

September SBYL Board Meeting

Date: Thursday, September 12, 2024
Time: 8:00pm
Location: Google Meet

1. Roll Call/Attendees:

	Name:	Title:
1	Dolan Simmons	President
2	Aimee Starita	Vice President
3	Brian Dawson	Registrar
4	Britney West	Schedule Coordinator
5	Jackie Lagasse	Uniform Coordinator
6	Paul Lagasse	Equipment Coordinator
7	Mike Vacca	Marketing/Fundraising Coordinator
8	Laura Mooney	

2. Reading of the Minutes of proceeding meeting

- a. Registration Fees / Including uniform costs
- b. Budget for 2025
- c. Uniform Samples
- d. Mystic Indoor Schedule
- e. Player recruitment

3. Updated Bylaws:

Discussed proposed updates to our Bylaws. We plan to vote on the new bylaws at our next meeting in two weeks (Thursday 9/26/24). A copy of the updated bylaws will be made available via Google Docs after the meeting. Dolan briefed the attendees on the purpose of the updated bylaws and on the changes made:

- a. Clarified definition of our members and who has voting rights.
- b. We added sections on Vacancies, Removal, or Resignation of Board Members.
- c. We added a section on Meetings.
- d. We added a section on 'Organization' of the league, Teams, Coaches and players.
- e. We added a section on "Contracts, Checks, Deposits, And Funds".
- f. We also added, as appendixes, new and separate Codes of Conduct for Players, Parents, and Coaches.

4. Registration Fees:

We discussed registration fees for 2025. After discussions of raising registration fees and have a tiered registration fee structure so older players pay more than younger players, we proposed keeping registration fees for U8 and U10 the same and increasing the U12 and U14 by \$25. We discussed these prices compared to area youth leagues and found them to be in line or low-priced. We also discussed the prices compared to our league budget and our estimated breakeven point, with the goal of covering our cost. We voted on the league fees for 2025, and all attendees voted in favor.

5. Uniforms for 2025:

We discussed including uniform ordering at registration. The plan proposed would be to add the uniform costs to the registration fee and have parents select uniform size at registration. This plan would also have new uniforms every year. This plan simplifies uniform ordering for parents, ensures coaches don't have to deal with players missing uniform, and league administrators have more control of the uniform ordering process. This would also open-up uniform sponsorships annually.

We voted on including uniform ordering with registration and all attendees voted in favor.

6. New Treasurer:

Christine Wright, our current Treasurer, is stepping down. Laura Mooney has volunteered to step up and take over.

We voted on Laura Mooney taking over as new treasurer and 6 of 9 Board of Directors voted in favor. Christine Wright and Amanda Farrar were not in attendance and Britney West did not vote as she dropped off the call.

7. Miscellaneous Items:

- a. Fundraising: Michael Vacca and Dolan will put together a Fundraising Plan to be able to solicit Uniform Sponsors, Coaches Apparel Sponsors, Field Sponsors (signs on Goals and at Field Locations), and donors.
- b. Uniforms: Jackie Lagasse and Dolan will solicit 3 Quotes from Uniform Suppliers to present to the board.
- c. Equipment: No major Equipment needs. Discussed maybe another pair or 3x3 goals for the U8 Teams, Goalie shorts (2 pair), U7 Sticks, a pair of electronic portable scoreboards.
- d. Mystic Indoor Sports: Need to secure fields. Will also reach out to Montville to see their winter availability.
- e. Dolan and Laura will work with Christine Wright to get Bank accounts, and any league documents transferred. We will also be looking to get a league Venmo account setup.
 - f. We will be sending out an email to all our members soliciting any applications for Board of Director positions to be voted on at our October Elections.

8. Adjournment