

Halfmoon Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: March 11, 2026

Time: 6:30–9:00 PM

Location: Zoom

Attendance

Zoom: Jacqueline Congdon (President); Alex Morris (Vice President); EJ Morris (Secretary); Natalie Antonelli (Recruiting Director); Olivia “Sassy” Sastry (Social Director); Sabine Marlowe (Co-Captain); Sylvie Reydams (Treasurer); Adrianna Damato (Fundraising Director); Malia Haskovec (Co-Captain & Social Media Director)

Absent: Stefanie Borger (Match Secretary)

Call to Order

President Jacqueline Congdon called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Roll call was conducted and quorum confirmed.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the February 4, 2026 leadership meeting were reviewed. No corrections were raised.

Shout Outs

The team was collectively acknowledged for their effort in making the Mardi Gras Tournament a success. Special recognition was afforded to Natalie for her extensive work leading up to the event and EJ for coordinating logistics on the day of the tournament. Sassy and Malia were recognized for their work organizing the PCB Post-Match Social.

Officer and Committee Reports

Mardi Gras Tournament Director -

Brief follow-ups and reports from the Mardi Gras Tournament were discussed. While final financial reconciliation is still in progress, Sabine initiated the process and Treasurer Sylvie will complete it. Once finalized, this will inform a comprehensive post-event review (“MGT autopsy report”), which will be discussed in a separate, dedicated meeting. Leadership emphasized the importance of locking down fields earlier in future planning cycles and continuing to refine the existing tournament checklist and planning guide.

President – Jacqueline Congdon

Jacqueline reviewed her outstanding administrative items, including adding the updated team crest to the items in the team store, and confirming the updated mailing address for checks. Match filming equipment and vendor considerations were also discussed, including

what the NORFC uses, which would require a significant upfront investment and ongoing subscription costs. Jacqueline also noted plans to assemble a more complete first aid kit.

A substantial portion of the meeting focused on evolving policies regarding transgender athlete participation. Leadership acknowledged the complexity stemming from differences between USA Rugby and USA Club Rugby policies, particularly around enforcement. The group discussed potential implications for future tournaments and leagues, noting that some events have already adapted by shifting divisions (e.g., women's to open categories). Leadership came to the conclusion that any formal decisions will need to be voted on by the entire team, and that team members specifically affected by the changing policy will be engaged directly in conversation with Sabine or other leaders to ensure supportive, individualized communication. The team will continue monitoring guidance from organizations such as Rugby for All.

Vice President – Alex Morris

Vice President Alex Morris provided updates on alumni engagement and outreach efforts, including a planned oyster reef bagging service event. Members were reminded to sign up individually. Additional initiatives, such as merchandise planning and alumni outreach tools, remain in progress.

Treasurer – Sylvie Reydam

Sylvie reported that hotel accommodations have been secured for the upcoming True South Championship tournament in April. She also introduced early budget planning discussions for the 2026–2027 season, including potential increases in social funding, equipment investments (such as tackle pads), and the possibility of compensating a head coach. The team also considered establishing a recurring contribution to youth rugby, either financially or through in-kind support. With approximately \$30,000 currently in the team account, further financial planning will continue in the coming months.

Secretary – EJ Morris

EJ reported progress on several administrative initiatives, including compiling historical team data, improving Google Drive organization, and developing a website with dedicated pages for meeting minutes and sponsorship donations. EJ is also planning a film review session of the PCB match, potentially hosted at Adrianna Damato's home, with scheduling to be finalized in coordination with captains and coaches.

Match Secretary – Stefanie Borger

In Stefanie's absence, updates on match scheduling were shared, noting that LSU was unable to commit to a spring round robin, though both LSU and Tulane expressed interest in scheduling one for the fall. Summer 7s tournament options are being explored, and additional match opportunities for the next season are under consideration.

Fundraising Director – Adrianna Damato

Adrianna reported strong post-tournament results, including approximately \$1,800 raised. Sponsor communications and acknowledgments are underway, and planning for future initiatives—such as a Pals outing and Red Dress Run photo use—is ongoing. The team also discussed strategies for incorporating sponsor recognition into social media content.

Recruiting Director – Natalie Antonelli

Natalie Antonelli shared ideas for expanding recruitment efforts, including distributing branded stickers in high-visibility locations. Olivia Sastry expressed interest in assisting with design, and a budget request will be developed.

Co-Captains – Malia Haskovec & Sabine Marlowe

Captains Malia Haskovec and Sabine Marlowe reported improved practice attendance leading up to recent matches and emphasized the importance of ongoing communication with players regarding availability and well-being. They will continue actively encouraging participation and engagement.

Social Media – Malia Haskovec

Malia shared that social media posts are ongoing. She is planning an end of season Wrapped social media post.

Social Director – Olivia Sastry

Social updates included early planning for an end-of-season event, which will incorporate officer voting, nominations, and a kangaroo court. Leadership emphasized maintaining a fun and inclusive atmosphere.

Special Topics

The meeting concluded with a discussion on team culture, including thoughtful approaches to discussing bodies, maintaining commitment to practices, and adapting training to meet team needs. Leadership reiterated the importance of fostering a supportive and responsive environment.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM.