



# SBYL Board Meeting Minutes January 2026

**Date:** January 29, 2026  
**Time:** 8:00pm  
**Location:** Teams Virtual Call

## 1) Roll Call/Attendees

	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Title:</b>
1	Dolan Simmons	President
2	Michael Vacca	Vice President
3	Laura Mooney	Treasurer
4	Kenyon Murphy	Secretary
5	Britney West	Schedule Coordinator
6	Jackie Lagasse	Uniform Coordinator
7	Paul Lagasse	Equipment Coordinator
8	Brian Dawson	Registrar

## 2) Reading of the Minutes of proceeding meeting

- a) Motion to waive the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting – Dolan Simmons
- b) Motion unanimously approved by the board members present.

## 3) Treasures Report

- a) Laura Mooney provided an overview of league financials.
  - Approximately \$12k received from registrations in the past month.
  - Approximately \$4,280 received in donations.
  - Current general account balance is around \$76,902; an increase of about \$16k since the last meeting.
  - Year-over-year comparison:
    - At this time last year: approx. \$60,000
    - +\$17,000 increase year-over-year

## 4) Reports of the Directors and Officers

- a) **Equipment Coordinator – Paul Lagasse**
  - Helmets recently returned from re-certification.
  - Discussion on equipment loan program:
    - Historically focused on U8 Players
    - Concerns raised regarding limited quantities of U12/U14–sized pads.
  - Board agreed:
    - Expand equipment program to older age groups as needed.
    - Additional totes and storage containers approved for equipment storage.



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- Inventory to be completed after registration closes.
- Equipment borrow program currently has 11 sign-ups, more expected.
- Helmets:
  - 18–19 refurbished helmets total (including goalie helmets).
  - Approximately 10–12 available for field players.
  - Budget already includes funds for 5+ additional helmets.
- Stonington Rec will split Gilman goal purchase again (saves ~\$1,800 to SBYL).

### **b) Uniform Coordinator – Jackie Lagasse**

- Uniform orders must be submitted by second week of February.
- Expected delivery: early April, pre-season opening.
- Team store:
  - Will reopen once Savage provides preview link.
  - Will include Nike, Port & Company, and other options.
  - 5% markup for fundraising (same as last year).
  - Possible addition of long sideline jackets and other items.
- Handling ongoing uniform size change requests.
- League has 10 SBYL T-shirts available for coaches or special recognition volunteers.

### **c) Schedule Coordinator – Brittany West**

- Most towns expect one team per age division, except Ticks.
- Scheduling dependent on other towns' registration closures.
- Will supplement regular schedule with:
  - Westerly, Colchester, Guilford, Clinton, Madison, HK, and others as needed.
- Tournament updates:
  - East Lyme Sixes Jamboree – March 28<sup>th</sup>
    - Early season event, 6v6 format, non-playoff.
    - Board open to funding depending on final cost.
  - Mix of Stix (Girls) – awaiting details
  - Chap/Graham & Southington – both on May 16
  - CONNY – May 30–31
  - Falcon Fest – June 6<sup>th</sup> Girls, June 7<sup>th</sup> Boys
- Ref updates:
  - Junior ref training dates set for boys and girls.
  - All returning refs (except one) expected back; many return mid-May from college.
  - Working toward automatic CONNY assignment for U12/U14 girls games similar to Boys.
  - Ref trainee program: U8 games to be officiated by 8th-grade trainees with adult support; \$20/game stipend.
- Coaching:
  - All divisions covered except U10 Girls, where reliable assistants are needed.
- U10 has 27–28 players, requiring two teams and additional support.



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### d) Registrations Update – Dolan Simmons

- 159 registrations to date (ahead of last year's 138 at same time).
  - Expecting more before late-fee deadline.
  - Instructional program remains open later; not subject to late fees.
- Team number concerns:
  - U14 Girls (currently 7 players) and U12 Girls (lower than last year) may require:
  - More aggressive outreach to last year's players/parents to get status and remind them of open registration.
  - Possible co-op discussions with nearby towns
  - Board agreed U12 and U14 should not be combined due to age/skill gap.
- Out of Town Player Request
  - An out-of-town resident owning property and paying taxes in Stonington requested to play for SBYL.
  - Family plays all Stonington sports; attends school with no lacrosse program.
  - Board discussion:
  - Confirmed no USA Lacrosse rule prohibits accepting him.
  - Board unanimously approved allowing the player this season.

### e) Sponsorships – Dolan Simmons

- \$8,380 received to date (goal was \$7,000 — exceeded).
- Additional ~\$1,200 expected.
- 7 uniform sponsors already confirmed.
- Board unanimously approved adding Storage Place as an 8th uniform sponsor due to their donated storage facility.
- logo/banners in progress.

## 5) Old Business:

- a) No major old business items discussed beyond previous budget considerations and equipment needs.
- b) Practice pinnie funding and sponsorship options remain under review.

## 6) New Business:

- a) Registration deadlines updated:
  - Late fee begins January 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Hard registration close: February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026
  - Uniform order submission: February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- b) Next Board Meeting: February 26, 2026 (Teams Call) – final Thursday of the month.

## 7) Adjournment

We adjourned at about 8:59 pm.