



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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***SSBRA APPAREL, THE AUDIT IS ONGOING, PAY YOUR DUES!
AR INVOLVMENT: ASSIST, DON'T INSIST***

GENERAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 2010

Warren began the meeting with the announcement that even though Bill was out of town and unable to make it to the meeting, he made sure we'd have plenty of CSL books so take one if you don't have one. He then informed us that the High School season will be starting soon and that training sessions in October. The High School season runs from December to late February.

After that we were introduced to the new faces and then Warren reminded everyone present that any proposed bylaw changes must be submitted in writing to be voted on at the October meeting. The Board has two proposed bylaw changes, Lee has one.

Warren then discussed the financial audit. It is ongoing. The first review with Warren and Tom is finished. There will be a further review with Warren, Tom and Steve. As if the date of the general meeting, we are seeing where the audit takes us and will determine whether there will need to be a formal review.

Warren then informed us that, after multiple requests from the members, the Board asked Lee to look into a reminder system – like the high school arbiter system – to send a reminder 2-3 days before games at Crossroads, Aviation, Village, etc.

He then discussed the contracts with have and don't have with the various leagues. We have one with Village and PSL. The Board has decided to get one with SBS. All of our contracts have a one month opt out without cause provision permitting all parties to the contract to cancel the contract without providing a reason. We don't have a contract with the J-League, we've never had one, and apparently we haven't needed one, and probably never will.

Warren then reminded all of us to pay our dues if we haven't paid. Bill circulated a list, via email, of who has paid. If you have not paid (and you are not under 18), you drop to the bottom of the assigning list and soon, will be dropped from the roster.

Warren then talked about CSL – and told us to keep up the good work. We have lot of games, refs and fields. And apparently, even though cards result in lost points and potentially lower standings, we're seeing more fouls and cards this year. Apparently, the lost points and reduced standings don't bother the teams so keep giving cards if they're warranted. And remember, send reports to Vince – the sooner the better. Four players were been suspended from SBS as a result of these reports. With CSL, Vince only needs a report for violent conduct, not serious foul play. Also remember, the coach needs to have a card. So, if you send off a coach and he/she's the only coach, the game's over because each team needs a certified coach from the club present during the game.

Warren then talked about the electronic flags. We've had them a few weeks, and all except one person has liked them a lot. They are available for members to use. If we get enough positive feedback, we may order more sets and may make them mandatory for important games.

Manny then took over and told us about some new, exciting gear, including SSBRA apparel. He then talked about the electronic flags, noting that they are really helpful especially in tough matches – a surefire way for the AR to get the R's attention in essential situations. They're available for \$450.00, and deductible as a "tool of the trade" (business deduction), FIFA recommends them, and Manny will work with you on payments.

Warren then told us that he'd been informed that the grade 8 recertification test would be administered at the October general meeting, although he didn't quite have all the information and it was still unclear how the October meeting will be administered. He also reminded those referees that are not a grade 8 that they will need additional stuff to recertify, like an assessment. The other requirements are on the Cal South website.

Larry then took the stage, noting that there will be no more SSBRA field training until January 2011. He also said that the Board will be presenting two bylaw proposals in October, and thanked everyone for stepping up and covering games while Bill was away.

Vince then took over and said get your reports to him – no one else – ASAP because he keeps the reports on file. He reminded us to make sure the reports include the player's names and that we should write the report as soon as we can after the incident so we don't forget anything. Also, he reminded us that there are no hard casts in CSL – no exceptions. He told us to remember, call our partners if you're running late, and during hot weather, it's ok to stop play and give water breaks so players stay hydrated. Vince concluded will letting us know that he will keep sign in sheet for the electronic flags.

Steve then talked briefly about the money. The treasurer's report is attached.

Ralph then took over and emphasize that fitness is important and we should use all opportunities, such as the 7v7 games to work on fitness, conditioning, positioning, signals, etc. The 7v7 games are a good opportunity to work on your mechanic's and conditioning because you have to be close to play in the 7v7 games.

Then Ed Kirshner – the emeritus referee, who's also a National MLS Assessor and has reffed MLS games, took over to talk to us about AR Involvement.

