



# The Flag and Whistle

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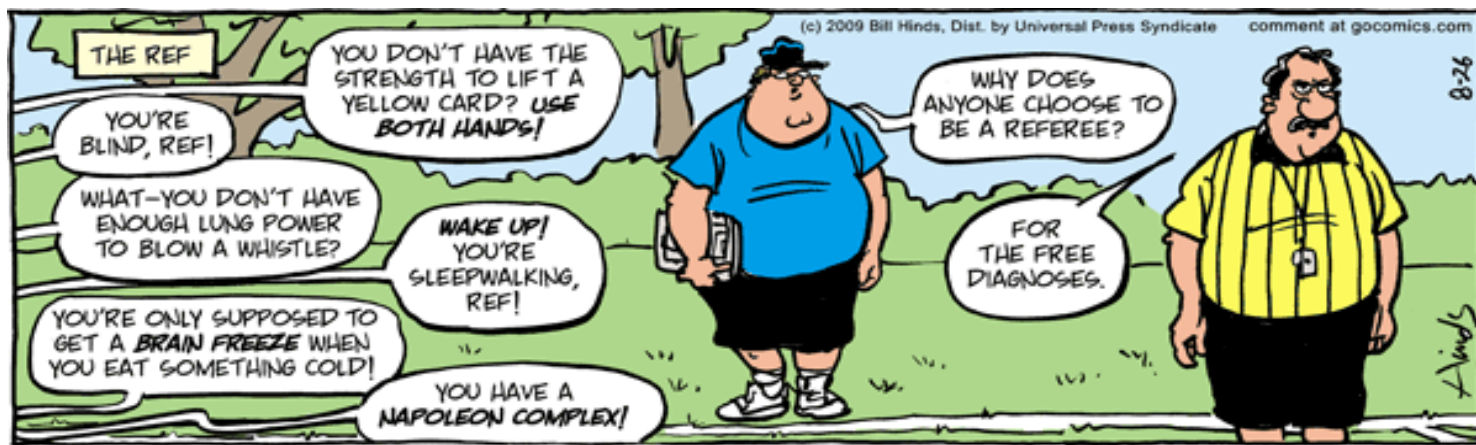
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*MARLENE DUFFY OFFERS WORDS OF WISDOM, NEW LATE POLICY ANNOUNCED*





### **GENERAL MEETING: AUGUST 25, 2009**

Anticipation was high at the August general meeting for guest speaker , FIFA AR Marlene Duffy. Apparently, we had people come out of the woodworks – VW – to see her. But, before we could get to the good stuff, the Board had to say its piece and protocol had to be followed.

According to the Bylaws, the appointed members of the board had to be appointed, and they were. They are, as follows:

- Vince – member at large
- Lee – Web
- Bill – Assignor
- Larry – Training

Manny from Soccer One announced a new “Signal Beep” electronic flag set he might order. Apparently it’s the “Best Device in signal communication other than your voice.” But, as it retails at \$300+, he’d like to know what SSBRA members think about it to determine whether he should invest in stocking in them. So let him know what you think.

Warren announced the new policy for late arrivals. He stressed that refs must be at the field (not in the car, not in the parking lot, etc) at least 30 min prior to game time. If you are not at the field 20 min prior to game time, and

you have not called the other refs at the field – whether they be the refs you are assigned with or, if at Aviation, Crossroads, or Manhattan Village, the other refs at the field - to tell them you are running late, calls will be made to replace you. If you are replaced, you will be fined for ALL of the games you were scheduled for, even if you show up for your game before your replacement does. So, just show up on time. (Clearly there may be exceptions and these will be dealt with on a case by case basis). If you are going to be late: Call your ref partners at the field and let them know AND also call the soccer line: (310) 316-0808. The late policy is discussed again in detail below.

Warren further discussed his attempts to get someone from Cal South out to recertify us in September. Details to follow (if and as we figure them out). He discussed that he and one other member had been rejected by livescan and that live scan was scheduled to return in November.

