



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association
- Over 41 Years Serving the Soccer Community -

April 2017		Editors: Jay Pignatello/ Michael Hinz
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President: Michael Hinz	Treasurer: Bruce Ashton	Member-At-Large: Chris Nevil
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Notes from the President

- **2017 – 2018 Membership Dues are past due as of July 1st, 2017.** While 90% of the members have submitted their dues there are still a few members who have not paid. If you have not paid by June 1st, you will not receive assignments until your delinquent dues are received. Membership dues remain at \$75.
- **Annual Returning Referee Application** – If you are one of the remaining members who have not submitted your On Line Annual Returning Referee Application for the 2017 – 2018 membership year you need to submit one by July 1st. The Application is posted on the SSBRA website on “The Association” page at <https://ssbra.org/association/rma/>. Like last year, the process is 100% on line and it will only take a few minutes to complete. An application is required from every member every year to meet our Insurance requirements in regards to concussion trainings. Members must have the current year’s form on file with the association in order to receive assignments as of July 1st.
- **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 2018 – 2019 dues covered by the Association via the New Membership Initiative program.
- **Referee Professional Development** - The next RPD for 2017 is scheduled for July 18, 2017. Please go to the Cal South Website or the SSBRA training page and sign up. 33% of the SSBRA membership attended the June RPD and we would like to continue to improve the attendance as SSBRA hosts the remainder of the 10 RPDs in 2017.
- **New Style Referee Shirts** - Don't forget that the new style referee shirts are available at the SSBRA monthly meetings and a special rate of \$65 for three shirts was announced at our last meeting. Take advantage of this great offer.
- **Dress Code** – Please remember when arriving to tournaments you should be in your shorts, socks and a black undershirt, ready to put on a NEW referee shirt and begin your duties. We are receiving feedback from Cal South that is NOT POSITIVE; new jerseys should be purchased and used. Shorts and shoes should be black. These issues with Cal South can cost us fields at National Cup and other Cal South events. Please try to be as professional as possible.
- **2017 Tournament season** - We are half way through the 2017 Tournament season so please keep your mileage limits updated in Arbiter. We have an increasing number of games to cover and if your mileage is too restrictive then you will not get assignments.

Date	Tournament	Location
July 22-23	Galaxy Coastal Classic – Girl'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	Moorpark/Thousand Oaks Classic	Moorpark/Thousand Oaks
September 2-3	Simi Valley Labor Day Invitational	Simi Valley

May Annual General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the May Annual General Membership meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the June General Membership Meeting on the 30th.



SSBRA May Annual and General Membership Meeting

5/30/17 Tuesday 7:00 start @ Tony's Pizza

Board Member Attendees:

Steve Morgan - SM	Bruce Ashton – BA	Chris Nevil - CN	David Welch - (not present)
Valle Altobelli – VA / Gabriel Goldsman - GG	Michael Hinz - MH	Jay Pignatello – JP	

MH called the meeting to order.

Approve April minutes:

April minutes were approved by the membership

MH reminded everyone about the New Member Initiative where you can receive a discount on your dues for referring a New Member to the Association. MH also mentioned that the Annual Returning Membership Applications are also due for all members by June 1, 2017. This will be on the SSBRA website as an online form and an email will be coming out shortly with instructions.

1. Board Positions and Votes. The Nominees for the Positions of Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary were put to vote by the motion of Veto Galati.

Steve Morgan was voted in as Vice President for a 2 year term
Bruce Ashton was voted in as Treasurer for a 2 year term
Jay Pignatello voted in as Secretary for a 1 year term

2. Proposed Change to Bylaws

A proposal was brought by MH to change the Bylaws with specific regard to the Annual General Membership Meeting. The proposal was to move the meeting from May to June of each year.

Julie Nourayi brought up some discussion points regarding quorum for June attendees and being able for members to make their June payments for membership dues. She also inquired if a June meeting date would bring more people to the meeting.

David Martin motioned for a vote on the proposed By Law change, and the vote was carried.

3. Assignor

MH, on behalf of the Board, asked the membership to confirm Gabriel Goldsman as our new head assignor. MH also asked the membership to confirm Veto Galati as a co-assignor to work with Gabriel. Finally, MH asked the membership to confirm three back-up emergency assignors - Chris Nevil, Steve Morgan and Jay Pignatello.

Bill Raventos motioned for the confirmations as indicated above, and the confirmations were carried by the membership.

Other Matters

A raffle was held for all attendees with over a dozen new style referee shirts being raffled off, and over 50 pairs of socks given to the remaining attendees who did not win a new style shirt.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03pm