



The Flag and Whistle

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CHAOS AND CONFUSION AT A RECENT TOURNAMENT REFEREES TAKE TIME MANAGEMENT INTO THEIR OWN HANDS OLDIES BUT GOODIES

The Board was eagerly looking forward to a big turnout at the mid-season September meeting, but, alas, it was actually a rather light crowd. But there was no shortage of words and opinions, as things got under way. **Warren “Bluto” Howell** started in first, saying something about the large number of games on hot days and some disciplinary incidents. One of these involved a Member confronting tournament officials about something or other in an aggressive manner, with Warren offering his opinion that even if you win the argument, you still lose, as only the unpleasantness of the incident and who caused it will be remembered.

Then he reported that two of our Members had a loud and public argument at half-time of the last match of a set, at which point the AR picked up his stuff and left the pitch, leaving the second half to be covered by a club linesman, with everyone there scratching their heads at the bizarre referee behavior. Obviously it was pointed out that walking off at half-time is not a happy thing – better to quietly finish the game, report it afterwards and put the

other Member on your personal “do not assign” list. But also, it is important that someone be the adults at these games, and that is part of the referee’s job.

He then mentioned that the blind assessments were continuing (with some Members showing less than 100% commitment in some matches), and discovered that there were no new visitors to introduce. The assignments pages on EasyAssigning are now password protected through the Member sign-on, though the overall system security remains poor.

There being no bylaw changes introduced from the floor, **Michael “Ranker” Hinz** talked about the overhaul he has been working on to bring them up to date and fix/clarify some issues. These will be voted on at the October meeting, please go to www.ssbra.org or <http://ssbra.org/html/association/ByLaws2013.pdf> to see all of them and how they fit into the existing sections. He also started a discussion about the chaos at the recent ACST games, where only heroic efforts by SSBRA Members kept the matches and tournament on track – kudos to all that were involved.

Larry “Broken Chair” Stern spoke about training, and mentioned that the South Bay High School unit was starting their training for those who were interested.

It was then the eagerly awaited for turn of **Bill “Grampa” Cook** to take the floor, and he did not disappoint. He said something about all the money from various sources that was flowing in to be distributed to the Members. He also told us about how the South Orange County group led by our old friend **Mike Wilmott** was suffering from a referee shortage and had asked Bill for help. While Bill would have loved to help out Mike by covering some matches (and supply extra games for our own Members), Bill reported that he was unable to do so, as SSBRA was already short itself for that week-end.

At that point **Chris “Not So Large Member” Nevil** took a turn reminding us how misconduct reports are to be handled (the CR is to send in one to him within 24 hours of any send-off or serious injury), and invited the Members to an upcoming Referee Professional Development session at Citrus College, and to consider upgrading their USSF grade and general referee skills.

By this time everyone’s attention was wandering from the information overload, so the meeting was turned over to **Toros Kibritjian** from Cal South, who told us about referee time management and various amusing stories from his long years as a top ranked soccer referee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, September 18, 2013

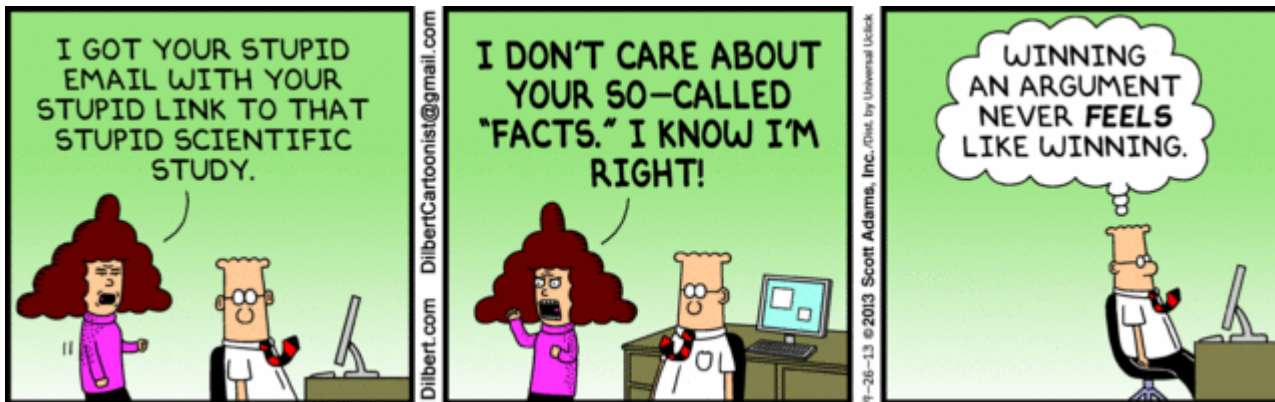
- Awaiting 2 applications, waived assessment fee in advance for one of them
- Met with a Member about a recent incident
- Discussed another incident, fines and suspensions were imposed, other action also taken
- Michael presented new rankings. Long discussion ensued
- Michael presented proposed bylaw amendments. Long discussion ensued
- Manhattan Beach 7v7 new rules are in place, web-site to be updated
- Chris presented the survey results. Long discussion ensued
- We have been paid in full for some outstanding charges from a league and from a troublesome tournament
- Michael has taken over check-signing authority from **Ralph Quiroz**. Others are Warren and Steve.
- Various web-site changes have been made and a few others will be made soon
- Communications between SSBRA and a league were discussed at length
- Since the meeting by this time had gone on for 5 ½ hours, with the Members becoming fatigued and only partially coherent, it was decided to adjourn

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE CAFETERIA OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, 3620 182ND ST. (AT YUKON - SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILED MAPS). AFTER A SHORT MEETING COVERING SSBRA BUSINESS – INCLUDING VOTING ON PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES (SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILS), THE MEETING WILL BE TURNED OVER TO CAL SOUTH FOR THE USSF GRADE 8 WRITTEN TEST. REGISTER AHEAD OF TIME FOR THE TEST (SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILS) AND COME EARLY IF YOU WANT A SEAT. OF COURSE, ALL OF THIS IS OPEN TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC, EXCEPT FOR VOTING.

