



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the Soccer South Bay Referee Association
- Over 45 Years Serving the Soccer Community -

April 2019
PO Box 1613, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Editors: Jay Pignatello/ Michael Hinz
www.ssbra.org

President: Michael Hinz
Treasurer: Bruce Ashton
Training & Mentoring: Taidgh Simpson

Vice-President: Steve Morgan
Member-At-Large: Chris Nevil

Referee Coach: Taidgh Simpson
Secretary: Jay Pignatello
Assignor: Gabriel Goldsman

Notes from the President

1. It's hard to believe but we are about to complete another membership year - but if you look up you will see that the 2019-2020 membership year starts in just a few weeks on July 1st. There are several actions every member needs to complete in order to be ready for the new membership year;
 - a. All Returning Members must submit an on-line "Returning Member Application" (RMA) form by June 30th.
 1. A link to the form is on the "Association" page on the SSBRA website.
 - b. The 2019-2020 dues of \$100 are due June 1st and become past due on June 30th.
 1. You can bring your dues to the May 28th GMM or pay via the PayPal link on the SSBRA website. There is also a link to pay your dues when you finish your RMA.
 2. You can also utilize your referee fees which are payable to you by SSBRA for **any match refereed before June 30th** to cover your dues.
 - i) If you do not want the Treasure to withhold your 2019-2020 dues from your check for your referee fees you must notify the Treasure by email.
 - c. Only members who have paid their dues by June 30th are eligible to receive assignments as of July 1st.
 - d. As we do every year, we will be resetting the assignment history in Arbiter for the start of the new membership year. This is early notice that if you want to keep a history of your assignments you need to do that before the system is reset.
2. The 2019 AGM will be held on June 25th.
 - a. Please review the SSBRA ByLaws and Guidelines as the AGM provides an opportunity to vote on changes to the ByLaws.
 - b. ByLaws changes need to be brought to the May General Membership Meeting in writing so they can be reviewed with the membership at the May meeting.
 - c. Per the ByLaws, the VP and Treasurer Board positions are up for nominations.
 - d. As explained at the April GMM, do to personal issues the Secretary position is also up for nomination.
 - e. Nominations for all three positions will be opened at the May GMM.
 1. Both Steve and Bruce have indicated that they are available to continue in their current positions.



3. Cal South asked all referees to bring a copy of the Cal South SUPPLEMENTAL REFEREE REPORT and the related (and new) Description Considerations for use during the May Cal South In-Service Training class which occurs during the May GMM. To help our Members, the SSBRA Board has combined these two documents together and provided a link to the report and Considerations for SSBRA member's use on the "Monthly Meetings" page on the SSBRA website within the May meeting information. Or you can just click on the following link [Supplemental Report](#). The Description Considerations have also been added to the Cal South Supplemental Referee Report which can be accessed from many different locations on the SSBRA Website.
4. SSBRA will be covering the recently released changes to the FIFA LOTG which will take effect on June 1st 2019 at the May GMM. Please review the changes, and bring your questions to the meeting.
5. The May Torrance RPD is on the 21st. The Torrance RPD hosted by SSBRA has had the largest attendance for any RPD for two months in a row. Both the March and April RPDs had 91 referees in attendance with about half of the referees in attendance being SSBRA members. Come out on the 21st and help us try to break that record.
6. As discussed at the April GMM, SSBRA is being asked to assign more fields at tournaments than we have Referees available to cover so we are having turn back fields and accept less work. If more SSBRA members provide availability for these tournaments, we can accept more work for everyone.

The May GMM is on the 28th in the North High School Library. Please make sure you attend and bring the Cal South Supplemental Referee Report with you. There are lots of things going on within SSBRA and attending the meeting is the best way to stay current.

The draft minutes for the April General Membership Meeting can be found below.



SSBRA Membership Meeting Minutes

April 30, 2019 7:30 PM - North HS Library

Board members present: Michael Hinz, Steve Morgan, Gabriel Goldsman, Bruce Ashton, & Taidgh Simpson (Absent: Chris Nevil, Jay Pignatello).

Since the Secretary was not in attendance the VP, Steve Morgan volunteered to record the minutes.

- Meeting called to order 7:30 pm
- March minutes approved - Motioned by Annon and seconded by Resnick
- 4 new/returning members
 - Sergio Perez,
 - Eliz Kapoor,
 - Herb Countee
 - Rafael N?
- Cal South training conducted by Wayne Merrick topic "Kicks from Penalty Mark"
- Michael informed the membership that Jay Pignatello will be stepping down as Secretary due to personal issues.
- Mike discussed the new SafeSport Training an additional Cal South USSF requirement. Needs to be complete by 9/1/19
- Membership informed that Cal South has asked all referees to bring a copy of the Cal South SUPPLEMENTAL REFEREE REPORT and the related (and new) Description Considerations for use during the May Cal South In-Service Training class.
- Touched on new FIFA/IFAB law changes, which will be part of Cal South future Monthly training topics
- Talked about a new SSBRA client - Learn 4Life 7v7 client
- RPD session at North had 91 attendees. Largest RPD attendance with ~50 being SSBRA members.
- Discussion regarding AGM scheduled for June, to be held at Tony's on Aviation
 - VP and Treasurer positions open for nominations
 - Steve Morgan and Bruce Ashton both agreed to return
 - Secretary position is also open for nominations



- Nominations will happen at the May GMM
- Proposed by law changes are due in writing at the May GMM
- A discussion regarding the SCDSL substitution rules – Michael reminded the membership that SCDSL has specific rules on substitutions including when the subs can occur and how many re-entries are allowed per half. Michael reminded the membership that these substitution/reentry rules differ between the different divisions (Age groups) and it is the responsibility for the Referee to understand the substitutions rules and the re-entry rules. Michael then reminded the membership that SCDSL holds the Coaches/Managers responsible to follow the re-entry rules as they can be very hard to track in the upper level matches. With that said, Michael told the membership that if an obvious re-entry rule violation is observed by the any member of the Referee team, the coach should be informed of the violation so the coach has an opportunity to fix she/his error.
- Tournament discussion
 - SSBRA is being offered more fields that we can cover
 - Key is for blocks to be updated including mileage
 - List posted on Arbiter main page, will update as info becomes available
 - 18/19 May Legends Classic Silverlakes
 - Contact Gabriel if you would like to be considered
- Financial assessment should be published by May GMM

Next Meeting: May 28, 2019, 7:30 PM, North High Library.