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Important Dates

There is NO MEETING in
July!

NEXT GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday August 28, 2012

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GENERAL MEETING: MAY 29, 2012

May's general meeting took place in the parking lot at Lamppost Pizza in Torrance, and began at 7:12.

In this brief meeting, Warren noted that we have been contacted to cover 11v11 matches using a single referee. There was no strong opposition to the idea, so the association will accept such opportunities and assign according to the usual procedures.

Warren also reminded the membership that member dues are to be paid by the end of June.

Tournament season is upon us, which may mean longer than usual travel and lower than usual pay. Bill will be assigning games based on availability, unless you let him know you're not interested in the tournaments.

Ralph then conducted a vote for association board positions of President and Secretary. Warren Howell, the sole nominee for President, was elected by acclamation. Bruce Anderson, the sole nominee for Secretary, was also elected by acclamation.

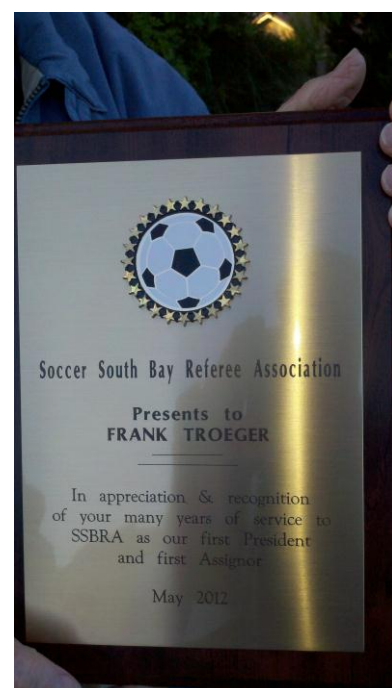
Amendments to the association bylaws were reviewed and approved, and the website has been updated:

Amendment #1 is an addition to VIII.D.4, and was approved unanimously: "All Board meetings shall be open to any member in good standing, with advance request, to present a subject for discussion. He/she may speak on that subject but will have no vote on the outcome."

Amendment #2 is an addition to XI.K.2, and was approved unanimously: "The delegate-at-large, when asked to represent an accused member, may petition the President for removal of a grievance committee member that he/she feels is biased in the case against the accused."

Amendment #3 is a revision to XII.A, and was approved with 5 in opposition: "The official uniform shall be as specified by USSF, shall be neat and in good repair, or as otherwise defined by the Association. Association referees will follow the guidelines as set by the governing bodies of each competition."

Larry then presented Frank Troeger with a plaque, honoring his many years of service to SSBRA as our first President and first Assignor.



The meeting adjourned at 7:30, to Lamppost pizza for food and beverages.

GENERAL MEETING: JUNE 26, 2012

In June, we were back to the North High School library, and the meeting commenced sharply at 7:30 with Ralph Quiroz in charge while Warren Howell was on vacation.

There is no general meeting in July. Our next general meeting will be held Tuesday August 28.

The members were reminded that dues are to be paid by the end of June. No games will be assigned to you after August 31, unless your dues are paid.

Ralph will be investigating opportunities to donate your old referee shirts.

The notification protocol for one-man crews was discussed again. The referee must call the Soccer Line (310-316-0808) at least 30 minutes before the match to confirm that s/he is at the field or on the way and that s/he will be covering the match. If Bill does not receive that call, he will assign a replacement referee. If you arrive at the field, you can determine if you will relinquish the match(es) or do the match(es) and relinquish your fees to the replacement referee. No call means no fees.

Manny Fineberg announced his new website, www.referee-depot.com, which will feature the finest in referee apparel and equipment. The site is presently under construction, and Manny has extended special pricing to all SSBRA members when he launches the site.

Tournament season kicks off in July with a large number of opportunities for our members. Visit the CalSouth website for a full list of sanctioned tournaments, and be sure to keep your availability up to date to catch those assignments!

The next new member clinic will be offered in August. If you are a new member in the past year and have not taken the clinic, be certain to attend before your time is up!

If you have not yet received your association coin, please contact Vince.

If you are submitting a game report, please send it to VINCE not to Bill. Vince is your advocate. Vince will review the report and call you with questions and/or clarifications before filing it. The report is for your protection, and Vince is your very best friend in this regard. Send your reports to VINCE DELMONICO (del4220@aol.com).

Player cards **MUST BE CURRENT. PERIOD.** The only override is by the league owner. "No card, no play!"

We then commenced the training session, a detailed summary review of all law changes from 2005 through 2010.

Coach saves referee: Editor recovering from collapse on soccer field

BANGOR TOWNSHIP — An automated external defibrillator and the quick thinking of one coach and athletic trainer are believed to have saved Dave Shane's life last week.

Shane, the editor of the Huron Daily Tribune in Bad Axe and a former editor at the Midland Daily News, was officiating a girls' junior varsity game between Saginaw Heritage and host Bangor John Glenn on Thursday.

The 56-year-old Midland resident resides in Bad Axe during the work week and loves soccer. He has played, coached or officiated the sport for 32 years.

About three weeks prior to Thursday's game, Shane fainted while officiating a game. He spent three days in the hospital having a number of tests done. It was determined his heart was healthy and the fainting spell was believed to be related to Lyme disease, which Shane has had since the late 1990s.

Since the fainting incident, Shane came back and officiated several games — including one in 90-degree weather — without incident.

But roughly 25 minutes into the 40-minute first half of Thursday's game, he collapsed on the field.

Prior to the game, he told another official that he has Lyme disease and if he were to faint, to not call an ambulance because he would be all right.

However, Bangor John Glenn Coach Todd Schisler said he knew something was wrong when he saw Shane collapse Thursday.