Remember, the AR is assistant referee, and, as assistants, they are involved in the game. There are times when the AR should and should not get involved. For example:

- Times when the AR should get involved include:
 - Offside
 - Keep flag up unless waived down or unless ball is close to keeper and keeper gets it
 - But remember be patient with the flag – wait and see especially if someone who is not in the offside position can get to it.
 - In/out of bounds re throw in, corner, goal kick
 - Goal scored
 - Conduct out of ref's view
 - For example ref is screened, happens behind ref's back
 - Injury ref doesn't see
 - Send offs/cautions for actions not seen by the ref
 - Administering substitutions
 - DOGSO
 - 4 D's to determine if it's DOGSO applies
 - Direction – towards goal
 - Distance – from goal
 - Distance – from ball
 - Defender – is/was it the last defender?
 - Mirror signals if have to
- Times when AR should not get involved:
 - When the referee is in close proximity to the foul
 - When the referee already has control
 - When the foul is trifling and not within the tone set by the Referee
 - Remember, let the Referee set the tone – if Ref has established tone, and the foul is not within the set tone, stay out

As an AR, you need to assist. **Don't insist. Assist.** The point, the R and the AR's need to work as a team. And R's, remember certain times, the AR has a better angle – for example whether the foul was in or out of the box – so don't blow off your AR. Also, don't blow off younger refs. Referees should be open to changing your call if you're wrong and the AR corrected you.

The AR should also try and see things coming and see who's involved. For example, in a fight. Try to get involved to stop/prevent potential fights before they break out. The AR should be verbally involved – for example, warn players “keep your hands down.” But, the AR should not be over involved – for example, if the Ref is giving advantage, don't pop your flag up to signal the foul.

The bottom line is that the R and AR's need to work as a team and be on the same page.

"The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life." - Muhammad Ali

WHAT THE BOARD'S BEEN UP TO:

BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

- New applications – accepted
- Discussed termites
- Discussed problem refs, assessed fines and suspensions
- Issue about what to do with refs that don't show up 30 min ahead of time: suggestions made – for example: docking people to don't show up to help with check-in
 - o WH will ask the membership what they think about how referees who don't show up on time to help with the check in
- Electronic flags – feedback = helpful, good for offsides, makes an impression on players
 - o They work in the rain, batteries last for 2 years
 - o Suggestion – to include something in the budget to possibly buy a set every year if the members like them and want to use them frequently
 - o We need some sort of record keeping for the flags so we know who has them – official check in and check out
- North HS certificate of insurance – WH will talk to North about it
- Contracts with Leagues
 - o No contract with SBS – Board decided we should have a contract with SBS
 - o We have a contract with PSL and Manhattan village
 - o No contracts with J-League or CSL
- Insurance
 - o Cal South insurance covers any sanctioned Cal South event – games and refs are insured
 - May be considered secondary insurance to what SSBRA provides
 - o SSBRA can't rely only on the Cal South insurance because that won't cover non-affiliated games
- USSF Recertification test for Grade 8's = at meetings, WH to ask Cal South about recert plan
- Audit
 - o Started, reviewed by Tom, some questions – Tom and Steve to meet and discuss/clarify
 - o WH praised Steve for the meticulous records he keeps
- Questions re waiver of dues for some members, Board reviewed bylaws, nothing in bylaws re waiver of dues, so at board's discretion to waive dues
- Bylaw proposed changes
 - o First proposed change: 2 levels of membership – new members are probationary during first year until they complete the SSBRA training
 - o Second proposed change: dues for new members slightly higher as incentive to attend SSBRA training
- Dues
 - o They're coming in, soon will need to start sending emails to those that haven't paid
 - o Some members inquired as to whether dues can be waived for college students
 - Board response – case by case basis re hardship because it only takes a weekend of reffing to earn the amount of the dues, but board recognizes there are certain ref start up costs – perhaps dues can be paid in installment payments.
 - Bottom line: Board will work with people who can't pay full amount of dues up front
- Badges – new ones ordered, Steve has them, will bring them to meeting
- Discussed October Board meeting dates
- Ralph
 - o Suggestion – reminder system – like arbiter – for reminding people about games – Board asked Ralph to look into the costs of a system like this
- Bill – not much. Going out of town, Larry will assign while Bill is gone
 - o Call in system for single ref games is going well

- Larry
 - o Thanked Bill for the bag pipes at the August meeting. Lots of members appreciated them.
 - o Discussed Instructor fees for SSBRA training sessions
- Vince
 - o Send reports to Vince not Bill
 - o No Hard Casts for CSL – it's in the book
 - o Discussed issues with SBS when player gets red-carded – how to ensure that is tracked and the players don't play the next game – Vince will talk to Dennis about this
- Steve
 - o August 31, 2010 Cash Balance: \$7,533.16 including advances
 - o Audit: Steve wants the audit to make sure all the money is accounted for.

BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING GENERAL MEETING

- New Apps – all accepted
- Web reminder system discussed, \$220.00 onetime fee, Board decided to go ahead with it

Keeping up with play!



