



The Flag and Whistle

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BOARD TAKES A STAND ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND CONCUSSIONS ELECTIONS ARE HELD AND BYLAWS ARE CHANGED A MEMBER MAKES A DECISION

For some reason the Annual General Meeting was once again held in a back parking lot of Lamppost Pizza, and a quorum of Members was seen hanging around suspiciously, waiting for the proceedings to begin. **Warren 'Bluto' Howell** was up to the task, and started in talking about the topics du jour. He informed all that, because of new insurance requirements, SSBRA had to come up with formal policies about player concussions (no play, no way, for those who get them) and sexual harassment. This is now explained on the web-site, and all Members are expected to look it all over and understand it. A game request form was also added to ssbra.org so that those requesting referees for "friendlies" and possibly other matches could provide the needed information. Responding to a question from **Dan Ayala**, **Michael 'Waki Mike' Hinz** told us about the business cards SSBRA is developing - these could be passed out to coaches etc. at venues and provide contact information for SSBRA. It was then explained that the Board had recently once again taken a look at using Google-wallet, Pay Pal etc. technology as a replacement to paying the

Members by check, and had again rejected the idea because of the cost and extra work involved.

There were then short speeches by the rest of the Board: Michael Hinz enlightened on several subjects, **Chris ‘Not-So-Large-Member’ Nevil** told us about the good stuff going on at RPD, **Bill ‘Robocop’ Cook** praised our efforts at the recent tournaments, **Veto ‘Jersey Boy’ Galati** was too busy getting ballots ready to say much, and **Ralph ‘Worst-Ref-In-Town’ Quiroz** declined to speak.

Veto then ran the election (with a small assist from Warren), with the following results:

- President: Michael Hinz
- Member-at-Large: Chris Nevil
- Secretary: Veto Galati

The bylaw amendments were then voted on, with the measure about attending 5 meeting a year being defeated, while the rest were passed. There being nothing more to say, everyone moved into the restaurant for pizza, adult beverages, non-adult beverages, and a lot of carrying-on, the details of what happened in Torrance having to stay in Torrance.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, May 21, 2014

- Concerns and misbehavior with 2 Members were discussed and plans on how to handle were made
- The upcoming elections were discussed at length: reservations, food/drink orders to be made so everything would be ready right after the meeting, ballots, table/chairs, quorum number, Veto to run the first part of the elections, business meeting to be as short as possible, bylaw amendments to be voted on too
- New concussion policy discussed
- New sexual harassment policy discussed
- New referee request form for ‘friendly’ matches discussed
- New proposal put forward by MH to create SSBRA business cards, will move forward with this
- ‘Pay Pal’ technology rejected again due to cost and the extra work involved
- May RPD session was cool, will discuss at the AGM
- Discussed an incentive program for game-bringing, no action to be taken for now
- Typos corrected in the proposed bylaw amendments
- It is ranking time again

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 AT 7:30 P.M. IN THE LIBRARY OF NORTH TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL, 3620 182ND ST. (AT YUKON - SEE SSBRA.ORG FOR DETAILED MAPS). COME AND LISTEN TO THE AWESOME WORDS OF YOUR BOARD AND FELLOW MEMBERS, HEAR ALL ABOUT THE VARIOUS UPCOMING SUMMER TOURNAMENTS, AND ENJOY THE ALWAYS-EXCITING CAL SOUTH TRAINING. ALAS, THERE WILL BE NO FLAG AND WHISTLE IN JUNE OR JULY, AND NO MEETING IN JULY.

Kids Get All the Breaks



“Wow! You are so lucky, Joey. My parents never get forcibly removed from the ballpark by the cops.”

Quiz of the Month

At a recent tournament the **Large Member** was doing his duties as one of the ARs for a distinguished, high-ranking Member center referee. It was a meaningless BU14 consolation match with only a few seconds to go and the attacking team leading 2-1 as they moved toward the goal on the L.M.'s end. With the goalkeeper out near the 18 yard line in a wild scramble, a shot was taken and the ball was clearly heading toward the goal. Right on the goal line, a field defender was just barely able to stop the goal by diving on the ground and grabbing the ball with both hands, hugging it to his chest for safety. Two questions (see answer below):

- What correct call did the referee make?
- Who was that referee?

