



The Flag and Whistle

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***ELECTIONS RESULTS – ONE NEW FACE, DUES ARE AROUND THE CORNER, A RUMOR DISPELLED, PIZZA TIME!
AND . . . ANOTHER LM ADVENTURE***

GENERAL MEETING: MAY 25, 2010

To kick off the election meeting, Warren started with the reminder that Gabriel is resigning from his Vice President position for personal reasons. Gabriel then spoke for a second saying he's not going away and that we are still "going to see his nose," but because he lives in the valley, he's decided to step down from the board. He did say, however, that he will be staying with SSBRA and will help whenever and wherever needed. He also told us that he's becoming an assessor.

Warren then handled a few administrative tasks before turning the meeting over to Steve to run the elections. Specifically, he reminded us that Vince had made sure that everyone who is a grade 8 or emeritus should have received their 2010 USSF patches and if anyone is more experienced than a grade 8 and hasn't received their patches, they should contact USSF in Chicago. He also reminded us that the live scan compliance is – according to Cal South – to begin in June and, if you have been live scanned but do not show as "RM Approved" on the Cal South roster, let Vince know so he can contact the correct person at Cal South to get this taken care of. As for the Cal South training, these will continue in August, and SSBRA will arrange for the June 2010 training.

Dr. George – SSBRA founder – was remembered and there was also an announcement for Billy Cooke’s dinner on June 13, 2010 with instruction to contact Harry Ross for further information.

Finally, the reminder we all know well, but still need to hear every once in awhile: show up on time, be well equipped, and know the rules of the league you’re reffing in – your performance reflects the association.

Steve then gave us the money news: there was enough in the treasury to cover pizza and beer for the night, he just received the Manhattan Village checks (close to \$4,000), the Seal Beach check (close to \$1,300) was also expected, and he had to spend approximately \$2,300 on insurance for SSBRA. He then closed with a final reminder – DUES are due July 1, 2010. They are \$60.00 if you have an email address. Pay them or they will be deducted from your tournament and/or Manhattan Village checks.

Bill said he’s put the word out and looked for tournaments and as soon as he gets games and fields, he’ll let us know.

Then, it was time for elections. Steve handled this part of the meeting. Here are the results (effective July 1, 2010):

President: Warren Howell

Vice President: Ralph Quiroz

Member at Large: Vince Delmonico

Secretary: Deepika Saluja

Noting that in the last four years 14 different people have served on the board and done a good job, Warren said what everyone was waiting to hear: “Let’s Eat!”

It’s only a rumor: Manny informed Warren that – according to his knowledgeable sources – the rumor that a new style of referee shirts coming out is not true. So far, there is no change of shirt vendors, colors, or styles.

How often do we get to see this?

http://sports.yahoo.com/soccer/blog/sow_experts/post/A-fantastic-45-yard-free-kick-from-Paraguay?urn=sow-241862

Here’s one way to deal with delay tactics:

http://sports.yahoo.com/soccer/blog/sow_experts/post/DTotD-Alex-Nimo-tries-to-drag-time-wasters-off-?urn=sow-242823

WHAT THE BOARD’S BEEN UP TO:

BOARD MEETING: MAY 20, 2010

- WH started with a toast to the F&W!
 - o (I think I surprised everyone by getting it out in a more timely manner than I am otherwise known for and then I guess I more than made up for it by delaying this one by so long – sorry)
- F&W – new reminders on last page. These will continue to be there – important links, phone numbers, and procedures
- New Aps – none this time
- Discussed problems
 - o With Referrees:
 - One dismissed/expelled from SSBRA
 - Others – assessed fines

- With teams in some leagues
 - Formal complaint about refs, board acted appropriately in response
 - Certain teams complain more than others, the leagues realize this and pay it the proper attention
- Billy Cooke Lunch/Dinner
 - June 13
 - Contact Harry Ross if you're interested in attending and send him a check for \$20.00
 - Board discussed donating something to help with this lunch/dinner
 - WH proposed \$100, Vince second
 - Passed unanimously
 - Steve to prepare \$100 check
- Dick and Regina Lujan renewed their vows – 50th wedding anniversary – Congratulations!
- Cal South
 - Discussed Torrance NIKE futsal tournament and Cal South's guidelines for associations
 - Jeremy Swan: He knows we're off in the month of May and said to contact him if we need anything
- June Live Scan
 - We're supposed to be in compliance by June 1
 - We were going to get live scan out at the June meeting but we've only had about 6 members express an interest in having live scan out in June so we probably won't get them in June
 - So, if you still need to be live scanned, go to the Cal South website, download the form and find a location
 - We will be sending a list out to our members – via email – of the list of people who Cal South has indicated have been live scanned.
 - "RM" indicates that you have been live scanned.
 - If you have been live scanned but "RM" does not appear near your name, contact Vince, he will be contacting Cal South to try and get that taken care of.
- Voting via email
 - A member who could not make the May general meeting asked about this
 - Our bylaws currently state that you cannot vote via email
 - Board considered whether members should be able to vote via email
 - Problem with voting via email ahead of time:
 - Won't necessarily have the most up to date info because people can be nominated for positions at the meeting itself, or people may step down from their nominations at the meeting
 - Also, we vote position by position, so if a person doesn't get the position they were originally nominated for, they might run for another position and then the email vote won't count for that other position
 - People won't have incentive to show up at the meeting
- Board members discussed possible bylaw change – that President has to be either a current or former board member
 - This way they know what's going on and what the President role entails when they are elected President
 - This might be a bylaw proposal
- May Election Meeting
 - Steve has set up the reservation at the pizza place – Lamppost Pizza
 - Ballot – position by position (pres first, then VP , etc)
 - Steve (or non-bd member) will run the election part of the meeting
 - Non-bd member will count ballots