What do to when you can't referee. . .



Name that signal!

Soccer 'over' Baseball - our National Sport?

Soccer dodges bullet - Paul Kennedy

[CALIFORNIA MEN] The much-anticipated decision on what sports the University of California at Berkeley will cut is in. Men's soccer, one of the sports in jeopardy, was spared, but baseball was not so fortunate.

Baseball, which dates back to 1882 at Cal, will be dropped in 2011, along with three other varsity sports -- men's and women's gymnastics and women's lacrosse. In addition, rugby, winner of 18 national titles in the last 20 years, will become a "varsity club" sport, meaning the school will cut off funding for the program.

The cuts will save Cal an estimated \$4 million in 2011-12. Amid California's budget crisis that has hit public education hard, the Cal faculty has pressed to cut funding for athletics.

Cal has one of the largest one of the largest athletic programs in the country for a public university. The goal is to reduce the annual budget losses to \$5 million by 2014.

A total of 163 student-athletes of the more than 800 currently participating in Cal athletics will be impacted by the decision – 38 in baseball, 19 in men's gymnastics, 15 in women's gymnastics, 30 in women's lacrosse and 61 in men's rugby – as well as 13 full-time coaches.

"Clearly, this is a painful outcome after months of deliberation, analysis and the examination of every viable alternative," UC Berkeley Director of Athletics Sandy Barbour said. "I deeply regret the impact this will have on so many valued members of our community. I know it will take time, but I believe that once our community digests the information and understands the reality we were forced to confront, it will come together, as it always does, in support of our student-athletes."

Among the factors considered: net cost, donor impact, student opportunity, proximity of national/regional varsity competition, contribution to diversity, impact on Cal's ability to comply with Title IX, opportunity for NCAA and Pac-10 success, utilization of support services and history of competitive excellence.

Because of the large rosters and extensive travel, baseball is considered a vulnerable college sport. In recent years, Vermont, Duquesne and Northern Iowa have dropped the sport.

Only one other Pac-10 school has men's gymnastics. The Bears haven't finished higher than fifth in the seven-team Pac-10 women's gymnastic championships since 1988.

Only six of the 16 opponents on the 2011 Cal women's lacrosse schedule are located west of the Rockies.

Men's soccer has enjoyed considerable success in recent years under Kevin Grimes. When he took the helm as head coach in 2000, the Bears had not won a single postseason game in the history of the program. Since 2001, Grimes has compiled a postseason record of 8-8-1. Men's soccer has more Latino athletes than any other program at the school.

Where are they now. . .

"...All of which brings us to the best of the bizarre stories of recent days - the arrest . . . of one Byron Aldemar Moreno Ruales, who allegedly was trying to smuggle more than 10 pounds of heroin into the U.S. The suspect is better known to soccer fans simply as Byron Moreno, the clueless World Cup referee from Ecuador who at the 2002 tournament made a series of mind-numbingly incorrect decisions that caused Italy to be eliminated, not coincidentally, by co-host South Korea. Today, 'Moreno the Mule' is behind bars, which is where Azzurri fans thought he should have been all along. 'He was a disaster then and he has proved it now,' retired Italy defender Christian Panucci told Sky Sport Italia....."

- *Grahame Jones*

SSBRA APPAREL PROGRAM



J712 Men's jacket
L712 Ladies jacket
\$29.50 up to XL
add \$2.00 per X
over XL

P712 Men's matching pant
LP712 Ladies pant
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Add \$2.00 per X
over XL



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T476 PERFORMANCE POLO made in micro poly for comfort and long easy care wear. Sizes: XS - 4XL

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Income/Expense Comparison by Category
7/1/2009 through 08/31/2010

