



The Flag and Whistle
Newsletter of the South Bay Soccer Referee Association
Serving the Soccer Community since 1976



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Notes from the Board

You will notice a small change in the design of our newsletter. We hope you all like it. Please let us know if you have suggestions for any other changes.

Thank you to all of those who attended our recent AGM. It was an historic one in many ways. It was the first AGM held remotely and first electronic vote for board members. We are thankful to Rick Roberts, our webmaster, Dave Martin and Scott Jarus for administering the vote in as transparent a manner as possible and for quickly processing and communicating the results of the election.

The election resulted in each of the following being elected to two year terms:

President: Jonny Joseph
Secretary: Jack Desemone
Member-at-Large: Tim Martinez

Thank you to the other candidates who also ran for these positions.

We also wish to place on record our sincere appreciation to Michael Hinz. Michael was president of the Association from July 2014 through June 2020. During this time, his dedication and hard work paid off for the benefit of our members, as much was accomplished, and the Association made great strides. Many thanks Michael!

At the AGM, some members expressed surprise that they were unable to vote as they were not Members in Good Standing, based on the required meeting attendance. On a monthly basis, please check that your attendance has been recorded at every meeting at <https://sbsra.org/association/members/>. It is important that you use a recognizable name/ID when attending our Zoom meetings. Three or four attendees could not be credited for attending the AGM for this reason. If you did not get credit, please let me or Jack know the Zoom identity you used.

As previously communicated, Cal South has three certification requirements for referees to be included in the Registered Officials List (ROL), effective July 1, 2020:

- 1) Annual SafeSport Refresher Training
- 2) Concussion Training
- 3) Sudden Cardiac Arrest Training

Subsequent to that date, Cal South has split the 2020 ROL into two parts – “Registered Officials List” and “Removed ROL.” Please check to see which list you are on and take care of any missing certifications, if any, so that you will be good to go as soon as we resume activity.

Board of Directors

President: Jonny Joseph
Treasurer: Bruce Ashton

Vice-President: Steve Morgan
Member-At-Large: Tim Martinez
Training & Instruction: Taidgh Simpson

Secretary: Jack Desemone
Assignor: Gabriel Goldsman



Please refer to the SBSRA website at <https://sbsra.org/training/> for further details of each certification needed.

We are continuing to observe the updates published and shared with us by the various leagues we serve. At this time, we are able to provide the following information:

- Coast Soccer League (CSL) – CSL has over 2,400 teams signed up for the fall season. CIF has already announced that the start of its school sports programs will be delayed. Accordingly, CSL is contemplating an extended season for its high school age teams. With a number of weeks before the scheduled start of the CSL season, CSL is continuing the planning process for a projected start date of October 3rd, but is ready to adjust the schedule if needed.
- South Bay Peninsula Soccer League – The league has a tentative restart date of September 13, 2020. They have submitted field permit applications and will advise as soon as their plans firm up.

Cal South has been sending updates on its plans for a return to us all. Please take a few minutes to read their communications as they are received so you can stay informed.

As we obtain more information on the resumption of soccer, we will inform the membership of the timing and amount of the 2020-2021 Annual Membership Dues, which were payable by June 30. For now, please hold off on making any payments or submitting your Returning Membership Applications.

Your newly constituted Board had its first meeting on July 9th to discuss its plans for the future in this uncertain Covid-19 time and beyond. The discussion focused on our key attributes and opportunities for growth for the Association and us as individual members. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you soon and encourage everyone to participate in this process.

For our next General Membership Meeting (GMM), we will have one of our own members, Jorge Reyes, leading a discussion on the latest Cal South training “Assistant Referee Responsibilities,” which he recorded for Cal South. Please ensure you have watched the video and completed the post quiz before the meeting:

- For the YouTube training – Please go to <https://calsouth.cmail19.com/t/j-l-qhufk-tintkhthy-u/>
- For the post quiz – Please go to <https://calsouth.cmail19.com/t/j-l-qhufk-tintkhthy-o/>
- To review the Laws of the Game – Please go to <https://calsouth.cmail19.com/t/j-l-qhufk-tintkhthy-b/>

We look forward to seeing you then!

GMM and AGM Minutes Approval

The draft May GMM minutes and AGM minutes are included below and will be presented for approval at the GMM next week on July 28, 2020.



