

BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION
October Membership Meeting
October 5, 2026

CALL TO ORDER. Thomas Morrow, BAYSA President, called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm on Monday, October 5, 2026 at the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce.

ROLL CALL. Present: Alvin, Galveston County, HTX South, Santa Fe, Soccer Centro, and SouthBelt,

Also Present: Sam Ghalayini, referees; Lindsey Hood, scorekeeper; Donald Hood, executive vice president; Shirley McGraw, registrar; Thomas Morrow, president; Mark Powell, assistant scheduler/playoff & tournament director; Rich Newell, treasurer

MINUTES. The minutes of the meetings of September 7, 2026 were sent to members by email. SouthBelt made the motion to approve the minutes; Santa Fe, seconded; motion carried.

STYSA COMMUNICATIONS.

US Soccer Pathway. Thomas Morrow updated members on the transition from US Youth Soccer to US Soccer. STYSA is receiving weekly updates. All US Youth Soccer state associations plan to join Cohort 1. US Soccer is gathering input from state associations and developing guidance for coaches, including licensing pathways. No changes are expected for the fall 2026 or spring 2027 seasons, and more information should be available at the STYSA 2027 Winter GBM. The transition is not expected to significantly affect BAYSA, which will continue to promote its Division 3 league as an affordable option with strong training.

World Cup. It is anticipated that STYSA will get monies from the World Cup 26 to use for grants in early 2027. These monies could be used for more lighted fields and other large projects throughout South Texas.

OFFICER REPORTS.

Executive Vice President. No report

Registrar.

Fall initial player counts were sent to the clubs this weekend. Even though the registrations are prepaid, clubs are asked to reconcile the numbers for accuracy before the state invoices BAYSA. Final player counts for fall 2026 is November 1. All players currently practicing, attending games, etc. should be registered in GotSoccer.

Action Item: Rich Newell will send a check to STYSA for the initial fall 2026 players this week.

BAYSA Registration Report (Initial Fall 2026)						
Club Name	1 - Division	2 - Division	3 - Division	4- Division	Super 2	Total
Alvin Youth Soccer Club		32	41	153	18	244
Galveston County YS		179	131	42		352
HTX South		16	245	690		951
North Channel SC			19	13		32
Quest YSC	51	15	39	78		183
Santa Fe Youth Soccer		106	38	17		161
Soccer Centro	87	62	14	22		185
South Belt YSC	23	115	161	133		432
United Pearland Soccer Club			85	69		154
Totals	161	525	773	1217	18	2694

Weekly Deadlines. Please submit team changes and additions to Shirley by 9 pm Tuesday to help ensure completion before the weekend. For transfers, submit both the paper and online forms.

Treasurer. The current treasurer's report was sent to members with the meeting announcement email. It was suggested that BAYSA consider not renewing StatusMe in December 2026.

Action Items:

- Shirley McGraw will continue to investigate other products ("apps") to replace StatusMe which renews the end of the fall season.*
- Question was asked what the Internet and Web expense for \$1,024 in February 2026 represents. Rich Newell will research this expense.*

Scheduler.

Fall 2026 Schedule. Mark Powell reported that the fall season is going well. It was suggested that a "subject to change" disclaimer be added to the schedule information on the BAYSA website.

Action Items:

- Thomas Morrow will send an email to the webmaster to add schedule disclaimer -- "schedule is subject to change due to weather or other circumstances beyond BAYSA's control".*
- Mark Powell will send Rich Newell the updated schedule so he can determine field usage amounts to Galveston County and SouthBelt.*

Scorekeeper. Lindsay Hood reported that scores have been entered from last weekend's games.

D&P. No report.

Playoff & Tournament Director. BAYSA playoff dates have been set in the approved BAYSA calendar. Mark Powell submitted BAYSA's allocations for STYSA fall playoffs to the state earlier this month.

Referees. Sam Ghalayini reported that referees are reluctant to work at Fatima because of the travel distance. He asked Galveston County to help recruit additional referees from the area.

OLD BUSINESS

BASRA Reorganization. The BASRA reorganization has slowed because some BASRA board members are concerned about the requirements for obtaining a tax ID number, specifically the need for a U.S. citizen with a Social Security number to submit the initial application. Thomas Morrow asked Sam Ghalayini to arrange a meeting with him and the board next week to move the process forward.

Action Item:

- Sam Ghalayini will arrange a meeting with Thomas Morrow and the BASRA board of directors next week to discuss concerns relating to the tax ID.*

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Season Schedule Status. The group reviewed the 2026 schedule and discussed a change to last weekend's games that confused the Santa Fe and Pearland teams and the assigned referee. The change was made after the schedule was published but before the season began on September 9.

Recommendations: (1) add a schedule change disclaimer to the website, (2) in the future, have the scheduler email affected parties about changes, and (3) suggest Santa Fe send an appeal to D&P for removal of the fine, if they desire.

Rebracket. Mark Powell and the clubs present reviewed the U9/U10 brackets and potential team movement in the brackets. This afternoon, clubs received the team information and standings from him. BAYSA has traditionally used standings as the primary basis for rebracketing. After this weekend's scores are posted, Mark will begin rebracketing on Monday, October 12.

NEXT MEETING. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, November 2, at 8 pm.

Topic: BAYSA November General Meeting

Time: Nov 2, 2026 08:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Submitted by:

Shirley McGraw

BAYSA Registrar