

**BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION**  
**September Membership Meeting**  
**September 2, 2025**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Thomas Morrow, BAYSA President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, September 2, 2025 via Zoom (virtual).

**ROLL CALL.** Present: Alvin, Galveston County, HTX, North Channel, Quest, Santa Fe, Soccer Centro, South Belt, United Pearland

Also Present: Melyssa Bratton, secretary; Lindsey Hood, scorekeeper; Donald Hood, executive vice president; Shirley McGraw, registrar; Thomas Morrow, president; Sayed Naser, scheduler; and Dave Smith, D&P

**MINUTES.** The minutes of the meetings of April 7, 2025 and July 26, 2025 Summer Workshop were presented. Santa Fe made motion to approve; HTX, seconded; motion carried. The minutes of the meeting of August 5, 2025 Special Meeting were presented. HTX motioned to approve, second by Santa Fe; motion carried.

**STYSA COMMUNICATIONS.** There will be an Eastern District meeting on September 13 or September 14 to discuss the Division 3 (D3) proposal to have a D3 league managed by the state office.

**OFFICER REPORTS.**

**Executive Vice President.** There is construction at the Highway 146 intersection so plan extra time for trips to Texas City fields. Please make sure that your coaches are listed in GotSoccer so we when send email blast everyone will get messages.

**Secretary.** Coaches' meeting last week and there were about 60 coaches. GotSoccer made a presentation on things that coaches need to know how to do in GotSoccer and Melyssa Bratton talked to coaches about rules and policies. She will send out a handout tomorrow to coaches. Thank you to everyone for getting coaches to the meeting.

**Registrar.**

- Final 24/25 player counts were sent earlier in August and final count for BAYSA was 4,762.
- Prebilling seems to be going okay but there are still clubs that have teams without rostered players.
- If clubs are needing help, please contact your GotSoccer trainer tomorrow, Wednesday, September 3 to get rosters confirmed by this weekend.
- On Monday, September 8, all teams will be locked and should begin using the weekly change form to Shirley by Tuesday evenings.

**Scheduler.** Schedule is up on our website.

**Scorekeeper.** No report.

**D&P.** Dave Smith will be setting up folders for game cards for Tom Bruchmiller, Lindsay Hood, and Sam Ghalayani.

**Playoff & Tournament Director.** No report.

**Treasurer.** Rich Newell sent a treasurer's report today and it will be sent to clubs. Invoicing for prebilling is going okay with approximately \$70,000 received. We still have two clubs that owe money. Rich Newell still has questions about where monies are coming from; he will meet with GotSoccer and Shirley next Monday, September 8, at 2 pm. .

**Referees.** No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Change in Calendar.** On August 6, 2025, an email vote taken to extend the deadline to August 16 for late team entries. This was after the clubs had approved the calendar the evening before. A motion was made to ratify the email vote that occurred on August 6, 2025 to change the team entry deadline to August 16 by HTX; seconded by Santa Fe; motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Club Pass.** Executive committee members approved club pass for Division 4 and Academy players. GotSoccer went over how to do club pass at the coaches meeting and it will be included in the handout being sent.

**Mercy Rule.** During the coaches' meeting running up the score was discussed. Rather than having an unsportsmanlike rule, several of the coaches wanted us to use the mercy rule in future seasons.

*Action Item: Discussion about using the mercy rule will be put on agenda for the January presidents' meeting.*

**Tune-up Tournament.** There were limited teams that participated in the Tune-up Tournament. In the executive committee meeting, the board decided to ask clubs to help decide on the future of the tournament. The original purpose of the tournament was to allow new referees field time and also give kids opportunity to get some preseason play. Big issue has been the lack of participation in the past few years. Timing of the tournament was discussed as a big issue and school starting the next week. Mid to late August is when many recreational teams (which this tournament caters to) are being formed. Another point is that we need to advertise at least 9-12 months and put it on our master calendar.

*Action: The tune-up tournament will be put on the October 6 meeting.*

**Three Year Calendar: Schedule and Calendars.** The 3-year calendar was voted unanimously at the August meeting then an exception was made for the 2025 fall team entry deadline was extended. Clubs discussed schedule deadlines and the inconvenience of brackets not forming until late. BAYSA needs to settle the schedule and stick to the published dates. It is great to extend the timeline but that closes opportunities for teams. We need to publish this on our website for complete transparency. The 3-year calendar has been approved. January 31 is deadline for spring teams.

Clubs were polled for their opinion on the spring dates: Alvin – okay; Galveston County – okay; Quest – okay; North Channel – okay; Soccer Centro – need to make accommodations and be flexible for exceptions but okay with deadline; SouthBelt – with hard deadlines not allowing as many kids to play and a bit concerned; HTX – consideration for coaches and parents for planning and having had teams and everyone has deadlines; stick to schedule and address problems if they arise; Santa Fe – likes the schedule and thinks we need deadlines; United Pearland – no longer on call.

HTX made the motion to adopt the approved schedule with the caveat that the scheduler has the ability to accept late teams with the executive board's approval; Quest, seconded; motion carried. Poll vote was taken with 8 votes yes (United Pearland was absent).

**NEXT MEETING.** The next meeting will be held in person at the Friendswood Chamber of Commerce on Monday, October 6, at 7:30 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Submitted by:

*Shirley McGraw*

BAYSA Registrar

