



The Flag and Whistle

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Notes from the President

We still have a few members not on the 2016 ROL. If you are not on the ROL you cannot be assigned any matches so please get your 2016 registration completed.

The Board is actively looking to fill the two open Board positions announced at the February meeting. A few candidates have already stepped up. Read more about it in the February Flag and Whistle.

Referee Professional Development (RPD)

The February Referee Professional Development (RPD) was one of the best attended RPDs since we started hosting RPDs at NHS. The March RPD is on the 15th and there is already 36 referees signed up but there is plenty of room and plenty of time to still sign up. Please sign up by using the following link;

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

The RPDs start at 7:00 pm and run till 9:30 pm.

Feb General Membership Meeting –

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



SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes, Feb. 23, 2015, 7:30 PM, North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Bruce Ashton, Valle Altobelli, Bruce Anderson, and Veto Galati

Michael Hinz Opens Meeting: MH opened meeting at 7:30 with for motion to approve minutes of December 2015 General Meeting. Before a motion to approve the minutes, Larry Savell asked if the minutes were being sent out via email. MH told the membership that a link to the minutes is sent out each month in an email. The link goes to the SSBRA Website's Flag and Whistle page which contains the minutes. MH stated that the use of the link helps drive members to the website where they can learn about all the things going on within SSBRA. Larry also asked if we could use Arbiter to send out meeting notices so the members would have an additional reminder for SSBRA meetings and events. The Board agreed that would be a good thing to do. After the discussion, Jack Desemone made a motion to approve the December minutes, seconded by Bill Yee and approved by acclimation.

New Member Introductions: No new applicants were at the meeting.

Training: Gabriel Goldsman conducted the Cal South training on Serious Injuries – Safety Impact in the Game Training session. As part of this presentation Gabriel reminded the membership that Casts are not allowed in any Cal South affiliated match.

USSF News: MH reported the latest news on the USSF changes to heading for players age 10 and under (as cleared up in the discussion the applicability is not U10, it is 10 and under). After discussion the topic and after some Q&A, MH told the membership that he has some copies of the USSF communication available to hand out and members can get a copy after the meeting.

The details behind the discussion, as known at the present time, are shown below and the communication has been posted on the SSBRA website;

Communication from USSF

As part of U.S. Soccer's Player Safety Campaign, U.S. Soccer unveiled the U.S. Soccer Concussion Initiative that provides guidelines that have been implemented since January of 2016.

The information contained in the initiative is intended to give U.S. Soccer Organization Members, as well as players, parents, team/club staff and coaches and referees, guidance and direction when dealing with head injuries and potential head injuries during soccer participation. Included in the U.S. Soccer Concussion Initiative are specific changes to rules on substitutions and heading for certain age groups. Those changes included:

- Modify substitution rules to allow players who may have suffered a concussion during games to be evaluated without penalty
- Eliminating heading for children 10 and under
- Please note that U11 is listed in the U.S. Soccer Concussion Initiative document because U11 players can be 10 years old at the beginning of the season.
- Limiting the amount of heading in practice for children between the ages of 11 and 13

In addition to the safety initiatives, the following modified rule should be implemented:

- When a player deliberately heads the ball in a game, an indirect free kick (IFK) should be awarded to the opposing team from the spot of the offense. If the deliberate header occurs within the goal penalty area, the indirect free kick should be taken on the goal penalty area line parallel to the goal line at the point nearest to where the infringement occurred. If a player does not deliberately head the ball, then play should continue.

Rain outs: MH told the membership that the Board had checked with all the leagues SSBRA supports and the leagues do not reimburse for rainouts. The leagues do not have the funds to pay the referees fees for rain outs. The leagues reimburse for forfeits when one or both teams do not show up for a match. MH stated that SSBRA has and will continue to communicate as much information to the membership as soon as it is available. After some discussion the membership knowledge that this part of being a referee and the understood that there may be times when a referee team has to go to a field to verify if the field is open and the match will be played.



League Status:

Lawndale – SSBRA Wins proposal for 2016 with two year extinction 2017 and 2018 - Starts in April

PSL – Some issues with Player cards – make sure we get them back to the team after the match less any cards for any player receiving a Red Card. Those cards go to the league with the match report.

LA Riot – Going to three referee crews for the remaining of the season.

BH 7v7 – Started

MB 7v7 – Received 2016 contract – Remember PKs are “dead balls” one kick and that’s it. It does not matter if the ball bounces off the goal posts or not, the restart is determined when the ball stops moving.

The outcome of a legally taken PK can only be one of the following; Goal, Goal Kick, Throw In, or IFK for the non-kicking team. If the attacking team touches the ball before it stops it’s an IFK for the other team. If the defending team touches the ball before it stops, the PK is retaken.

Friendlies – On going

2016 Recertification:

127 members on 2016 ROL/27 not 2016 certified

Board members speak:

Valle – Provided the latest status on assigning informing the membership that the number of matches is still running a little low. Bill Raventos asked how many matches were being assigned each week and Valle said that LA Riot and PSL only accounted for a small handful of matches but BH 7v7 and J-League starting the numbers will increase a little. Note: Starting in April, the Lawndale league will provide more matches.

Bruce – Announced that due to his new job he had to resign from the VP position. Bruce said he had enjoyed the time he was on the Board but he just could not meet the commitment required to be an effective VP.

Bruce thanked the membership for their support and the membership applauded his work on the board and wished him luck

Veto – Told the membership that he had talked to the Insurance Agent who manages the SSBRA account about the coverage. Veto told the membership that in addition to the liability medical rider, there is accidental bodily injury coverage, with a \$25K cap, while officiating a match assigned by SSBRA. Veto pointed out that this coverage is secondary to any private insurance. Veto also announced that he had decided to resign as Secretary.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting: March 29, 2016, 7:30 PM, North High Library.