- WH to count to confirm quorum
- We'll keep the meeting short – Once elections are done, we'll go in and eat pizza
- Termites
 - WH noticed we've had a lot of termites every weekend and was wondering if this was because we have fewer games or because people just aren't giving availability
 - Bill said it's mainly because this is a slow time of year – spring league just ended and so at this point there are not enough games
 - We may have a few tournaments coming up, but generally, this is a slow time of year
 - And then, when CSL starts up, it's like we can't get enough refs
 - Bill has sent emails out to find us some summer tournaments
 - We usually work with the valley and the OC associations
 - But the Valley has lost some tournaments to the Ventura association
 - Generally though, there are not as many tournaments and they have gotten smaller, perhaps because the economy
 - We will probably get fields for the West Coast and the Blues tournaments
 - Also, may get one – on June 12 and 19 – at the field of dreams
 - And Bill has been asked about our fees for a potential tournament in Glendale
 - And Bill was contacted by someone for our fees/rates for a potential tournament in Temecula
 - We also think that our work at the Home Depot Center (the Athletes Without Borders Tournament) will mushroom into a lot of work because they seemed to be happy with us
 - Also on Monday-Friday – we have more refs than games
 - Basically, its just a slow time of year
 - WH is pleased that we have termites because that means that those who want games should be getting them – Bill says the games go quickly too when he puts them out
- Larry
 - Noted he was incorrect about the bylaws – they must be submitted in writing one month before
 - So Oct. is the next time we can introduce bylaw changes
 - But for now, we will still go ahead with the probationary membership idea – informally and we'll adopt the bylaws in October
 - Saturday, June 26, 2010 – next training session - School's out so w'll need to get the library open
 - June Meeting training ideas
 - Ask Steve Elliot to give us the May Cal South presentation (because Cal South is dark in June and July and this way we won't miss one of the trainings and the credit) and we can compensate Steve for it – board approved that idea
 - If Steve can't make it, Larry has a back up
 - June Meeting: we'd like to find a way to honor our older SSBRA members
- Dr. George
 - Passed away
 - He helped found SSBRA and is the reason we are "SSBRA" instead of "SBSRA" because he always said "Soccer South Bay Ref. Association" and not "South Bay Soccer Ref. Association" – he seemed to always want to put the "soccer" up front
- Vince: Everyone seems to have gotten their patches
- Bill
 - No games as of yet for memorial day weekend, unless we get some tournaments
 - Maybe some PSL 7v7 in June
- Warren – out of town June 21-27 (will be back for June general meeting)
 - WH will also be out for most of July and August
- Steve
 - Seal beach

- Can't advance those checks because waiting for the MB check \$3,800 and paid \$2,200 in insurance
- We have about \$750 in checking and \$500 in savings right now
 - Larry asked about single game fees, Steve said he'd bill them
- Larry also announced that he's recently become a grandfather and is expecting another grandchild by the end of the year. Congrats!!!

Send me your favorite World Cup Commercials.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idLG6jh23yE>

Preparing for a big game. . . Maradona's way:

<http://g.sports.yahoo.com/soccer/world-cup/blog/dirty-tackle/post/Maradona-takes-light-yet-stinging-approach-to-t?urn=sow,247015>



ANOTHER LM ADVENTURE

Feeling like one of the luckiest guys on the Westside, the referee known as the Large Member had somehow got an assignment for a one-man co-ed game of 4th graders between two private elementary schools on a field within walking distance of his house. The competition had some odd rules, which the LM took the time to read before the match. Showing up in plenty of time on a mid-week afternoon, the first issue was apparent right away, as one team had 9 players, while the other had 22. Invoking one of the competition rules that were in place for just this situation, it was decided that the game would be played 9 on a side on the full size (actually, somewhat reduced) field. Excitement was high and the sideline (both teams were on the same side) was filled with vocal parents, leading the LM to wonder how all these folks got away from their jobs. After a fair amount of confusion (many of the folks there were new to soccer), the LM blew the whistle and the game started. Everyone was having a great time, with the level of excitement seemingly as high as a World Cup match. Mid-way through the first half, the LM heard a noise behind him, and turned around to observe 3 defenders (all on the same team) engaged in a fight with each other! Rushing over to the 3 young men and with visions of the LM's mentor Lee Jordan in his head, he was prepared to issue 3 red cards at once! However, on further reflection and recollection of the competition guidelines, he settled for just telling them to stop fighting, which they did. The first half ended without further problems, with plenty of enthusiastic play and noise from the spectators, and a 4 - 1 score.

