SBYL Board Meeting Minutes
September 2026

Date:	Thursday September 24, 2026
Time:	8:00pm
Location:	Teams Virtual Call

1) Roll Call/Attendees

	Name:	Title:
1	Dolan Simmons	President
2	Paul Lagasse	Equipment Coordinator
3	Jackie Lagasse	Uniform Coordinator
4	Mike Nix	Coach / Parent Volunteer

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) Dolan provided, on behalf of Laura, an overview of league financials.
- Current checking account balance: $62,106; approximately $14,000 higher than the same point last year.
- Significant recent expenses:
  - Approximately $3,780 for Fall Box Lacrosse Uniforms
- Significant recent registration income exceeded $1,800 during the previous month.
- Additional upcoming expenses:
  - Nothing in October
  - November: Groton Parks & Rec. Rink Fee of about $3,000
- Additional upcoming revenue:
  - Continued registrations for Fall Box programs.

4) Reports of the Directors and Officers

a) Uniform Coordinator – Jackie Lagasse

- Winter team store is currently being prepared and is expected to open in mid-October.
  - Store will remain open approximately 3-4 weeks to allow for holiday delivery.
- Discussion held regarding future uniform designs.
  - Board agreed it is important to maintain traditional Stonington colors and branding.
- Potential updates discussed:
  - New shooting shirt designs.
  - Home and away shorts options.

- Future bulk helmet orders for gold helmets.
- Jackie will continue developing design concepts for future board review.

b) Equipment Coordinator – No formal report provided

- Winter helmet recertification planning will begin following football season.
  - Inventory review identified several helmets currently unaccounted for. Follow up will continue with players and coaches regarding outstanding equipment.
  - Board discussed ensuring all loaned helmets are returned by November to allow for recertification.
- Portable pop-up goals were discussed as a potential equipment purchase for indoor training and future field flexibility.
- Existing Gilman goals remain stored at SHS facilities garage. Goal nets have been removed, cleaned, and placed into league storage.
- Coaches' equipment bags replacement options with heavier-duty construction will be researched.
- Paul will develop an equipment budget and Wishlist for consideration during spring season planning.

c) Registrations

- Total Fall Box registrations currently approximately 127 participants (92 Youth / 35 Adult). Registrations remain open.
- Spring Registration Planning
  - Board discussed timeline for opening Spring 2027 registration.
  - Review of prior season registration timing indicates registration opened near the beginning of November.
  - Registration fees and budget considerations will be reviewed during the October meeting.

d) Schedule Coordinator

- Brittany reported no scheduling or officiating concerns at this time.

5) Old Business:

a) Equipment Loan Program

- Board continued discussion concerning the future of the equipment assistance program.
- Discussion topics included:
  - Reducing barriers to participation for new families.
  - Possibility of providing entry-level equipment to new players rather than maintaining a loan-and-return process.
  - Long-term sustainability of a free equipment model.
  - Potential pilot program focused on U8 players.
  - Budget impacts and anticipated registration growth.

  - Equipment tracking and return challenges currently faced by volunteers.
- No action was taken. Further financial analysis and budget review will occur before any proposal is presented for a vote.

b) League Growth and Development

- Board members discussed:
  - Continued growth of Stonington Lacrosse participation.
  - Balancing house league development with travel opportunities.
  - Supporting neighboring league programs while continuing local growth.
  - Maintaining adequate playing time for all participants.
  - Long-term program planning as registration numbers increase.
- No formal action was taken.

6) New Business:

a) Communication Platform

- Board discussed adding a text-message communication platform.
- Text messaging would be used for:
  - Registration reminders.
  - Equipment return notices.
  - Team store announcements.
  - League updates and deadlines.
- Members agreed text communication would improve outreach compared to email-only communications.
- Costs will be considered during budget development. Board Planning and Upcoming Season Preparation

b) Volunteer and Board Recruitment

- Discussion was held regarding recruitment of additional volunteers.
- Focus placed on identifying parents interested in helping specific program areas without requiring full board commitment.
- Additional volunteer opportunities may be included in future registration and communication materials.

c) Annual Board Elections

- October meeting will include annual board nominations and elections.
- Current Vice President position is expected to become vacant.
- Discussion held regarding potential interest from existing volunteers and coaches.

7) Adjournment

- Next Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 22, 2026 to accommodate

upcoming holiday schedules.

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:10 PM.