Finally we had a surprisingly brief discussion about what the members feel about Rolando and the PSL Over 40 Division, promising more discussion in September. Email input or discuss verbally next meeting

We welcomed the following new members: Trevor (sorry, didn't catch the last name), Dana Taus, David Laday, Alex Appel, and Jason Lubin.

Steve talked about money. Specifically that he had \$13,000 worth of checks he was handing out that night for MV (approximately \$2,000 was advanced for the MV checks), the United Tournament, and the West Coast Classic. Steve said we had approximately \$7,000 in the treasury and reminded us all that our 2010 Dues were due July 1, 2009. So far, approximately \$4,900 had been collected in dues. So pay if you haven't already.

Bill was full of praise, he thanked us for our work and effort and support at the United and West Coast Classic tournaments. Apparently we got 8 of the 47 fields at the and 63 refs worked WCC, for approx \$8,000. He mentioned that Blues tournament was on Labor Day weekend, and that it's an all girls, very prestigious tournament.

Bill further mentioned that he and Warren would attend the CSL meeting the following evening and that we'd probably get about 25 fields this year. He said CSL starts the second week of September and that we usually we have 100% full crews and that we do about 1,700 games for CSL. He also said the we could anticipate a raise – increase in game fees – this year. He emphasized that CSL will have its own availability system that refs must fill out but that we must also still fill out SSBRA's availability system. Also, he reminded us that we are not going to get individual emails telling us that we have CSL games. Rather, we have to remember to check the ref management system

Larry emphasized that there are differences in the 7 v. 7 games based on what field you are at and what day you are there. So be sure to know them.

Then Lee got up to introduce the main attraction: Marlene Duffy.

Marlene Duffy has had a fast ride to the top. A FIFA AR since 2008, she's worked Beijing, Trinidad & Tobago, and Holland, to name a few places.

She emphasized the following points:

- AR responsible for your “quadrant” of the field
  - o Near side: Your quadrant, your position
  - o Far side: Ref's decision, be ready though to provide a decision if necessary
- Watch “off the ball” misconduct
- What to watch for w/a PK
  - o See if GK moves forward off line before kick

- Key = second step forward off the line (second step indicate that had time to move forward before the PK)
- Keep backup records: But don't write when center ref is writing
- Check placement of ball at goal kick, then get to offside line
- Corner Kick: Stand behind flags, get out of kicker's way
- Shoulder's square to the field
- On Fouls and Throw-In's: When signaling, especially direction – use hand that indicates direction
  - So it's a fluid movement
  - And, so ref can see what way the AR thinks it goes
- Signals
  - GK, Corner Kick, offside → signal with right hand
  - If unsure about offside, don't put flag up
- Fouls
  - Don't call if ref is looking right at it and can actually see it
- Arrival prior to game time
  - They show up 2 hours before game time
    - (So, really, the ½ hour we're asking for is not asking for much)
- English = FIFA's official language

## **BOARD MEETINGS**

*July*

### **Late Arrivals: NEW POLICY**

**Effective September 1, 2009:**

- **The assigned referees must be at the field at least 30 minutes prior to game time**
  - **NOTE: this does not mean in your car or in the parking lot. It means, on the field.**
- **If a referee is not at the field at least 20 minutes prior to game time, the following must occur:**
  - **The referee that is late must call:**
    - **The other refs he/she is supposed to be reffing with; and**
    - **Bill and if you do not actually speak to Bill, then call Larry Stern as well to let them know you are running late.**
      - **Note: leave a voice mail, do not just hang up.**
  - **The other referees on the field need to call Bill (and if you don't get a hold of Bill, then Larry Stern) to get a replacement ref assigned.**
    - **(Call Bill first, if he doesn't answer, leave a message and then call Larry)**
- **FINES WILL BE INCREASING**
  - **The current fine is only the fee from a single game – the game that the ref was late for**
  - **The new fine: the late ref will be fined for each game he/she was scheduled for**
    - **So, if the late ref is scheduled for 3 games and shows up late, he/she will be fined the equivalent of the game fees for all of those three games**
  - **Note: this fine applies if another referee – a back-up referee – has to be called to take the games of the late ref**
    - **EVEN if the late ref shows up before the reassigned/back-up ref.**