After the break, the LM was lining up to teams to start the second half. But, before it could begin, one of the young ladies came up to the LM and said "my coach told me to ask you where the middle mid-fielder should play." Lacking confidence in his coaching prowess and further confused when the player clarified that she was a defensive mid-fielder, the LM none the less pointed to an area of the field that she should play in, which seemed to satisfy her. The LM was then ready to start the second half, but before he could, another young lady from the same team came up to him and said "my turn, where does the left forward play?" Detecting a pattern but unable to turn down the request, the LM felt confident that the left forward should play toward the left in front of the other players, and so indicated to the player, who was happy with the answer. Finally the game got under way, and quite a half it was. Showing that the LM had severely underestimated his coaching abilities, the team he had advised wound up tying the score 4 - 4 as the second half came to a close. Proud of his efforts and knowledge of the competition rules, the LM went over to the home coach and told him that the rules stated that, since it was a tie, there would be one 5 minute overtime sudden victory period. Alas, the coach started to argue, saying that his team had won outright as the score was 5 - 4 in his favor. After hastily checking the score in his wallet, the LM stood by his position and an argument ensued. Finally the coach restored to polling his players to count up the goals, and agreed that he could only come up with 4 goals for his team. When told that an overtime period would be played, the excitement and noise level of those present doubled, as visions of a sudden victory goal swam in everyone's head. The LM lined them up for the overtime period, but he was not out of the woods yet, as several of youngsters then asked him if the number of players on each side was to be reduced by one. Feeling that his knowledge of the competition rules was bordering on encyclopedic, the LM said no, we would go with 9 a side.

The next 5 minutes were some of the most exciting possible, as the players showed no restraint in their play, nor did their parents on the sidelines in cheering them on. The LM was even seen moving around some, trying to be in position to control things while staying out of the way. No goals were scored, the game remained a tie, and both sides greeted their players coming off the field as if they had just secured a historic victory. The LM walked straight to his car from the field without another word to anyone.



SSBRA
TREASURER REPORT
BOARD MEETING
May 2010

The Checking and Savings accounts were reconciled for the month of April 2010. In addition, the monthly transaction registers for the Petty Cash, Postage Stamps and Referee Advances were prepared as well.

The cash and related account balances as maintained by the Quicken database are summarized below.

SSBRA Cash Balances		
	4/30/2010	5/12/2010
Checking	\$ 6,594.66	\$ 619.16
Savings	501.86	501.86
Petty Cash	80.00	80.00
Stamps	39.16	23.32
Totals	\$ 7,215.68	\$ 1,224.34
 Advances:		
Manhattan Bch	\$ -	\$ 3,997.50
Dues Pmt	-	-
	-	-
Total Adv.	\$ -	\$ 3,997.50
 Checking	 \$ 6,594.66	 \$ 4,616.66
Savings	501.86	501.86
Petty Cash	80.00	80.00
Stamps	39.16	23.32
Adj. Totals	\$ 7,215.68	\$ 5,221.84

SSBRA dues paid thru April 30, 2010 total:

SSBRA 2010 Dues		
	Count	Fees
Regular Dues	152	\$ 9,120.00
Partial Dues	1	\$ 15.00
Youth Referees	23	\$ -
Honorary Members	10	\$ -
Waived Dues	2	\$ -
New Member Waivers	17	\$ -
Prior Year Carry Over	19	\$ -
Totals	224	\$ 9,135.00

In terms of check issuance only two major payments were made in April. The first totaling \$300 for SSBRA's website renewal and the second for the HDC Mexican/American Tournament with its totals noted below.

HDC Mexican/American Tournament March/April 2010		
	\$	Cks
Referee Fees	\$ 3,355.00	37
Assignor Fees	\$ -	n/a
Treasurer Fees	\$ 47.50	1
Membership Dues	\$ (15.00)	n/a
SSBRA Payment Totals	\$ 3,387.50	38

REMINDERS

PHONE NUMBER(S) TO KNOW

Soccer Phone Line Number	(310)316-0808
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GAME ASSIGNMENT LINKS

SSBRA Assignment Link	http://ssbra.org/list.php
CSL Assignment Link	http://www.coastsoccer.com/referees/

PROCEDURES TO REMEMBER

Forfeits: Game Fee Collection	<p>For any State/National Cup, Spring League or CSL game when there is a forfeit or a no-show, we DO NOT collect game fees from either team.</p> <p>Instead, Bill files a no-show report with the League and the League pays SSBRA and SSBRA reimburses the referees.</p>
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