

August 2025 SBYL Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 26, 2025
Time: 8:00pm
Location: Google Meet – Video Conference Call

1) Roll Call/Attendees

	Name:	Title:
1	Dolan Simmons	President
2	Laura Mooney	Treasurer
3	Britney West	Schedule Coordinator
4	Brian Dawson	Registrar

2) Reading of the Minutes of proceeding meeting

- a) Treasurers Report
- b) Equipment Coordinator Report: Equipment Collection and preliminary equipment budget for next year.
- c) Uniform Coordinator Report: Summer league Jerseys invoice.
- d) Marketing/Sponsorships: Sponsor Plaques.
- e) Schedule Coordinator Report: Briefly discussed Referees for 2026. We will be losing a few youth refs who will be attending college next spring.
Winter clinics: WWIS is booked for winter already.
- f) Registrations: Summer leagues ending, possible men's fall league.
- g) Miscellaneous Discussions:
- h) Google Drive to Microsoft (MS) Teams.
- i) League Policies, Procedures, and Documents.
- j) Parent Surveys: Dolan will be providing survey results to any head coaches who requested the results.
- k) We adjourned at approximately 8:47

3) Treasures Report

- a) Laura Mooney (T) provided an overview of the league's financials. The general account currently holds just under \$50,000. An outstanding invoice of approximately \$3,000 is due for summer league jerseys. There are no other significant upcoming revenues, registrations, or liabilities at this time.

4) Reports of the Directors and Officers

- a) Equipment Coordinator: Dolan will reach out to Paul for an update on:
 - Collection of player-loaned equipment
 - Off-season goal collection
 - Inventory review to help prepare next season's budget
- b) Uniform Coordinator: There are no pending uniform-related actions at this time.

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c) Schedule Coordinator:

i) Referee Planning for 2026:

There was a brief discussion about referee planning for the 2026 season.

- Dolan will contact local high school coaches to explore interest in players becoming certified referees this spring.
- We also discussed engaging U14 players as potential referees-in-training, particularly for officiating U8 games.
- These steps are part of a proactive effort to build a pipeline of trained referees for future seasons.

ii) Field Availability for Next Season:

- The Wheeler High School field in North Stonington may be available again, which would help alleviate field constraints. Dolan will follow up to confirm availability before the season.
- The PMS field was in poor condition for practices last season. While it won't be used for games, we will inquire about getting it lined for practice use.

iii) High School Game Schedule Coordination

- We discussed trying to obtain the high school game schedule prior to finalizing our league schedule, in order to better accommodate our high school-aged referees.

d) Registrations:

- There are no Fall youth clinics planned at this time.
- We are organizing a Men's 16+ Box Lacrosse League at the Groton outdoor roller hockey rink, tentatively starting in mid to late September. There has been strong interest in a fall program, but Stonington field availability remains limited. The Groton rink is underutilized and has evening availability due to lighting. Dolan is coordinating with Groton Parks and Recreation, who have agreed to our standard approach of handling registration and insurance, with a flat fee paid for rink time. Final dates are pending confirmation with Groton.

5) Miscellaneous Items:

a) League Policies, Procedures, and Documents:

- We continued our discussion on formalizing and documenting the league's current policies, procedures, schedules, instructions, and forms.
- Laura (T) asked to add "Paying taxes" to the SBYL-SCH-0003_SBYL Annual League Operations Schedule, in April.
- Dolan (P) will be distributing additional materials, including Team Formation and Team Balancing Guidelines and a Payment Reimbursement policy and procedure, for the board to review and discuss.

b) Marketing and Fundraising:

- We are scheduled to have a booth at the Deans Mill Fall Fest on Saturday, September 27th, from 11-3. Dolan will be looking for help as we get closer.

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- We are looking to participate in more community events this fall and winter to promote our upcoming Spring season. Potential events include fall festivals, parades, Halloween activities, and any other gatherings that offer opportunities to share information about league registration, costs, age groups, and program offerings. Our goal is to engage directly with the community, answer questions, and raise awareness about the league. If anyone has suggestions for relevant events or contacts, please share.

6) Adjournment

We adjourned at approximately 8:54