



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association
- Over 42 Years Serving the Soccer Community -

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Notes from the President

- The 2018-2019 membership year dues of \$100 are now payable on or before June 1. Dues are past-due on July 1. Members can bring their dues to the May meeting or pay on-line using the PayPal link on the SSBRA website. If you have a checked for referee fees of over \$100 coming from SSBRA, the SSBRA Treasure will deduct \$100 from these fees unless you have already paid or you tell the Treasure not to deduct the dues or you have already paid.
- All SSBRA Members interested in returning to SSBRA for the 2018-2019 season must submit an on-line [Returning Member Application](#) (RMA) by June 30. Like New Membership applications, the Board will review all applications for renewal. Access the RMA for the SSBRA website.
- As of May 2018 over 50% of SSBRA's active members have upgraded to USSF Grade 7 or higher. This demonstrates the membership's commitment to improving their referee skills and knowledge. Great job and let's keep this trend going!!!
- We continue to break records with every RPD! The May SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance had a record of 88 referees in attendance with 50 (or 75%) of them being SSBRA members. The exercise and training sessions continue to be top quality. The next PRD is on June 19th, if you have not attended an RPD, do yourself a favor and come out and see what you have been missing. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 RPDs per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
- The May General Membership Meeting is scheduled for the 29th. The Board looks forward to seeing you there.
- Starting at the May GMM, the Board would like to have an open discussion session at the meeting. There will be a 10 minute open discussion session at Tuesdays meeting, if you have something related to an issue, question, or situation that occurred in a match or on a pitch and you want to bring it up at the GMM, please send an email to Taidgh at training.director@SSBRA.org and we will select one or two topics to discuss at the meeting.
- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on June 26th at Tony's Pizza. Bylaws changes proposed in writing at the May meeting will be voted on and elections for the President, Secretary, and the Member-at-Large will also occur at the June AGM. The three incumbents will be running again in 2018. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, you need to send in your candidate statement to introduce yourself and your positions and your statement will be posted in the May Flag and Whistle.

April General Membership Meeting

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



**General Membership Meeting
North Torrance HS
24 April 2018**

- 1) The March GMM Minutes were approved by a majority vote by the membership.
- 2) Several new members introduced themselves and received a warm welcome from the current members.
- 3) Cal South Training
 - a. Instructor: James Dixon
 - b. Topic: "Bringing Awareness" dealing with situations that may get the referee assaulted.
- 4) SSBRA Business
 - a. Lawndale – If there are any issues at Lawndale work with the Lawndale Staff Members assigned to the fields. They wear green shirts with "STAFF" on the back...
 - b. National Cup has started. Adjust your Blocks.
- 5) The April SSBRA sponsored RPD in Torrance had a record of over 84 referees in attendance. More than 50% of the attendees were SSBRA members. The exercise and training sessions were top quality and the April RPD was the best RRD since SSBRA started sponsoring the RPDs. The next PRD is on May 18th, do yourself a favor and come out and see what you have been missing. Remember, you need to complete at least 3 per year to maintain a Grade 7 and 5 RPDs to upgrade to Grade 7.
- 6) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on June 26th. Location to be announced shortly. Bylaws changes proposed in writing at the May meeting will be voted on and elections for the President, Secretary, and the Member-at-Large will occur in June. The three incumbents will be running again in 2018. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, we will post your candidate statement to introduce yourselves and your positions on the issues and your ideas affecting SSBRA in the May Flag and Whistle.
- 7) All SSBRA Members interested in returning to SSBRA for the 2018-2019 season must submit a [Returning Member Application](#) (RMA) by June 30. The Board will review all applications for renewal.
- 8) Open discussion session – Due to length of the Cal South training, the Open discussion period was postponed to the May GMM.
- 9) Board Speaks
 - a. Bruce – Treasurer – Bruce explained that starting in the 2018-2019 membership year SSBRA dues will increase from \$75 per year to \$100 per year. Bruce explained that some of the reasons why the increase is needed is because of the increased costs of the NHS permits, increased insurance costs, and the need to fund more assessments. A short discussion followed with no objections from the membership.
 - b. Chris – MAL – Chris reminded everyone to complete and submit match reports as soon as possible.
 - c. Jay – Secretary - Absent
 - d. Gabriel – Assigning – Gabriel reminded everyone to keep their blocks updated and that he expects everyone to accept their assignments as soon as they receive them.
 - e. Steve – VP – Steve stated that he will be working the ranking process.
 - f. Taidgh - Training and Assessments
 - g. Michael – President - no additional comments.
- 10) The monthly raffle was held and the meeting adjourned.