SBSRA General Membership Meeting Minutes May 26, 2020

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Hinz (President), Steve Morgan (Vice-President), Jonny Joseph (Secretary), Bruce Ashton (Treasurer), Chris Nevil (Member-At-Large, Gabriel Goldsman (Assignor)

1. The meeting was held online utilizing Zoom and was called to order at 7:36pm.
2. Approval of January 2020 GMM minutes – moved by Rick Roberts, seconded by Veto Galati, approved unanimously.
3. Approval of February 2020 GMM minutes – moved by Rick Roberts, seconded by Scott Jarus, approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer’s Report for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020 was given by Bruce Ashton with the Balance Sheet and Income Statement displayed for the members to see the account balances and follow the presentation.
5. Cal South
 - a) In Service Trainings - reminder that there are two trainings provided by Cal South, which can be found on their website. Online training will continue until in-person meetings resume.
 - b) Certification Requirements reminder – The SafeSport Refresher must be completed anytime now but cannot be uploaded onto the Cal South website until June 1. Also Concussion Training and Cardiac Arrest training must be taken to be on the Cal South ROL. A discussion followed regarding the completion of the Cal South requirements for SBSRA referees to be able to be active once soccer resumes.
6. So Cal Status and News from Other Leagues – no notices or advanced information on when they may restart have been received but as many may have heard, professional soccer and other organized sports are getting ready to resume training.
7. Annual General Meeting
 - a) The 2020 AGM in June will be held as a Zoom meeting unless it is possible to have an in-person meeting.
 - b) Electronic Voting the Association will utilize a platform to be selected by the Board. For members to be able to vote, as provided by the Association’s bylaws, they must be,
 1. in Good Standing, and
 2. present in the Zoom Meeting.

Voting will be completed and results announced during the meeting.

A question was asked if an outdoor meeting could be held. Michael Hinz replied that it was not possible at this time but it would be considered, if possible, closer to the time of the AGM. Discussion of the various components of electronic voting took place. Michael Hinz noted that the Board had lowered the requirements for the number of General Membership Meetings to be



attended to be a Member in Good Standing. The bylaws provide for a minimum of five meetings to be attended to be a Member in Good Standing. As there are ten meetings available for this purpose per year, this is effectively a 50% attendance requirement. As the March and April General Membership Meetings were not held due to the state's Shelter-in-Place order, we had eight eligible meetings. In the spirit of the bylaw requirement for 50% attendance, the Board decided that it would be appropriate and fair to lower the requirement to attendance at four General Membership Meetings.

8. Board Position Nominations:

Michael Hinz announced that Chris Nevil and Jonny Joseph have decided not to be candidates for reelection to their current positions and he thanked them for all the help they provided to both the Board and the Association as a whole.

Michael Hinz called for nominations for the three open board positions:

- a) President – Michael Hinz announced he is available to be reelected and was nominated by Tim Martinez, Seconded by Scott Jarus, Warren Howell nominated Jonny Joseph, seconded by Bruce Ashton,
- b) Secretary – Michael Hinz nominated Jack Desemone, seconded by Tony Calandra,
- c) Member at Large – Michael Hinz nominated Tim Martinez, seconded by David Serrano, Michael Hinz nominated Wayne Nowak, seconded by Jack Desemone, Bruce Ashton nominated Warren Howell, seconded by Veto Galati. Subsequent to the meeting, Wayne Nowak withdrew his candidacy.

Nominations closed. Candidates will be asked to provide candidates statements for the June Flag & Whistle.

A question was raised whether additional nominations could be made before the election takes place. Michael Hinz stated that the Association's Guidelines provide "Candidates may be nominated during the May or June general membership meetings." It was stated that the bylaws were silent in this regard and that the nomination process should be addressed as part of the bylaw review process.

9. Proposed Bylaws Amendments and discussions.

Michael Hinz informed the membership that at his request as President, a Bylaws Committee had been formed to perform a comprehensive review of the bylaws. Partly as a result of that, 26 proposed bylaw changes (18 from the Committee and 8 from the President) had been received for presentation to the membership at this meeting.

Given the large number of proposed changes, the President had suggested that all proposed changes, both from the President and the Committee, be postponed until the Committee considers and consolidates all proposed changes to the Bylaws. The board and the Bylaws Committee agreed that more time was needed to properly examine the rewrites before presentation to the Membership. The completed revised Bylaws would then be reviewed by the Board so they could provide comments or edits back to the committee.



This was agreed to by the members of the Committee, providing that the details of the process be shared with the membership at the May GMM. Michael communicated that the Bylaws Committee was made up of seasoned SBSRA members, who have extensive experience writing or amending many other bylaws. He also explained that the Committee had spent hours and hours working on their own and as a group in person and via teleconference.

In addition, the Board is considering requesting this committee to perform a similar review of the guidelines to ensure consistency between the two documents. A focus of the reviews is to revise each document to meet their respective purposes - bylaws that provide for proper governance, rather than day to day operations which belong in the Guidelines. The board is hopeful that the revised Bylaws can be presented to the membership in time for the Membership to vote on the proposed changes at the next opportunity provided by the Bylaws. The next possibility permitted by the Bylaws is the October General Membership Meeting.