Quote of the Month (Anonymous)

“Before you can be old and wise, you must first be young and stupid.”

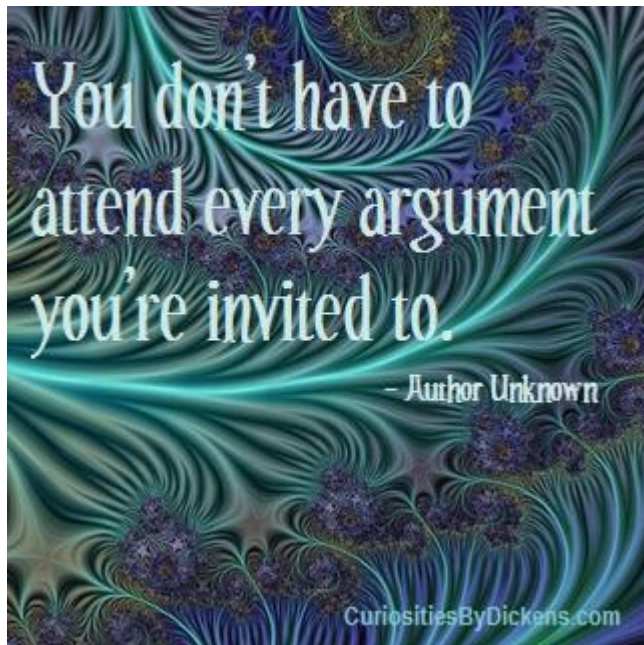


Thought of the Month (recent horoscope)

“Negative attitudes are contagious....”

Give Me A Break.....

Sepp Blatter, the head of FIFA didn't exactly cover himself in glory when he was answering questions about the women's game in 2004. He suggested a way to make the women's game more popular would be to bring in more feminine clothing such as much tighter shorts



This Is How They Did It in the Old Days

An English League game played in 1894 will forever go down in the history of football for having three halves. The match was between Sunderland and Derby County. It started with someone standing in as a deputy referee as the original referee was late. The match was played for 45 minutes, the original referee turned up and ordered a full 90 minutes to be played. Sunderland won 11-0.

Don't You Hate It When This Happens?



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In a Danish football league local side Ebeltoft were robbed of a deserved draw when playing Norager in the domestic competition.

Norager were leading 4-3 with seconds remaining when Ebeltoft went on the attack. As they pressed forward, however, referee **Henning Erikstrup** went to blow the final whistle.

Only problem was that his false teeth fell out as he went to blow the whistle—meaning that no noise came out and play continued as normal. Ebeltoft scored to make it 4-4 by the time that Erikstrup found his false teeth and put them back into his mouth.

So, 4-4 right? Mmmm. Not so much.

Erikstrup disallowed the goal and blew the final whistle, handing Norager a 4-3 win. Ebeltoft protested the match immediately following the loss and took the result to the equivalent of what is the Football Association in Denmark, but their protests were denied.

Final score: Norager 4, Ebeltoft 3

Another Quote of the Month (Unnamed soccer coach after recent match)

“You guys won’t be able to sleep tonight thinking of that offside call!”

- Yelled across the field at A.R. Steve “**Sleepless**” **Resnick**, A.R. **Gabrille Pitts** and C.R. the **Large Member** about a call made by Steve that took away a tying goal

No Scouting Report Needed Here

The [Isles of Scilly Football League](#) (located off the coast of British Cornwall) is officially the smallest football league in the world. The league features just two teams—Garrison Gunners and the Woolpack Wanderers—who play each other every week in the league to determine who will be the champion for that season. Played from mid-November to late-March, the two teams play each other 17 times over the course of a season, with the champion coming from a typical first-past-the-post system. But the pair still receive plenty of knockout action as well, with The Wholesalers Cup and the Foredeck Cup—which are both played over two legs—as well as a Charity Shield that customarily kicks off the action-packed season ahead. The only time that the two teams don’t play each other in the league is when they meet in the Cups, which again, is only played between themselves.



Can You Say Boring?

The Madagascan football league team AS Adema beat Stade Olympique de L'Emyrne 149-0, and they did it without scoring a single goal of their own.

In the second last week of the tournament, SOE had been held to a 2-2 draw by DSA where a controversial late penalty decision had done away with SOE's 2-1 lead.

The draw squandered any chance that SOE had to beat AS Adema in the championship race, so in their following game, they decided to protest the harsh decision by scoring own goals. Repeatedly.

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Spectators at the game say that SOE would kick the ball off and shoot it all the way back to their own goal, where their goalkeeper would watch it go in.

Following the match, the Madagascan Football Federation suspended the SOE coach **Zaka Be** for three years and four of the team's players until the end of the season. All the other players from both teams received an official warning for their involvement in the incident.

The result stands as not only one of the most stupid protests ever made in world football, but also the largest defeat in the history of professional football.

This Could Have Been a Time for a Trifling or Doubtful Decision

Adrian Bastia was sent off for apprehending a stalker in 2008. During an Astreas Tripolis match against Panathinaikos, Bastia tripped the stalker so he could be escorted off of the pitch by the authorities. The referee subsequently showed him a straight red card for violent conduct.