

BAY AREA YOUTH SOCCER ASSOCIATION

March General Meeting

CALL TO ORDER. Thomas Morrow, BAYSA President, called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm on Monday, March 2, 2026, by Zoom.

ROLL CALL. Present: Galveston County, HTX-South, North Channel, Quest, Santa Fe, South Belt

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; and Sandra Armenta

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. The minutes of the meetings of December 1, 2025 and January 24, 2026 were presented. Dave Smith made a motion to approve these minutes; Chris Bozeman, seconded; vote carried to approve.

OFFICER REPORTS.

President. Thomas Morrow attended the FIFA World Cup 26 event at Moody Park in Houston last Friday where the Houston Sports Authority detailed the Freekicks Soccer initiative. It will create 23 new or refurbished pitches in six Harris County parks (George Bush, Moody, Blue Ridge, Alabonson, Baytown, and Keith-Wiess). In addition, it will award over 1,200+ scholarships to expand access to soccer in underserved communities. The Freekicks initiative is collaborating with the area's top youth soccer clubs, who will run operations at these locations, bringing organized soccer to underserved neighborhoods. The local youth soccer clubs supporting this commitment include HTX, Baytown Saints, GFI Academy, Albion Hurricanes FC, and SG1. The legacy and funds from the World Cup will hopefully continue to benefit local clubs in the form of future local improvements, e.g., lights, etc.

Registrar. An audit of BAYSA Spring Season 2026 players and coaches was completed last week, with most missing requirements now resolved. Shirley McGraw will schedule a registrars' meeting after spring break.

Secretary. Most club elections are in March and April. After the BAYSA election, the new secretary will contact the clubs for updated officer lists and other information.

Treasurer. Great news: For the first time in many years, BAYSA has no outstanding accounts. Thanks to everyone's efforts and the prebilling option for making this possible. Additionally, Rich Newell provided clubs with the 2026/27 budget information that will be approved at the April meeting.

Action Item: The budget will be approved at the April meeting. Following approval, player and team fees for the 26/27 season will be updated in GotSoccer.

Scorekeeper: Scorekeeping is progressing well.

Scheduler: Games are running smoothly. The main problem deals with forfeits, which disrupt the schedule. Some teams want to reschedule; feedback on teams missing games is welcome. After week five, we can decide whether to add another weekend so each team plays seven games.

D&P: Dave Smith reported there were problems with write-ins during week one, possibly caused by club pass malfunctions, and week two is showing significant improvement. Reminders: (1) Write-ins result in automatic forfeiture. (2) Every team must have a coach, even if an administrative person is added temporarily. All D&P matters are administrative this week, so a meeting is unnecessary.

Tournament: Tune-up Tournament 2026 documents will be sent to STX (Jennifer Davis) next week; payment is complete. Mark Powell has created a QR code for the tournament. Also, a big thank you to Dave Smith locating a golf cart for BAYSA to purchase.

Action Items: (1) Mark Powell will send the QR code to Thomas Morrow so it can be displayed on field banners. (2) In addition, a separate QR code will be created to add to the banner for the BAYSA calendar. (3) Alex Dohkani will help secure the pavilion at El Franco Lee in May.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Spring Season. Spring season is going very good.

BASRA Reorganization. Thomas Morrow reported that Sam Ghalayini is working on reorganizing the Bay Area Soccer Referee Association (BASRA). Dave Smith has reviewed the constitution and sent his comments and next steps to Sam Ghalayini. Sam is also working on identifying a board of directors.

BAYSA Website. We will update the BAYSA website with new information and photos. Shirley McGraw offered to assist Thomas Morrow with this project.

Action Item: Lindsay Hood will set up a google drive to collect photos for the website.

BAYSA Annual Election. The annual BAYSA election will take place during the meeting on April 6. Thomas Morrow and Mark Powell will compose the election committee. The nomination slate is set as follows: Donald Hood, executive vice president; Sandra Armenta, secretary; Sayed Naser, scheduler; and Lindsay Hood, scorekeeper.

BAYSA Fees. BAYSA fees for 2026/27 were discussed. There will be an increase in the team fees in order to provide a donation for maintenance to the Fatima and El Franco Lee fields and because of an increase in referee pay.

Action Items. (1) BAYSA fees will be presented at the April meeting when the BAYSA budget is approved. If anyone has any questions or comments to the proposed budget, please contact Rich Newell. (2) Mark Powell and Thomas Morrow will submit paperwork to STX for a grant to pay for the golf cart.

Attendance at BAYSA Meetings. Thomas Morrow urged BAYSA clubs to involve their members in BAYSA meetings and activities.

NEXT MEETINGS.

April General Meeting – In Person

Monday, April 6, 2026, 7:30 pm

Friendswood Chamber of Commerce, 1100 South Friendswood Drive

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Submitted by:

Shirley McGraw

BAYSA Registrar