Making your Calls Clear IS Important

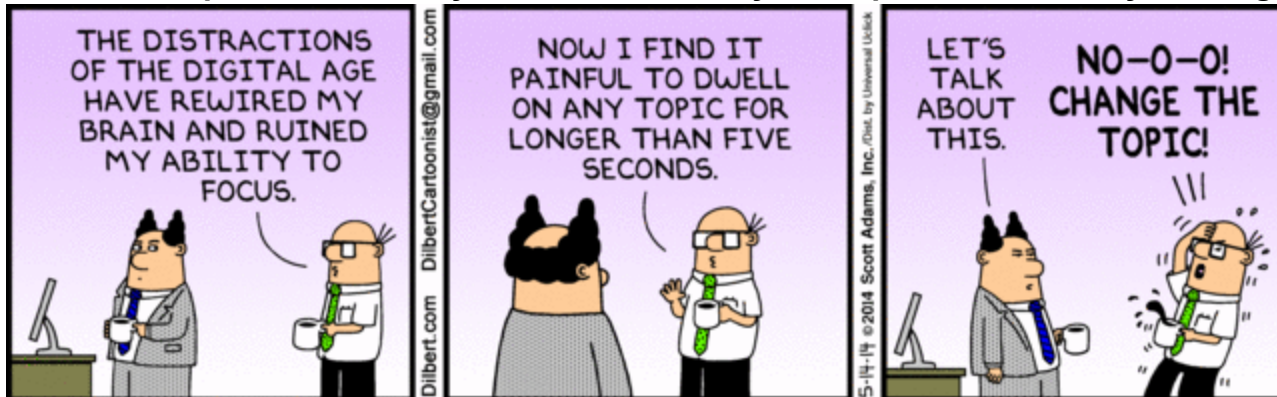


Thought of the Month

“To see what is right, and not to do it, is want of courage or of principle.”

- Confucius

Here is an Explanation of Why We Can Never Stay On Topic at the Monthly Meetings



Can't We All Just Get Along? (Recent news article)

A stampede at a soccer stadium in the Democratic Republic of Congo's killed at least 15 people after angry fans threw rocks from the stands, prompting security officers to fire tear gas that caused panic, officials and witnesses said.

The stampede at Tata Raphael Stadium in Kinshasa occurred toward the end of the match between two Congolese teams. At least 21 others were injured, said Gov. **Andre Kimbuta**.

You Can Include the Beautiful Game in Here Too



Hey, American Workers Are Just As Patriotic As the Europeans! (Recent news article)

Union bosses in Germany have called on employers to be patriotic and cut their soccer-supporting workers a break by allowing them to report late in the day after German games in the World Cup, according to Britain's Guardian newspaper....

The Referee May Decide This Is Both Unsafe AND Unfair



Quote of the Month

“Let the punishment match the offense.”
- Cicero

Happy is as Happy Does.....

IN THE BLEACHERS



BY STEVE MOORE



The Referee Will Check the LOTG and Get Back to You on That

In the Beverly Hills semifinal yesterday, when player 'A5' got fouled in the shin there was a very strange crunching sound. I did a double-take the first time, but the second time I was completely mystified, and looked down at his stocking just in time for an opponent to chirp, "he's using suntan lotion bottles as shin guards, ref!" And by G-d, it was true. Unbelievable.

Even better, the guy, whom I probably could and should have cautioned for that ridiculous facade of a shin guard, had the temerity to then argue with me about "where in the Laws of the Game does it say what kind of shin guard I have to wear?" (!!!)

- submitted by Chris 'Not-So-Large-Member' Nevil

He Should Have Just Stuck with Blaming the Referee Like Everyone Else



This is How They Did It in the Good Old Days (News article)

February 2008. A soccer referee, **Prakong Sukguamala**, was beaten up by the entire Kuiburi (Thailand) team. The reason, referee Sukguamala was attacked was because he sent off three of their players during a vital promotion match to decide promotion match

Sukguamala needed 40 stitches and also broke a finger after being set upon by the Kuiburi FC squad, furious at being shown three red cards. As you have probably guessed, their team was losing at the time. The final result was 4-1 loss to Kasem Bundit.

The angry players charged into Prakong's dressing room, and started to punch and kick him. They only left when police fired gunshots into the air. The players then chased Prakong into the stadium's office, where the hapless official ran into a mirror, leaving him with cuts all over his body. Prakong told Channel 3 television he was forced to lock himself in the room to escape his attackers. In the same interview, Kuiburi's coach accused Prakong of biased refereeing but said he had urged his players to show restraint when tempers flared.

