



SBYL Board Meeting Minutes December 2025

Date: December 19, 2025
Time: 8:00pm
Location: Teams Virtual Call

1) Roll Call/Attendees

	Name:	Title:
1	Dolan Simmons	President
2	Michael Vacca	Vice President
3	Laura Mooney	Treasurer
4	Britney West	Schedule Coordinator
5	Jackie Lagasse	Uniform Coordinator
6	Paul Lagasse	Equipment Coordinator

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 \$2,700 received from registrations in the past month.
 - Approximately \$1,700 received in donations.
 - Current general account balance is around \$60,600, an increase of about \$4,500 since the last meeting.

4) Reports of the Directors and Officers

a) **Equipment Coordinator – Paul Lagasse**

- One parent inquired about custom gold helmets; low interest overall (2–3 players).
- Last year’s custom helmet survey had minimal response and barely met minimum order quantities.
- Equipment loan program: only one confirmed borrower (U14 goalie).
- Dolan will send a reminder email regarding both registrations and the equipment loan program.

b) **Uniform Coordinator – Jackie Lagasse**

- Winter store orders have shipped; families should receive items shortly.
- Savage quoted \$18 each for reversible practice pinnies.
- Paul explored alternate vendors but any logo addition increased costs above \$18.



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- Spreadsheet will be updated to reflect the confirmed \$18 pricing; final decision to proceed depends on registrations and budget as spring approaches.

c) Schedule Coordinator – Brittany West

- Discussions with other towns about adopting a soccer-style weekly scheduling model (each week designated vs. specific towns).
- Towns prefer scheduling closer opponents midweek and farther opponents on weekends.
- April fields are typically not ready locally; many early-season away games expected.
- “Mix of Stix” festival in Montville (late April) may be an option for girls’ teams this season depending on coach interest and availability.
- Typical spring tournament timing:
 - Mix of Stix – late April
 - Colchester – early May
 - Southington – mid-May
 - CONNY – late May
 - Falcon Fest – second weekend of June
- Additional tournaments exist further west; potential opportunities for some teams.
- Will solidify schedules once coaching assignments and team counts are confirmed (mid-to-late January).

d) Registrations Update – Dolan Simmons

- 74 total registrations to date (ahead of last year’s 48 at the same time).
- 7 new players included in current total.
- Registration activity has slowed (normal for pre-holiday period); expected to increase immediately after New Year.
- DJ will send reminders regarding registration deadlines and equipment loan opportunities.

e) Sponsorships – Dolan Simmons

- Two additional sponsor checks were received.
- Roughly **\$3,000** outstanding from prior-year sponsors contacted but not yet renewed.
- **\$2,400** pledged from current potential sponsors but not yet collected.
- Three additional sponsors expressed interest.
- A local bank requested to donate in the new year when its annual budget is reset.
- Currently received total: **approximately \$4,100** toward the **\$7,000 goal**.
- EB requested sponsorship information; Laura will follow up.

f) CONNY Updates

- Discussion regarding conference realignment:
 - Renaming of divisions (Premier, American, National) from prior D1/D2 model.



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- Eastern region still includes Stonington and surrounding towns.
- Scoring entry remains challenging for leagues using Crossbar vs. SportsEngine; manual entry is often required.
- Score reporting impacts tournament seeding; emphasis on ensuring accurate and timely entries.

g) Local Tournament Concept

- DJ and Paul discussed exploring a **local end-of-season tournament** among the 6–7 southeastern CT regional programs.
- Idea will be raised at upcoming regional president's meeting; potential pilot year if interest exists.

h) Coaching Updates

- **U12 Girls:** James Eppinger (returning helper) will serve as head coach; will need additional support.
- **U14 Girls:** No head coach yet; one parent volunteer available as an assistant.
- Dolan may begin season coaching U14 if necessary; may coordinate practice days with U12 to share field and coaching resources.
- Sofia is available to support when home from college.
- Board discussed coach outreach strategy:
 - First target **U14 parents directly** for volunteers
 - Post to social media only if needed
 - Reinforce that coaching experience is not required; training and materials available

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) Review of upcoming registration deadlines:
 - January 31: Late fee applies after this date
 - February 21: Registration closes
 - February 28: Uniform order deadline
- b) Next board meeting scheduled for January 29th (Teams Call).

7) Adjournment

We adjourned at about 8:36 pm.