



# The Flag and Whistle

## Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association

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### Notes from the President

While parking fees are part of typical business expenses like expenses for gas and uniforms, SSBRA will reimburse actual receipted parking expenses for referees officiating matches assigned by SSBRA when no free parking is available. This reimbursement will not exceed \$5 per day. Requests for parking fee reimbursement must be made no later than the next general membership meeting after the expense occurred.

### Arbiter Transition

We are almost complete with the transition to Arbiter. We have now uploaded all the DSL, J-League, PSL, and MCA matches for the season. We will have the CSL matches uploaded next week and that will get us to the point where you will only have to deal with one system for all your availability and assignments. As most of you know, Arbiter will send you emails when you have been assigned matches and will send out reminder emails for both your CR or AR assignments. If you have any questions please send an email to [arbiter.2015@ssbra.org](mailto:arbiter.2015@ssbra.org).

### Referee Professional Development (RPD)

The next Referee Professional Development RRD is Tuesday, Oct 20, 2015 at North High School. We currently have 30 referees signed up for the 20<sup>th</sup> but there is lots of room for more. If you have not attended an RPD come out and find out what it's all about.

You can sign up at <http://cysa.affinitysoccer.com/eventmanager/public/event.asp?calid=6986707&eventtype=RPD> or use the link on the SSBRA Training page.

### August General Membership Meeting –

After welcoming three new members, we had our monthly Cal South training and then we moved on to SSBRA business.

The Draft minutes for the August meeting are shown below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the September meeting.



# DRAFT SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2015 7:30 PM North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Veto Galati, Chris Nevil, Steve Brandon, Kirk Jackson (Absent: Bruce Anderson)

**Michael Hinz Opens Meeting:** MH opened meeting at 7:30 PM asking for motion to approve minutes of June 2015 General Meeting. Motion offered by Steve Resnick, seconded by Maria-Grazia Ascenzi and approved by acclamation.

**New Member Introduction:** New applicants introducing themselves were Bryan Lopez, Dan Dauer, and Steve “Woody” Wood.

**CAL SOUTH TRAINING:** At appx 7:40 PM Cal South Instructor Gabriel Goldsman took the floor, beginning with a series of questions from the FIFA exam, with subsequent discussion. Training session focused Free Kicks. Cal South training session ended at appx 8:17 PM

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS:** MH thanked Bill Cook for his years of service as the SSBRA assignor. MH said that the board had to make a difficult business decision not to reappoint Bill Cook as the assignor. This decision was made based on what the board felt was needed for the Association to move forward.

Following this announcement, there was an extensive discussion, during the course of which several members left the meeting. The discussion involved a number of questions, answers, accusations, and clarifications. For the benefit of those members not present at the meeting, a summary of the discussion follows:

- Decision to not reappoint the assignor was due to a history of conflict within the board
- Appointed positions are ratified by the membership, not elected by the membership
- The rankings process involves four steps:
  1. The Ranking Committee, made up of three non-board members and three board members, meets to establish rankings
  2. Board reviews rankings, makes recommendations
  3. Ranking Committee reviews recommendations, accepts, rejects, or modifies recommendations, and makes final decision on all rankings
  4. Rankings are submitted for use to the assignor
- Well before any decision was made on any type of assignor change, the three interim assignors took the assignor course to serve as back-ups for the association in case of an emergency

The meeting was adjourned as so many members had departed that no quorum existed to conduct further business.

**Next Meeting:** September 29, 2015