Prakong, covered in bruises, insisted that he had refereed the game fairly, and had been asked by his soccer federation to press charges against his attackers in the Kuiburi team.

That Will Leave a Mark



This is Why They Put Numbers on Their Jerseys (Recent news article)

An English soccer referee has been accused of racism after he mistakenly sent off the wrong mixed race player.

Social media erupted after **Andre Marriner** dismissed Arsenal's **Kieran Gibbs** for handball instead of **Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain**, who committed the offense. Both players are mixed race.

Twitter users accused the hapless official of getting confused because of the players' skin color. "The ref can't differentiate between Gibbs n Ox. Surely there's a racist undertone," tweeted @tharmahomed.

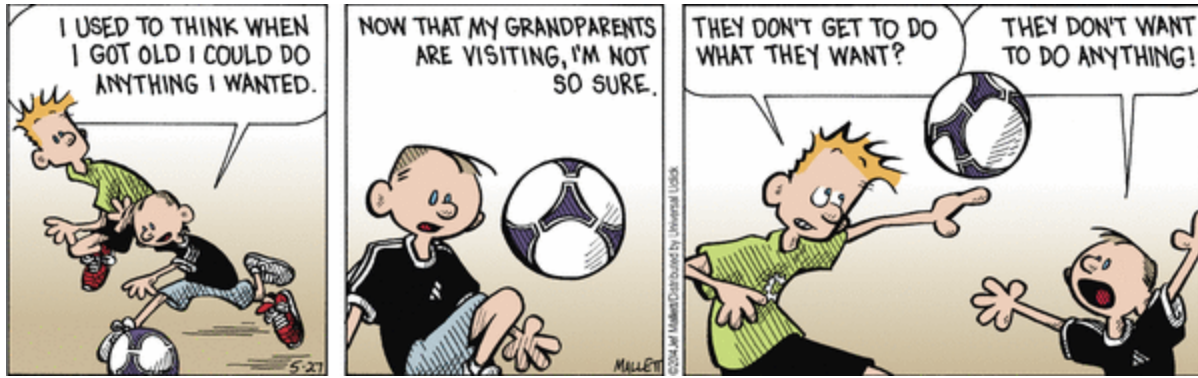


SHAUN BOTTERILL/GETTY IMAGE: Soccer referee Andre Marriner (second from right) shows Kieran Gibbs of Arsenal a red card during a Saturday match.

Other former players also questioned Marriner's action on television broadcasts, though many were quick to defend the referee against the grounds of racism, instead saying he made a bad decision. One former Arsenal player, **Kenny Sansom** said, "I don't think it's racism."

The incident happened during the biggest game in the English Premier League at the weekend, Chelsea versus Arsenal, two London teams. Chelsea won 6-0

Don't Let This Be You



Another Thought of the Month

“There are some duties we owe even to those who have wronged us. There is, after all, a limit to retribution and punishment.”

- Cicero

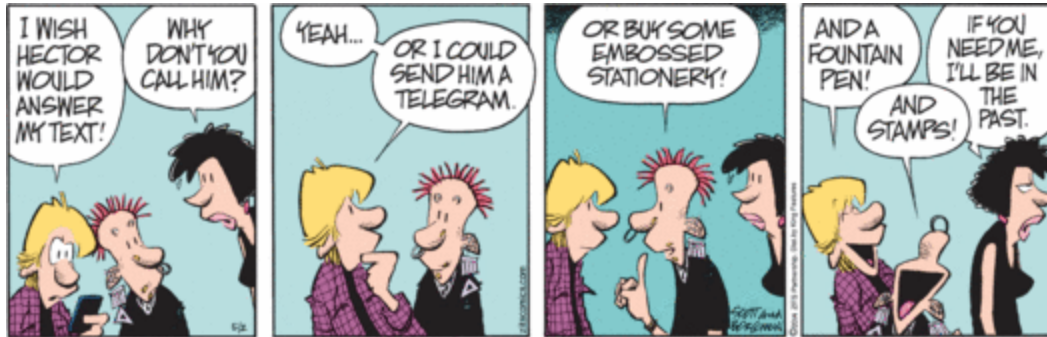
He Will Feel That One in the Morning



Quiz Answer

Our own Chris “Not-So-Large-Member “ Nevil blew the whistle, declared the match was over and headed to the parking lot with the Large Member and **Dermot Connell** in tow.

Maybe She Should Not Go There After All



by Jerry Scott & Jim Borgman