....DUDE!!! Not one to be outdone, the A.R likewise waved his arms back and yelled.....DUDE!!! With honor restored, both were satisfied and went back to the business at hand without another word.