Beach Soccer

- Discussed the issue of parking tickets at the Copa Sand Soccer Tournament and receiving payment from Copa
  - Possibility of international beach soccer tournaments: But we'd need some FIFA beach refs, discussed the idea of providing training for refs who are interested in reffing beach soccer (we'll provide more information as we receive it)
- Possible Vegas tournaments

PSL Over 30: Met with Division Commissioner – Jason Cave – to maintain lines of communication

#### Rolando Problem

- Discussed what to do about Rolando – problem being that if refs take his games, they are taking away from the SSBRA games
- Board members voiced their opinions and decided that should put this issue to the membership
- Warren will send out an email to the membership seeking opinions

#### New Members Admitted

- Mario Arita
- Dana Taus
- Jason Lubin

#### Larry Yee

- Promised \$600 for training/observing, discussed status of getting this money from Larry

#### SSBRA General Meetings

- August: Marlene Duffy (will be paid \$300.00)
- September Meeting: Recertification, WH to contact Cal South to see who's coming out to administer the test
- October Meeting: Gil Webber (Larry Yee to pay for this)

#### Money

- 2010 Dues – status of who has paid and who hasn't
- A few resignations

#### Member status

- Reinstated a member
- Fined another member for being late

#### Live Scan

- A few members appear to have no ridges, so their prints were rejected
- Live scan will be back out in November
- So if you were rejected, or if you didn't get live scanned, or if you know other refs from other associations who need to be live scanned, be at the general meeting in November
- Discussed adding to the assignor's roster who has been live scanned so assignor knows who can be assigned to the Cal South games

#### Clinics

- Long Beach Association: Maintenance Clinics
  - o If interested visit Long Beach Association's website: [www.lbsra.com](http://www.lbsra.com) or contact Jan Tunncliff at [jtunncliff@lbusd.K12.ca.us](mailto:jtunncliff@lbusd.K12.ca.us)

Transitioned old board members to new members

#### Treasurer's Report

- Past fiscal year: \$93,000.00 went through SSBRA
- This does not include the money we get paid on the field for CSL, Spring League, and PSL
- This is strictly from tournaments, SBS, Manhattan Village, and dues
  - o Note only about 10% of this amount is from dues
  - o About 90% of this is from tournaments, SBS and MV

## Assignor's Report

- Pretty quiet for the rest of summer – tournaments seem to be getting smaller (ex. Camarillo tournament pretty small this year, they went with a more local association)
- A few August Tournaments: West Coast Classic, United
- September Tournaments: Blues, maybe Thousand Oaks

## Other

- Discussed instructors and honorary members

## *August Board Meetings*

### *August 20, 2009*

- South Bay Force
  - o Coach Todd Solano – interested in SSBRA doing his tournaments in Fullerton. Board will appoint someone to talk to Todd about this some more
- New Members
  - o Sue Pascoe
  - o David Lyday Jr.
  - o Kyle Holland
- Treasurer's Report
  - o Status of outstanding invoices
  - o MB checks – deposited
  - o United Tournament checks: approx \$2,700 (33 checks)
  - o Waiting for West Coast Classic Checks: \$8,400 in ref fees
  - o 3 single game fees to add – extra \$15 to them
  - o Received the money promised by Larry Yee at Cal South (\$600)
  - o Copa Parking Tickets – all refs have been reimbursed, unclear as to whether Copa/Santa Monica will reimburse SSBRA
  - o Status of money owed by PSL for a no show
  - o Steve's treasurer's report now includes how much we get from each individual tournament.
  - o Status of Dues – 78 paid so far (over \$4,000), approximately 80 members still have to pay
    - Dues will be deducted from tournament checks
  - o Discussed: Steve should be getting a treasurer's fee per check
    - Tournament checks = \$1.00/check
    - MB = \$1.50/check
  - o As of July 31, 2009: \$6,541.10 in treasury
  - o 2010 budget formally approved
- Discussed game fees for an El Segundo league vs. SBS and MV – and next time SBS and MV contracts are up, will keep these game fees in mind so we can try and renegotiate game fees at SBS and MV
- PSL
  - o Div. 30 = "Open 30"
    - Jason Cave working with Bill and Warren
    - Current Fees – same as CSL premiere (\$130)
    - Jason is agreeable to paying what CSL premier gets paid, so if CSL premier increases so will D30
  - o Div. 40
    - Fees \$150
    - We lose D 40 after summer
- Further discussion re Rolando
  - o WH will send out email to SSBRA members – put issue to the SSBRA membership
- Possible Women's League at Colombia Park
  - o They asked us if we wanted it back

