



The Flag and Whistle

Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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OVER 130 IN ATTENDANCE!

BYLAWS AMENDED, THE TEST THAT WOULDN'T END



Here comes trouble . . .

GENERAL MEETING: OCTOBER 26, 2010

I wasn't present at the October general meeting but, from what I hear, although we managed to wrap up the "business" part of things relatively quickly, this was one of the LONGEST meetings we've had, due in large part to the fact that it took over one hour to hand out the recertification tests. But, then again, there were over 130 people at the meeting.

Anyway, as for the "business" part of the meeting: two bylaw amendments were passed (those pertaining to two levels of membership [Article IV.D] and dues for first time members [Article V. New B]) and one (regarding absentee voting) was tabled. The bylaws will be revised to incorporate the new amendments and the SSBRA Application will be revised to reflect the change in dues for first time members.

For those of us who were not at the meeting, remember, we have to find a clinic to take our recertification tests so we can continue to ref next year. Here's the link: <http://cysa-trainingsandbox.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/calendarlist.asp?calguid=&eventtab=current> (select "Referee Clinic" under "event type" and then hit search).



WHAT THE BOARD'S BEEN UP TO:

BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 19, 2010

- New apps – all accepted
- Discussed assignment and feedback/guidance for new refs
 - o Re how new refs are assigned games and who they're assigned with to make sure assignor gets feedback about the new ref's performance and to make sure that the new refs get feedback from their partners about their performance
 - o More experienced refs should give the new refs feedback – take the time to explain good/bad things
 - o Encourage senior members to have a thorough pre-game with new refs and possibly a de-briefing after the game re good/bad things about performance
 - o Encourage new refs to ask senior refs for feedback
 - o Ralph to discuss this at next meeting
- Discussed problem refs, assessed fines and suspensions
- Bylaw proposed changes discussed
- WH mailed insurance certificate
- Contracts discussed – in the mail to PSL and SBS
- SBS = dark for Nov and Dec. at Aviation
- Audit – WH and Steve met with Tom Mallen, Tom signed off on the audit, waiting for official sign off/report
 - o Important part = all funds are accounted for
 - o Now need a formal summary of the audit
 - o Discussed compensation for Audit after Tom provides formal report
- October General Meeting
 - o Short
 - o Test time – open to others at different associations
 - o Bring application forms – on the Cal South website – and checkbook to pay recert fee
- Dues: 195 refs on roster (including waived and honorary)
- Discussed Nov. Bd. Mtg
- Ralph
 - o Reiterate = experienced refs should help newer refs out → have to groom younger refs bc they're the future of SSBRA. Have to know what did good and bad so learn from this
- Bill – not much, lots of games and lots of new people and lots of older experienced people who are helping out the newbies. Building a good core of refs – by and large, we're doing a good job
- Vince
 - o Talked to Cal South re misconduct and abuse directed at referees
 - o SSBRA members need to know we're behind them and looking into all reports of abuse against refs so let Vince know if anything happens
 - o Senior refs need to protect younger refs
 - o Also, when you ref, understand the example you're setting for your partners and the teams you ref so they don't give the next ref a hard time because "the other refs let us do this/that . . ." and so that we can be consistent across the board
- Steve
 - o As of Sep. 30: approx \$6,630
 - o Audit compensation and electronic flags not budgeted
- Flags: Available to use for members – check them out from Vince

Subject: And now for something completely different. A man, a car, a soccer pitch and a referee

Man jailed for driving car at referee

Associated Press

LONDON -- The harshest punishment soccer players can usually expect for berating a referee is a suspension or fine -- not 24 weeks in jail.

But then most players don't respond to the threat of a red card by driving a car on the field and at the official.

Amateur player Joseph Rimmer became incensed by a referee's refusal to award a free kick during a February game between Lonsdale and Harrington in northwest England. Rimmer thought he was about to be penalized by referee David Harkness, so he told him: "If you book me or send me off, you know what will happen."

Not likely.

Rimmer, who works as fitness instructor and nightclub doorman, stormed off, fetched his Range Rover and drove it across the grass. Harkness was not hurt.

Witnesses statements read in court said people reacted with "panic and fear" and some had to run to get out of Rimmer's way.

"Before he could be shown the red card, the defendant stated, 'I'm going to run you down,' then walked off the pitch," prosecutor Derek Jones said. Rimmer was sentenced in Liverpool Crown Court on Tuesday.

Harkness remains shaken.

"After 35 years, I now fear I cannot continue as a referee," he said in a statement. "I have not slept through fear that the defendant will find out where I live and carry out his threat to shoot me."

The camp for problem players . . .



**"Look, Gelda! Minivans full of kids!
I told you this would work!"**

Soccer South Bay Referee Association
Income/Expense Comparison by Category
7/1/2009 through 09/30/2010

Category Description	7/1/2009 - 09/30/2009	7/1/2010 - 09/30/2010	\$ Difference	% Difference
INCOME				
Interest	\$ 1.55	\$ 0.32	\$ (1.23)	-79.35%
Membership Dues	2,700.00	2,697.00	(3.00)	-0.11%
Fines - Referees	(54.00)	112.00	166.00	-307.41%
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,647.55	\$ 2,809.32	\$ 161.77	6.11%
EXPENSES				
Assigning Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
Checks & Bank Charges	438.97	-	438.97	100.00%
GAMES - ADULTS				
7 v 7 Leagues	2,767.76	5.50	2,762.26	99.80%
Other GAMES - ADULTS	69.00	-	69.00	n/a
TOTAL GAMES - ADULTS	2,836.76	5.50	2,831.26	99.81%
GAMES - YOUTH				
Kid's No-shows	-	-	-	n/a
Kid's Tournament	405.54	292.80	112.74	27.80%
Other GAMES - YOUTH	5.00	160.36	(155.36)	-3107.20%
TOTAL GAMES - YOUTH	410.54	453.16	(42.62)	-10.38%
Insurance	575.00	575.00	-	n/a
Meetings	443.00	752.46	(309.46)	-69.86%
Stamps & Supplies	9.68	8.08	1.60	16.53%
Parking & Exp Reimbursement	453.00	24.00	429.00	94.70%
Office Supplies	56.45	103.89	(47.44)	-84.04%
Telephone & Fax	72.00	108.00	(36.00)	-50.00%
Training	(75.00)	680.00	(755.00)	1006.67%
Uniforms & Equipment	-	614.13	(614.13)	n/a
Web Site	-	150.00	(150.00)	n/a
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 5,220.40	\$ 3,474.22	\$ 1,746.18	33.45%
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ (2,572.85)	\$ (664.90)	\$ 1,907.95	-74.16%

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 refing)
Manhattan Village Rules	http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7.html http://www.ssbra.com/html/competitions/mb7/7on7-Laws-of-the-Game.pdf

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