

BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

May General Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. Thomas Morrow, BAYSA President, called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm on Monday, May 4, 2026 via Zoom.

ROLL CALL. Present: Galveston County, HTX-South, North Channel, Santa Fe, South Belt, Soccer Centro, and United Pearland

Also Present: Sam Ghalayini, Referees; Donald Hood, Executive Vice President; Lindsay Hood, Scorekeeper; Shirley McGraw, Registrar; Thomas Morrow, President; Sayed Naser, Scheduler; Rich Newell, Treasurer; Mark Powell, Tournament/Playoff Director; and Dave Smith, D&P

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the meeting of April 6, 2026 were presented. Dave Smith made a motion to approve these minutes; Chris Dorsey, seconded; vote carried to approve.

OFFICER REPORTS.

- President. Thomas Morrow mentioned the following in his report.
- The spring season is completed and seemed to go well. Thank you to everyone for making it a success.
 - Banners were placed at the fields to promote the fall registration and the tune-up tournament with an aim to boost interest and sign-ups.
 - The STYSA Summer Symposium 2026 will be held July 31 – August 2 at the Marriott The Woodlands Waterways. Hotel reservations are open until July 9 or until booking block fills. Link for reservations is: https://book.passkey.com/event/51174616/owner/17711/home?utm_campaign=299271023. Since it is in our local area, everyone is encouraged to attend especially on Saturday.
 - Several applications for new club membership in BAYSA have been submitted and may be voted on at the June meeting.
 - The World Cup starts in about 40 days. A downtown Fanfest will be open to the public even though tickets (free) will be required. It will feature interactive games, a “grow the game” youth soccer zone, live broadcasts of all 104 tournament matches on giant screens, food and beverages.
 - Spring cup play is underway. For details about the cups, visit the STYSA website at www.stysa.com. The final cup games are scheduled as follows: South Texas Cup on April 25-26 in McAllen; Director’s Cup on May 9-10 in Round Rock; President’s Cup on May 15-17 in Round Rock; and State Cup on May 23-25 in College Station.
 - N1 League. The new National 1 League (N1) is a premier, team-based competition for US Youth and US Club in South Texas and will serve as a top-level pathway for competitive youth soccer teams to compete in higher-level regional and national championships. For more information, please visit the STYSA website, www.stxsoccer.org.
- Secretary Sandra Armenta is our new BAYSA secretary, and we are so happy to have her join our team. **Welcome, Sandra!!!**
- Registrar. Shirley McGraw gave the following report:
- GotSport will offer a refresher workshop on prebilling and soccer functions to BAYSA registrars; attendance is open to anyone.
 - Spring player counts were sent to clubs in April. BAYSA club fees are paid via prebill, and currently, no player or team fees are outstanding.
 - Player Counts (year to date) for BAYSA are 4,720 compared to 4,700 for spring 2025.
 - Reminder: The age matrix for all US Soccer players (which includes STYSA and BAYSA) is moving back to school year age matrix for the fall season (August 1 – July 31).

- Clubs are reminded to update officers, jersey colors, etc. for the BAYSA handbook with Shirley McGraw at their earliest convenience.
- On June 1, all adults must renew expired SafeSport and background checks.
- Club registrars should complete annual affiliation in GotSport once officers finish adult requirements.
- BAYSA cards and rosters 26/27 will open around July 1. Clubs may open fall registration now. Fall 2026 rosters and ID cards may be printed on or after August 1.

Treasurer Budget was attached to this meeting's announcement.

Scheduler Sayed Naser reported that fall season league event will open around the same time as BAYSA cards and rosters (registration) event.

D&P. Dave Smith stated that he is currently developing a template outlining essential information coaches need to know and understand, such as laminated cards, the requirement to wear the adult participation pass, procedures for processing forfeits, and other matters relevant coaching responsibilities. The template will be available in both English and Spanish. BAYSA intends to make it mandatory for all coaches to review and acknowledge this information prior to being rostered as a coach.

Action Item: The coaches' outline will be developed over this summer.

Tournament/
Playoff
Coordinator Mark Powell confirmed STYSA approved and posted our tournament online. He plans to promote the event through a GotSport email blast and banners at the fields and the STYSA Summer Symposium. All teams will be offered an early bird discount voucher of \$100 in GotSport. He would like to form a tournament committee to plan the event and recruit volunteers. His checklist includes tasks like field marshaling, managing water and supplies, handling check-ins, and other administrative duties. This is an excellent opportunity for high school seniors needing community hours.

Referee. Sam Ghalayini reported that referee classes will probably begin in June. He observed a growing issue with coaches not displaying their adult participation passes on the field. All adults on the team side must visibly wear these passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Spring Season. Dave Smith gave a brief overview of the spring season from a D&P perspective. Good news is that no player red cards were associated with the season which is a first in a long time. Several of the yellow card offenders were coaches' own players. A persistent issue was coaches running up the score. Six coaches will start the upcoming season with a yellow card due to their unsportsmanlike conduct.

BASRA Reorganization. Sayed Naser reported that Bay Area Soccer Referee Association (BASRA) is in the process of reorganizing. It has elected officers and is working to regain non-profit status despite some challenges. BASRA's mission is to train and mentor local area referees, facilitate communication, and build camaraderie among the group. Thomas Morrow thanked Sam Ghalayini, Dave Smith, and Sayed Naser for their efforts in restoring BASRA.

BAYSA Website. The BAYSA website, for the most part, has been updated. Thomas Morrow has baysa.org emails generated for board members, but at the current time, it is a work in progress. If you see anything at any time that is not working, needs to be updated or is missing, please email Shirley McGraw.

NEW BUSINESS

Save the Date - Summer Workshop – August 8. The BAYSA Summer Workshop is scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 8:00 am–4 pm at the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce. The agenda includes officer reports, team bracket data collection, and STYSA Symposium feedback. The general meeting for July/August will follow the workshop. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Next Meetings:

June General Meeting – Zoom – June 1

Monday, Jun 1, 2026 08:00 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87227630749?pwd=fRhefbZzqEnDulX8lCaIu2woRbwQqB.1>

Meeting ID: 872 2763 0749

Passcode: 485365

Summer Workshop – Saturday, August 8, 8:30 am – 4:00 pm; Friendswood Chamber of Commerce

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by:

Shirley McGraw

BAYSA Registrar