If any member wants more information or has any questions regarding the Bylaws Committee or their review, they can contact any of the members of the committee – Kiku Annon, Sue Pascoe, Steve Resnick, Chris Nevil or Jonny Joseph.

Warren Howell made a motion for the comprehensive review of Bylaws and Guidelines to ensure compatibility and for the results of the review to be presented at the next possible meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Ashton.

Veto Galati stated that the Bylaws only provides for changes to be made in the October and February General Membership Meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

Craig Collar made a motion to change the bylaws to permit the proposed Bylaws changes to be presented and voted on by the membership sooner. Jonny Joseph raised a point of order that any proposed bylaw changes have to be made in writing.

Kiku Annon, a member of the Bylaws Committee, stated that extensive changes have been identified, that considerable time is needed to complete the review as proposed and thus an October timeframe for consideration of the changes by the membership appears reasonable. Following further discussion, Warren retracted his proposal.

10. The meeting concluded at 8:28 pm.



SBSRA Annual General Meeting Minutes June 30, 2020 Via Zoom Conference

Board Members in Attendance: Michael Hinz (President), Steve Morgan (Vice-President), Bruce Ashton (Treasurer), Chris Nevil (Member-At-Large), Gabriel Goldsman (Assignor), Taidgh Simpson (Training Director)

1. Meeting Called to Order - 7:07 pm.
2. MH announced an attendance of 65 members, which constituted a quorum as provided for by the Association's bylaws, being at least of 25% of all members, including honorary members.
3. MH invited the membership to nominate additional candidates for Board position elections, as provided for by the Association's bylaws. With no additional nominations received, Scott Jarus made a motion that nominations for additional candidates be close, Bill Yee seconded, and the motion was agreed to by acclimation of the membership.
4. Update on the status and outlook for soccer in our part of the world in the near future. MH stated that the Association has been keeping its members up to date on the state of soccer as provided by CalSouth and other sources and will continue to do so as things change. SM noted amongst other things we will be dependent on the schools for fields.

JJ noted that he had received an inquiry regarding the appropriate dues amount to be paid. As he had responded, SSBRA membership dues for the 2020/2021 membership year, typically payable by June 30 of each year, are currently suspended until closer to such time when we anticipate that our refereeing activities may resume. MH reminded the membership of certifications required by CalSouth, before each of us will be certified to referee (be included on CalSouth's Registered Official's List) after July 1, 2020, which include:

- SafeSport <https://shrtm.nu/lfiH>
 - Concussion Training <https://shrtm.nu/ugal>
 - Cardiac Arrest Training <https://shrtm.nu/7EQD>
5. Vote for Board Positions - SM provided an introduction to the voting process, Board Candidates were invited to introduce themselves and presentations were made by Warren Howell (Member-at-Large), Jack Desemone (Secretary), Jonny Joseph (President), Michael Hinz (President, Incumbent), Tim Martinez (Member-at-Large).

Rick Roberts began a roll call of all Members in Good Standing. During this process, a question was asked how Members in Good Standing were determined. JJ explained that this had been discussed at the May General Membership Meeting and in the June Flag & Whistle. JJ further explained that due to the CoronaVirus situation, the Association had not held General Membership Meetings in March and April of this year. This had reduced the number of meetings from ten in normal years to eight this year. In the spirit of the bylaws, which required the attendance at five meetings each membership year (50% of the available meetings), the requirement was lowered to four meetings.

