



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

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Notes from the President

- **2017 Fall season** – The Club season starts in early September and SSBRA will have a ton of matches so get ready!!!
- **SSBRA continues to grow its client base** – The Board is pleased to announce the SSBRA won a two year contract for the SBPSL Open Division and Division 40! This more than doubles the number of SBPSL matches SSBRA will be covering. In addition to this win, SSBRA was awarded an additional ZOG league on Sunday nights! And stay tuned as there is more in the works!!!
- **Referee Professional Development** - The next RPD for 2017 is scheduled for September 19, 2017. Please go to the Cal South Website or the SSBRA training page and sign up.
- **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.

June General Membership Meeting –

The Draft minutes for the July General Membership Meeting can be found below. These minutes will be voted on for approval at the July General Membership Meeting on the 29th.



SSBRA July General Membership Meeting Minutes

7/27/17 Tuesday 7:30 start @ North Torrance HS

Board Member Attendees:

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| Michael Hinz - MH | Steve Morgan - SM | Gabriel Goldsman - GG |
| Bruce Ashton - BA | Jay Pignatello - JP | Chris Nevil - CN |
| David Welch - Absent | | |

Meeting was called to order 7pm by Michael Hinz.

Order of business:

1. A Motion was made to approve June GMM minutes; approved by majority vote.
2. Welcome to new members
 - A. Ernie Migliorini
 - B. Glenn Kinzie
3. Guest speaker – Josh Ellis – Zog Sports
 - A. Zog's credo is "Sports, Suds & Society"
 - B. They operate in six markets (NY, NJ, DC, SF, ATL and LA) and have multiple sports (bowling, volleyball and basketball)
 - C. The general idea behind Zog is to use sports to build community
 - D. Zog is founded by Robert Herzog and 10% of all fees Zog raises go to charity
 - E. Zog has raised over \$3M in 15 years
 - F. Josh loves SSBRA and mentioned we are very professional and well trained
 - G. Josh considers referees part of Zog's field team – helps build community
 - H. Zog is always looking for field space
4. Cal South Training – Rick Rehm
 - A. Deliberate handling of the ball was examined
 - B. Natural v. Unnatural positioning
 - C. Promoting attacking football – Don't allow the defender to take away good opportunity from offensive player who did everything correctly
 - D. Consider "last ditch effort" as a reason to call handling



5. 7v7 policy on cancelled matches

- A. Discussion revolved around what SSBRA referees should do when their MB 7v7 match is cancelled.
- B. The membership voted affirmatively to institute a policy immediately that when a SSBRA has a game cancel and that referee is on-site at a location where there are more than one match at the same time, then the SSBRA referee should assist any other SSBRA referee by running a dual referee system.

6. SSBRA and SBPSL

- A. SSBRA won the contract for both the Open Division and the Division 40.
- B. The contract is a two year contract and the fees are \$150 per match – a 7% increase from previous season.
- C. Improvements in referee performance were a major reason in SSBRA winning the contact.

7. Galaxy Tournament

- A. 2017 had 223 teams and 2016 had 265 teams – about 20% fewer in 2017
- B. Discussion revolved around 50/50 split with Long Beach, the Board will work on this for next year as there were several performance issues with Long Beach.
- C. Regardless of the numbers, SSBRA only had 50% of its referees available to work

8. CSL

- A. All 7v7 matches will play with the build-out line; 9v9 and above will not
- B. 2006 and older can head the ball
- C. Introducing a referee app will hopefully do away with the requirement of mailing the match reports
- D. The Assignor meeting is next month and we will have more information then

9. DSL

- A. The Board has requested information and is waiting to hear from DSL

10. Board Items

- A. BA – financial assessment is completed and responded to. The assessment is 100% complete.
- B. MH - We are seeking a training and assessment director
- C. MH – Need help updating the SSBRA history file – last updated Feb. 2006

Meeting was adjourned