

SOUTHINGTON LACROSSE ASSOCIATION MEETING

June 25, 2025

Attendance: C.Connor, B.Connor, Martha Rogers, JW Fisher, Jaime Olsow, Shawn McDowell, Kelly Savage, Kyle Savage, Tessa Mah, Sara Ruddy, Jake Thornton, Chris Rigali, Jonathan Fournier, Chuck Drost, Justin Leighton, Kristen Bannon, Alexis Cordiano

Meeting called to order 7:12 PM

MOTION to waive reading of the minutes B.Connor, SECONDED, ALL in favor

PRESIDENT: Defers his time

BOYS VP:

Coordinator/development role was great and, if we could use more efficiently, will be even better.

Most of equipment coaches bags returned and in shed.

Try Lax NOT occurring this year—we can try to do our own just before winter and after fall.

Chris willing to help coordinate.

Looking at next year — will need to address the numbers for 2 solid teams as 35, 27 players for two of age groups.

Consider some more formal evaluation or rules about players playing “up” — who can, who determines, how do you evaluate, follow our own rules, do they play on 2 teams, etc...?

GIRLS VP:

Deferred initially —> planning on Fall and Winter similar to this past season; will address Development Coordinator later in year.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Liabilities and Equity: down a few thousand compared to prior years (~\$69k, operational account ~\$29k)

- big expenses were program development coordinators, equipment for U8 (20 sets)
- t-shirts KVMJ (order 5/8. Held up in customs. No date on shirts. Did use the Venmo to discount. Savagewear kicked back the online orders profit towards shirt cost)

MOTION C.Connor to delay invoice to next fiscal year, SECONDED, ALL in favor

- facility rental in order to support the off season
- positional clinic lost money but great feedback
- thank you notes from the SLA scholarship winners read during meeting
- Still ONE outstanding invoice NOT paid

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Panthorn Refurbishment Projects

- scoreboard, wall construction
 - hoping to have tech school students come look at scoreboard, specifically the electrical stuff (for both scoreboards)
 - regarding the wall ... C.Connor got a quote (~\$32k Scituate concrete products 16' by 6.6") but basic without any foundational work
 - how to advance this? A small subcommittee was suggested.

NEW BUSINESS

1. High school/youth involvement — S. McDowell presented some thoughts. How to get the middle school students involved?

- get more involved so players know what we are running, progression
- how to do steps from U10/U12 progressing to U14 then ready for high school
- ie 8th graders came one morning
- can they run a clinic? Get high schoolers involved with the players
- maybe run stuff just for coaches so coaches know also (mid-March)
- knowing plays, lingo, terms (example given: wolf)
- pull in available HS players to free Fall clinics with SLA players

2. GOAL PICK UP (target by Mid-July) — someone to coordinate, get truck, and get it done.

3. Equipment Return: most of boys collected as above; girls equipment to be collected (really just U14 needs to be collected)

4. Shed Agreement:

Softball cares about grooming equipment

They want to meet up by the shed.

Need to address the mice in shed. Some kind of control (a few people had ideas or contacts that do pest control).

5. Player Development Coordinators

Boys: good to help with older players. We already have a lot of help with the younger kids.

Feedback: do the clinics. Helped a lot & showed parents who the coordinator/development person was.

Girls Coordinator may have been overpaid but it was helpful. Do we need to be even more specific in hours and how it is completed/fulfilled?

6. Fall/Winter Opportunities

Free Fall clinics — do we want to do this? General consensus was Yes.

Try to do the boys clinics similar to girls — getting some older boys/high schoolers to be involved, perhaps for service hours?

How do we make it fun? Get more players involved. Some combo of skill and playing.
Winter: look as soon as possible for facilities.

7. US Lacrosse Age Verification

Need to do this by July 1st

8. Board Nominations & Voting

C.Connor removed self from Boys VP candidate

MOTION to close nominations Kyle Savage, SECONDED, ALL in favor

President: 2 candidates, the voting members to vote for Kyle Savage or Jake Thornton

Boys VP: 2 candidates, voting members please cast vote for Amey Divito or JW Fisher

VOTED: New '25-'26 BOARD

President: 9 for Kyle Savage, 1 abstaining

Boys VP: 8 for JW Fisher, 2 abstain

Secretary: Tessa Mah

Girls VP: Kristen Bannon

Treasurer: Martha Rogers

9. Welcome to new Board members

Thank you to the outgoing members

OPEN FLOOR

Nothing new presented

MOTION to ADJOURN 8:36pm, SECONDED, ALL in favor

PROPOSED NEXT MTG 8/20/25

Respectfully Submitted,
A.Cordiano