



The Flag and Whistle

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Notes from the President

1. **Beach Classic Tournament** – Thanks to everyone who supported the Beach Classic last month. The tournament went very well and we received nothing but complements from the tournament staff.
2. **Referee Professional Development** - The next RPD for 2017 is scheduled for March 21, 2017. Please go to the Cal South Website or the SSBRA training page and sign up. SSBRA will be hosting 10 RPDs in 2017.
3. **New Style Referee Shirts** - Don't forget that the new style referee shirts are available at the SSBRA monthly meetings for half the price of OSI shirts. I used them during the Cal South State Cup tournament and they look and feel great.
4. **Rankings** – Steve Morgan is looking for volunteers to be on the ranking committee.
5. **It's the beginning of 2017 Tournament season so please check your mileage limits in Arbitrator.** We have an increasing number of games to cover and if your mileage is too restrictive then you will not get assignments. Members can use their Tournament fees to pay their 2017- 2018 Membership Dues only from tournaments which are completed before July 1st. The two qualifying tournaments are identified by an * in the table below.

| Date | Tournament | Location |
|---------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| MAY 27-28CVU* | MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT | MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS |
| JUNE 10-12* | LAPFC SOCIAL COLLEGE SHOWCASE | SILVERLAKES - NORCO |
| July 22-23 | Galaxy Coastal Classic - Girls's | South Bay |
| JULY 22-23 | Eagles Summer Classic - Girl's | CAMARILLO |
| July 29-30 | Galaxy Coastal Classic - Boy's | South Bay |
| JULY 29-30 | Eagles Summer Classic - Boy's | CAMARILLO |
| AUGUST 19-20 | CVU SUMMER CLASSIC | MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS |
| AUGUST 26-27 | THOUSAND OAKS CLASSIC | MOORPARK/THOUSAND OAKS |
| SEPTEMBER 2-3 | SIMI VALLEY LABOR DAY INVITATIONAL | SIMI VALLEY |

6. **2017 – 2018 Membership Dues** – Membership dues are payable on or before June 1, 2017 and are past due on July 1, 2017. Members will not receive assignments if their dues are delinquent.
7. **Annual Returning Referee Application** – All Members have to complete an on-line Annual Returning Referee Application and submit it by June 1st. Members have to have an Annual Returning Referee Application in file at SSBRA in order to receive assignments.
8. **New Members** - SSBRA continues to look for qualified Referees. If you know of a qualified Referee have them apply to SSBRA and you could be eligible to get your 2017 – 2018 dues covered by the Association via the New Membership Initiative program.



9. **Mar Vista League** - The new league starts on the 25th. The match times and fees are shown below.

| League/Division | # of Referees | Fee/Team | Total Fee | CR Fee | AR Fee |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---------|--------|
| Mar Vista League | | | | | |
| 9 - 10 year olds SS (20 min) | 1 (No club lines) | Paid By City By Mail | \$32.50 +\$2.50 Assignor | \$32.50 | - |
| 11 - 12 year olds SS (25 min) | 2 (No club lines) | Paid By City By Mail | \$65.00 +\$5.00 Assignor | \$32.50 | - |
| 13 - 15 year olds (30 min) | 2 (No club lines) | Paid By City By Mail | \$75.00 +\$5.00 Assignor | \$37.50 | - |

Since it is a City of LA league, all Referees have to have a Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC) to work at a LA City field. The first \$100k of income is non-taxable so this is basically just a registration exercise.

1. If you DO NOT have an active City of LA BTRC then:
 - a. Go to a LA Finance Office (see list of offices on the Arbiter “Forms” link)
 1. Fill out a BTRC application
 2. Submit the application and receive a temporary copy of your new BTRC
 3. The original BTRC will be mailed to you in approximately 3-4 weeks.
 - b. Submit the following documents at the Mar Vista Rec office located at the park when you go to t your first Mar Vista assignment:
 1. Copy of BTRC
 2. Signed W-9 (Part of Mar Vista Letter to Officials located on the Arbiter Forms link)
 3. Signed Agreement (Part of Mar Vista Letter to Officials located on the Arbiter Forms link)
 4. Copy of DL
 5. Copy of social security card
 - c. The Mar Vista Rec Supervisor will submit the package and you will be registered with the City of LA to receive payments.
2. If you DO have a current and active BTRC you still need to register as a Soccer Official and you need to do the following:
 - a. Follow step 1b
 - b. Follow step 1c
 - c. You do not need to apply for a new BTRC.
3. Once you have a BTRC you will need to get it updated each year in Jan following the instructions in section 2.

Feb General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the Feb General Membership meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the March General Membership Meeting on the 28th.



SSBRA February General Meeting

2/28/17 Tuesday 7:30 pm start @ North High School - Library

Board Member Attendees:

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| Steve Morgan - SM | Bruce Ashton – (not present) | Chris Nevil - CN |
| Valle Altobelli - VA | Michael Hinz - MH | Jay Pignatello - JP |
| David Welch - DW | | |

MH called the meeting to order.