Category Description	7/1/2009 - 08/31/2009	7/1/2010 - 08/31/2010	\$ Difference	% Difference
INCOME				
Interest	\$ 1.04	\$ 0.22	\$ (0.82)	-78.85%
Membership Dues	2,160.00	1,378.00	(782.00)	-36.20%
Fines - Referees	-	112.00	112.00	n/a
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,161.04	\$ 1,490.22	\$ (670.82)	-31.04%
EXPENSES				
Assigning Expenses	-	-	-	n/a
Checks & Bank Charges	438.97	-	438.97	100.00%
GAMES - ADULTS				
7 v 7 Leagues	2,674.86	(32.80)	2,707.66	101.23%
Men's No-shows	-	-	-	n/a
Men's Tournaments	-	-	-	n/a
Other GAMES - ADULTS	84.00	-	84.00	0.00%
TOTAL GAMES - ADULTS	2,758.86	(32.80)	2,791.66	101.19%
GAMES - YOUTH				
Kid's No-shows	-	-	-	n/a
Kid's Tournament	390.91	86.81	304.10	77.79%
Other GAMES - YOUTH	5.00	160.36	(155.36)	-3107.20%
TOTAL GAMES - YOUTH	395.91	247.17	148.74	37.57%
Insurance	-	-	-	n/a
Meetings	443.00	738.46	(295.46)	-66.70%
Stamps & Supplies	9.24	2.20	7.04	76.19%
Parking & Exp Reimbursement	397.00	-	397.00	0.00%
Scholarships/Awards	-	-	-	n/a
Office Supplies	56.45	-	56.45	n/a
Tax Notices & Reporting	-	-	-	n/a
Telephone & Fax	72.00	72.00	-	0.00%
Training	(75.00)	125.00	(200.00)	266.67%
Web Site	-	100.00	(100.00)	n/a
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4,496.43	\$ 1,252.03	\$ 3,244.40	72.16%
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (2,335.39)	\$ 238.19	\$ 2,573.58	-110.20%

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TREASURER REPORT
BOARD MEETING
September 23, 2010

The Checking and Savings accounts were reconciled for the month of August 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		
	<u>8/31/2010</u>	<u>9/20/2010</u>
Checking	\$ 3,005.35	\$ 1,954.78
Savings	502.29	502.29
Petty Cash	100.00	69.00
Stamps	25.52	32.12
Totals	<u>\$ 3,633.16</u>	<u>\$ 2,558.19</u>
Advances:		
Manhattan Bch	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 3,960.00
J League	-	-
	-	-
Total Adv.	<u>\$ 3,900.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,960.00</u>
Checking	\$ 6,905.35	\$ 5,914.78
Savings	502.29	502.29
Petty Cash	100.00	69.00
Stamps	25.52	32.12
Adj. Totals	<u><u>\$ 7,533.16</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 6,518.19</u></u>

SSBRA dues paid thru August 31, 2010 total:

SSBRA 2011 Dues		
	<u>Count</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Regular Dues	85	\$ 5,100.00
Dues Owed	n/a	\$ (2.00)
Youth Referees	19	\$ -
Honorary Members	9	\$ -
Waived Dues	2	\$ -
New Member Waivers	9	\$ -
Prior Year Carry Over	26	\$ -
Totals	<u>150</u>	<u>\$ 5,098.00</u>

During August checks were issued for United Cup and the Manhattan Beach Parks & Recreation Summer League.

United Cup - Cks Issued 8/19/2010			
	<u>\$</u>		<u>Cks</u>
Referee Fees	\$ 6,861.00		58
Assingor/Coord. Fees	\$ 843.00		2
Treasurer Fees	\$ 76.25		1
Postage	\$ 10.56		n/a
SSBRA Payment Totals	<u>\$ 7,790.81</u>		<u>61</u>

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Manhattan Beach Summer 2010					
Category	Cks Issued 08/29/10			Summer Season Totals	
Games		120		235	
	\$		Cks	\$	Cks
Referee Fees	\$ 3,480.00		25	\$6,815.00	87
Assignor Fees	300.00		n/a	587.50	n/a
Treasurer Fees	64.50		n/a	130.50	n/a
Postage	7.92		n/a	27.72	n/a
SSBRA Payment Totals	\$ 3,852.42		25	\$7,560.72	87
Billed To Manhattan Beach	\$ 3,900.00			7,637.50	
Net Surplus to SSBRA	\$ 47.58			\$ 76.78	

The following financial reports for August have been attached:

- Income and Expense Comparison by Category for 2008/2009 vs. 2009/2010 - YTD
- Income and Expense Comparison by Category for 2008/2009 vs. 2009/2010 - Monthly
- Budget Variance Report
- Monthly Spend Summary

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Brandon

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 SSBRA Treasurer

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/
Spring League	http://www.scheduleetc.com/soccer/referee/default.aspx?id=ss10
Spring Cup	http://www.scheduleetc.com/soccer/referee/default.aspx?id=ss10cup

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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HELPFUL LINKS

Cal South Website for Referees	http://www.calsouth.com/en/referees/
South Bay Sports Rules	http://www.southbaysports.com/rule.asp (go here to select the rules that apply to the day/league/venue you're reffing)
Manhattan Village Rules	http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7.html http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7/7on7-Laws-of-the-Game.pdf

Comments, questions, suggestions, input? Email me at flagandwhistle@gmail.com

* I apologize for the delay in September's issue of the Flag and Whistle. Life got in the way . . .