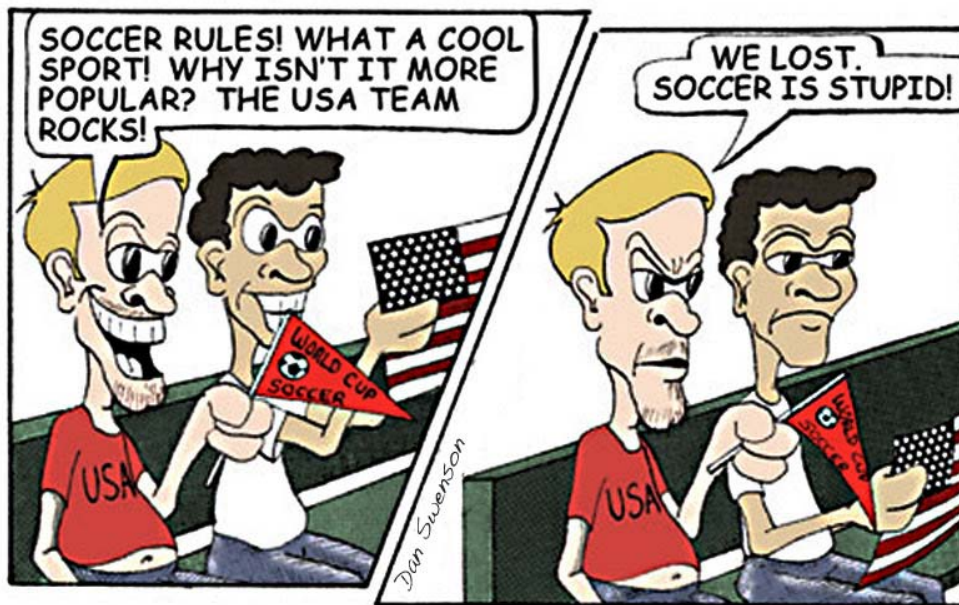


Following completion of the roll call, an Internet link and an access code was provided for the Members in Good Standing to vote for the Board candidates and SM announced that the vote was now open. After Rick Roberts announced that all votes had been received, Bill Yee made a motion to close the voting. David Serrano seconded the motion and Rick Roberts declared the vote was closed.

6. Assignor Remarks - GG provided additional information regarding CalSouth's announcements about the status of soccer in our region. He stated that additional online training had been produced by CalSouth, which can be located on CalSouth's YouTube channel. Rick Roberts stated that he would provide links to these trainings as well as the CalSouth certification requirements on the SBSRA website.
7. CN announced the results of the voting:
 - Secretary - Jack Desemone was unopposed,
 - Member-at-Large - Tim Martinez was elected,
 - President - Jonny Joseph was elected.
8. MH congratulated the winners and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Warren's Howlers

And now for something completely different (Thank you Monty!):



Seriously...

DANGER! DANGER!! DANGER Will Robinson!!! (Excerpted from Referee Magazine)

USSF referee **Damir Clum** has been named as a defendant in a lawsuit relative to a player who was assaulted during an adult league soccer game in Queens County, N.Y.

Plaintiff **Jason Hickey** alleges Clum failed to inspect the passes and roster of the Oyster Bay Park team and allowed an unregistered/illegal player to play in a game. During the game the illegal player violently assaulted and committed battery by kicking Hickey in the face during the game. Hickey sustained serious injuries including multiple facial fractures.

Hickey is seeking \$20 million in damages for the assault and battery as well as additional punitive damages with the **referee**, the league and USSF named as **defendants**.

MORAL OF THE STORY – Follow league requirements and your training!

“**Danger, Will Robinson!**” – was a phrase uttered by [Robot B9](#) from the TV series “[Lost in Space](#)”. Used now as a catchphrase to warn someone that [s/he](#) is about to do something really stupid and/or downright dangerous.



Now let's have a bit of a larf.....

I Hate it When that Happens!

In Denmark, local side Ebeltoft was robbed of a deserved draw when playing Norager in the domestic competition. Norager were leading 4-3 with seconds remaining when Ebeltoft went on the attack. As they pressed forward, referee **Henning Erikstrup** went to blow the final whistle. Only problem was that his false teeth fell out as he pursed his lips - meaning that no noise came out and play continued as normal. Ebeltoft scored to make it 4-4 by the time that Erikstrup found his false teeth.

This Sound Familiar?

A medical professor had just finished a lecture on the subject of mental health and started to give an oral quiz to the first year students. Speaking specifically about manic depression, the senior doctor asked, 'How would you diagnose a patient who walks back and forth screaming at the top of his lungs one minute, then sits in a chair weeping uncontrollably the next?' A young man in the rear of the room raised his hand and answered, "A Premier League football coach?"

In England, Everyone Has to Have a Job

A primary teacher starts a new job at a school in West Hampshire and, trying to make a good impression on her first day, explains to her class that she is a Southampton fan. She asks her students to raise their hands if they are Saints (Southampton's nickname) fans also. Everyone in the class raises their hand except one little girl. The teacher looks at the girl with surprise and says: "Mary, why didn't you raise your hand?" "Because I'm not a Southampton fan," she replied.

The teacher, still shocked, asked: "Well if you're not a Saints fan, then who are you a fan of?" "I'm a Portsmouth (arch enemies of Southampton) fan, and proud of it," Mary replied. The teacher could not believe her ears. "Mary, why, pray tell, are you a Pompey (Portsmouth's nickname) fan?" "Because my mum and dad are from Portsmouth, and my mum is a Pompey fan and my dad is a Pompey fan, so I'm a Pompey fan too!" "Well," said the teacher, in an obviously annoyed tone, "that's no reason for you to be a Portsmouth fan. You don't have to be just like your parents all the time. What if your mum was a prostitute and your dad was a drug dealer and car thief, what would you be then?"

"Then," Mary smiled, "I'd be a Southampton fan."

----- **Keep Smiling** -----