Approve December minutes:

January minutes were approved by the membership

New members introduced:

Tom Broffman – 7 years experience

Upgrades:

We had several members upgrade their USSF levels –

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| Mario Arita | George Anthony |
| Yoel Miller | Greg Sirbu |
| Michael Takeda | Erol Thompson |
| Alexander Arita | Ebive Udo-Udoma |
| Musa Abdelshife | Mike Hawthorne |
| Valle Altobelli | Jay Pignatello |

General Discussions

SBPSL – John Moody

MH introduced John Moody, head of the SBPSL. He discussed how the league works (open division, 40+ division, 50+ division) and how SSBRA can obtain more games across more of the divisions. He mentioned feedback from our referee efforts have been good, and that we must continue to be at our best when doing their games. As a group, SBPSL is concerned about profanity at the games as the games are played at HS and MS locations. The SBPSL rain line is now fixed. Uniform protocol for the teams is effective and in play and should be enforced – noting that the most important factor is a valid playing card. Please use corner flags for games when possible and available. The goal for SSBRA is obtain more games across more divisions, and adhering to the client's desires will help us obtain this goal.

Cal South Training – Gabriel Goldman

Discussion revolved around State and National cup assignments. The following was noted:



1. Arrive at least 45 minutes early to your match or you may be replaced
2. Try your best to have matching uniforms for your crew
3. Double and triple check rosters for team/field/time game information and make sure it is correct and immediately notify a field marshall if there is a problem
4. Never, ever, shorten any games for any reason
5. Pay attention for all injuries, especially head injuries

New Jerseys

MH mentioned that the new jerseys were for sale by Manny at half the price of the OSI jerseys. Manny was not present but advised he had jackets for ordering and some other SSBRA specific items for sale as well.

State Cup & Contracts

- a. CSL Spring League started and we have very few assignments
- b. National Cup started last week, and VA spoke about every one opening up their distance travel limits on Arbiter. It is important for the Association to make sure we cover the games we are given, especially early on in the State Cup, so that we can get some of the higher level games later in the event. VA reinforced the idea of reading the rules prior to working the event.
- c. State Cup is in process
- d. DirectKix – 2017 season started last week
- e. Zog Sports – restarted 1/21/17 and we have the MOA
- f. Beverly Hills – Starts 2/12/17 through 5/21/17
- g. J-Liga – Starts 3/4/17 – pushed to 3/11/17 due to rain
- h. MB – work is ongoing and the 2017 contract is signed but the association needs a copy. MH and Veto Galati discussed the new 2 minute “penalty box” rule instituted for this year, and the discussion revolved around how to maintain the ratio of male/female players if a female player was sent off
- i. Aspire – CN and MH discussed this contract and are trying to gain a fixed fee for the one-off game that exists each week.
- j. Lawndale – Contract has been renewed for 2017
- k. PSL – ongoing
- l. LA Riot – no 2017 season – cancelled
- m. Friendlies are starting to come in – please keep your availability updated

Financial Matters

MH asked the membership for a volunteer to review the financials for the association, as is required under the Bylaws. BA indicated by email to MH that based on the financial condition of the Association at this time, he did not recommend a dues increase.

Assignor Matters

VA spoke about Members opening up travel limits again to include Lancaster. She also discussed that we have 113 referees on the ROL and 18 not on the ROL and asked the 18 not on the ROL to complete their training. She further indicated to the membership to keep Arbiter up to date with your blocks so that she could staff some requests for Friendlies that are starting to pop up. She also mentioned making sure that everyone had a picture of themselves in Arbiter – we still have seven



members that have not done this and no assignments can be made without it. Finally, she mentioned that with any last minute turn back issues – a phone call must be placed to VA – an email is not sufficient. Members must call her to avoid a service failure. The phone number Valle would like you to use is: **(310) 367-6675**.

Valle also mentioned that it is important that ALL MEMBERS doing a SINGLE REFEREE MATCH for ANY CLIENT need to call the SSBRA Call In for single referee matches. This phone number is **(310) 955-9905**. While we are doing a good job for MB 7v7, we have a growing number of single referee matches and we need to make sure we are using the Call In to avoid any potential service failures.

Member at Large Matters

CN reminded the membership the importance of timely submittal of match reports and any supplemental reports.

Vice President Matters

SM spoke briefly about ranking and invited membership to contact if they would like more details related their ranking in the unit. He reminded everyone that it is time for rankings again and the goal is to review rankings twice per year.

President Matters

MH spoke about the requirements for maintaining USSF certification and CalSouth certification

- a. SSBRA meeting requirements – 5 per year
- b. Cal South training requirements – 5 per year
- c. Grade 7 PRD requirements – 3 per year and 5 to upgrade

Other Matters

General discussion was had concerning the LA Galaxy tournament in the summer. The work will be split between SSBRA and Long Beach, with Long Beach taking the oldest of the age groups in the Showcase Division. CN and MH discussed their efforts to work with Galaxy on this matter. As a result of their efforts, there are actually more games for SSBRA to cover, but they are not the Showcase level games. Membership agreed that the more games to cover was ok with them. MH and CN also discussed that Long Beach is creeping into this relationship and eventually this could cause us to lose the tournament eventually.

Next RPD: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Next General Membership Meeting: Tuesday, March 28, 2017