- Conclusion: Let SSBRA members decide
- Communicating w/Groups we Ref for
  - Idea = foster better client/customer relations
- Further discussion of Live Scan Rejects (same conclusion as in July, bring them back in – tentatively – November)
  - Steve’s keeping track of members who have been live scanned
- A few Resignations because refs have moved or are going away to college
- Congratulations to Jose Duron : going to college on a soccer scholarship
- Discussed Late Arrivals and fines
  - Noted that there are definitely going to be exceptions to our late arrival policy – case specific
- August Meeting
  - Marlene Duffy
    - \$300.00 (pay there)
    - Inviting other associations
  - North Torrance High – school - closed for August
    - Need to pay \$50.00 to open it up
- Donation to North Torrance High
  - Use school for free, usually give donation to North High – November/December
- Sept. Meeting
  - Warren still trying to contact someone to get us registered/recertified, still up in the air
- Possible Physical Fitness Test for State Cup (not sure what level)
- Website
  - Changes: To change Penny Rehm’s contact info bc she’s no longer w/Cal South
  - Assigning malfunctions
    - Switched servers
    - Now only 3 people have notified Lee that haven’t received info
    - Lee will talk to computer people – Lennox
- October Meeting: Gil Weber = still on
- Game Reports: send to Vince
- Assignor’s Report
  - Labor Day Weekend – Blues
  - Wed Aug 26<sup>th</sup> – CSL Meeting
  - Korean Tournament
    - Labor Day and Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> at Home Depot Center
  - Simi Valley – labor day weekend
  - CSL and Japanese league start on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Possibly some games at some other tournament
- Member Meeting
  - Discuss arriving at games on time (30 min, at 20min prior to will be reassigned), also send an email

***BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING AUGUST GENERAL MEETING***

- Discussed September recertification meeting and trying to get someone from Cal South out for that
- October – Gil Weber
- Reviewed and accepted new applications
  - Alexandra Appel
  - Lucas Cespedes

## QUOTABLE QUOTES

I've reminded the prime minister—the American people, Mr. Prime Minister—over the past months, that it was not always a given that the United States and America would have a close relationship.

*George W. Bush*

Big Quiz game show host Steve Wright: An isosceles triangle has how many sides of equal length? It's not three or four. How many?

Contestant: Hang on. I'm just working it out. [Pause] Eight.

Nobody wants to be in my pants right now.

*Twins pitcher Ivan Bincon, after giving up four runs in one inning in a loss to the Yankees in Game 4 of the American League Division Series*

Q: Did you tell the Subler doctor the same thing as you told the Smith Transfer doctor as you told the Subler doctor the first time when you had your second Subler physical?

A: Did I tell him what?

(actual courtroom testimony)

Film director Michael Winner was in intensive care last night after a heart scare.... [He] was put under 24-observation by cardiac doctors, fearing he might suffer dangerous internal bleeding. Winner's girlfriend Geraldine Lynton-Edwards said: "We are all very happy about it."

*Article in the (UK) Daily Mirror (Winner recovered.)*

The best way to defeat the totalitarian of hate is with an ideology of hope—an ideology of hate—excuse me—with an ideology of hope.

*George W. Bush*

News commentator George Stephanopoulos: Are you against civil unions for gay couples?

Senator John McCain: No, I'm not.

Stephanopoulos: So you're for civil unions?

McCain: No.