"Initially, it looked like he had a seizure — it wasn't just a normal fainting spell," he said.

At first, Schisler gave Shane a few rescue breaths before Shane lost his pulse. Then, Schisler began giving Shane chest compressions while Bangor Glenn athletic trainer Jeff Maier retrieved an automated external defibrillator.

Schisler estimated Shane was unconscious on the field for about 25 to 30 minutes before he was taken to the hospital by ambulance personnel, who used different equipment to shock Shane's heart.

"He was shocked three times on the field," Schisler said. "... It was crazy."

Schisler, whose father is a doctor and whose wife and sister also are in medicine, said his family members have seen a lot incidents like what happened Thursday, and the chances were that Shane wouldn't survive.

"Learning the next morning that he did survive, and to see him, was quite remarkable," Schisler said, noting that during his visit to the hospital Friday, Shane was the "same happy-go-lucky Dave, (who) wanted to tell stories."

"He didn't realize the severity of it. I think he was under the impression he had just fainted. But his wife said, 'No, it was a little bit more (than that),' Schisler said. "... (Then) he was taken aback by the fact that his heart stopped and he could have died. ... But it turned out to be a really good experience."

Schisler is required to be CPR certified because he's a coach. He's also previously taught CPR to students in his health class. But Thursday was the first time he has ever had to perform CPR on someone. It also was the first time he's used an automated external defibrillator in an emergency situation.

He said the situation really hit home as to how important it is for as many people as possible to know the techniques of CPR and how to use an automated external defibrillator.

“You always know that it’s important, but I guess this experience kind of reiterates that — that it’s vitally important,” Schisler said.

Shane currently is at McLaren-Bay Region hospital in Bay City. He is scheduled to undergo a procedure today to get an implantable cardioverter defibrillator (ICD), which protects against heart arrhythmia. It’s believed Shane has electrical problems with his heart, which may have been caused by his Lyme disease. Shane hopes to return to work in Bad Axe on Monday.

“I wish I was back in Bad Axe (now) working on the paper,” he said.

Shane said he’s run into several people with Huron County ties while staying at the Bay City hospital, including a nurse’s assistant from Sebawaing and a transporter who graduated from North Huron High School.

Shane said he wants to thank everybody who has helped him over the last couple of weeks.

“There have been a lot of people who had to step up, and during the last incident, they saved my life,” he said.

Jenny L. Anderson, publisher of the Huron Daily Tribune and Midland Daily News, said it was a shock to learn Shane literally had his heart stop on the soccer field.

“Despite the fact that he had an incident several weeks ago, he has always been the epitome of great health having lived on a soccer field for over (30) years. Thanks to the quick response and heroic efforts of coach Schisler, he is alert today and in great spirits,” she said. “... It truly exemplifies the saying, you need to be in the right place at the right time. Todd Schisler certainly was and we are so grateful.”

Shane said he doesn’t remember Schisler working on him at the field or having thanked Schisler during his visit Friday morning at the hospital.

“My wife said I did it though,” Shane said “And I’m glad I thanked him, because I don’t remember.” Shane said he doesn’t remember much from Friday. But he does know that it was the day his youngest son graduated from high school, and he regrets that he wasn’t able to be there.

http://www.ourmidland.com/news/article_6245056c-aa6d-11e1-a9a1-001a4bcf887a.html

FIFA Referee Clos Gomez got hit by a bottle thrown by a player in Spain

Carlos Clos Gomez, the referee officiating at Granada's dramatic 2-1 home defeat to La Liga champions Real Madrid, appeared to be hit by a plastic bottle thrown by one of the home players amid angry scenes at the final whistle. Granada players surrounded referee Clos Gomez, who showed straight red cards to Guilherme Siqueira and Moises Hurtado before Daniel Benitez threw a bottle at the match official.

Benitez, a 25-year-old Spanish midfielder, had been substituted at half-time, but joined in with the hordes of Granada players and officials swarming round the referee to complain about the penalty kick for Real Madrid with nine minutes to go, which Cristiano Ronaldo converted for the equaliser before a late own goal sealed the Los Blancos win.



Clos Gomez reported the incidents as follows: "At the end of the game, while still on the field, Granada player no. 24, Moises Hurtado told me "you are a thief" and I sent him off. I have also sent off Granada player no. 6, Guilherme Siqueira, for telling me "you are a villain". After showing these two red cards, Granada player no. 11, Daniel Benitez, threw at me a bottle of 500 ml. full of fluid, provoking a small swelling on my left cheek, with no need of any medical assistance so far.

Once in the tunnel, Granada player no. 6, Guilherme Siqueira, told me "you are a bastard". Also, Granada player no. 22, Alex Geijo, has addressed me with "you destroyed us all season", while Granada player no. 24, Moises Hurtado, once out of his playing uniform, screamed at the match officials "you are all villains".

(<http://refereeingworld.blogspot.com/2012/05/clos-gomez.html>)

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=ss11
Spring Cup	http://www.scheduleetc.com/soccer/referee/default.aspx?id=ss11cup

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

UNIFORM REMINDERS

Referees must carry at least **three different color** jerseys to all games. The board recommends the following: **Gold, Blue, Red**

Should you wish to bring more, the board recommends, in order of preference: **Green, Black**

And, of course, your **all-black soccer referee shorts!**

SINGLE CALL-IN PROTOCOL

A referee assigned to a match as a single must call the Soccer Line (310-316-0808) at least 30 minutes before the match to confirm that s/he is at the field or on the way and that s/he will be covering the match. If Bill does not receive that call, he will assign a replacement referee. If you arrive at the field, you can determine if you will relinquish the match(es) or do the match(es) and relinquish your fees to the replacement referee. No call means no fees.