

Halfmoon Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: April 1, 2026

Time: 6:30–7:30 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); Stefanie Borger (Match Secretary)

Absent: Malia Haskovec (Co-Captain & Social Media Director)

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 March 11, 2026 leadership meeting were reviewed. No corrections were raised.

Shout Outs

Adrianna Damato received a shoutout for hosting the film review session and providing food.

Officer and Committee Reports

President – Jacqueline Congdon

Jacqueline reviewed key end-of-season priorities, including adding the updated team crest to the items in the team store, and confirming the updated mailing address for checks, and completing outstanding equipment orders such as kit bags, shorts, socks, and a first aid kit. She led a discussion on Summer 7s participation and noted that Vampire 5s is currently working toward confirming a date. Planning is underway for the end-of season social and officer elections, with agreement that nominations will be collected in advance to streamline the process. Jacqueline also reported that January 30, 2027 is tentatively secured for the next Mardi Gras Tournament. Equipment needs were discussed, including a request from Voodoo Rugby to borrow uprights; the condition of these will be assessed. The officers approved the purchase of tackle pads and Jacqueline will coordinate with Sylvie on which pads to purchase.

Vice President – Alex Morris

Vice President Alex Morris reported ongoing work on the alumni questionnaire and merchandise research, both of which are expected to continue into the summer. She also provided an update on the planned spring outreach event involving oyster reef bagging, noting that coordination for participation and transportation is in progress. Additionally, she confirmed that she will lead the club's tax preparation process for the year, with support from the President as needed.

Treasurer – Sylvie Reydams

Sylvie reported that the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 season is currently in development and will be shared with board members by mid-April for review, with final approval anticipated at the May meeting. She continues to reconcile Mardi Gras Tournament finances and noted that some reimbursements have been completed, though additional receipts are still outstanding. Sylvie has also initiated discussions with Reign Rugby regarding potential collaboration/donations. She will proceed with the purchase of tackle pads once specifications are finalized. Broader financial decisions, including continued use of Venmo, potential compensation for the head coach, and donations to youth rugby, will be revisited following the tournament debrief.

Secretary – EJ Morris

EJ reported updates to the team website, including the addition of a centralized documents page and general reorganization to improve accessibility. Work on compiling historical team records is ongoing, with a partial transcription completed and expected to be finalized in the coming month. A film review session was successfully held in place of a practice. The development of an online Code of Conduct form has been deferred for consideration by future leadership.

Match Secretary – Stefanie Borger

Stefanie reported plans to distribute a poll to assess player interest in summer 7s participation. Early indications show strong engagement, with 18 players currently expressing interest in participating in the True South competition.

Fundraising Director – Adrianna Damato

Adrianna acknowledged limited progress on previously assigned initiatives due to competing priorities over the past month. She indicated plans to re-engage with fundraising efforts moving forward, including reassessing priorities and identifying areas where additional support may be needed. She will also coordinate with Pals to organize a team outing.

Recruiting Director – Natalie Antonelli

Natalie Antonelli reported no major updates but anticipates completing a draft of the "Welcome to 7s" document by April 20. She is also developing a structured monthly coaching plan for rookies, which will be shared with the team upon completion.

Co-Captains – Malia Haskovec & Sabine Marlowe

Captain Sabine Marlowe reported that team practices have been well attended and morale remains high. She noted that no players from Shreveport are expected to travel for the upcoming Knoxville match.

Social Media – Malia Haskovec

No updates.

Social Director – Olivia Sastry

Olivia provided an update on planning for the end-of-season social, proposing early May dates following April 25 while avoiding conflicts with Jazz Fest. She noted that collecting officer nominations in advance will allow for a more streamlined and enjoyable event. Adrianna Damato's residence was identified as a potential venue.

Mardi Gras Tournament Director -

None

Special Topics

The officers discussed maintaining flexibility in summer participation and encouraging collaboration with other teams as needed. Emphasis was placed on supporting player well-being while sustaining team engagement.

A proposed structure for summer 7s, including one weekly two-hour practice focused on skill development and a tentative goal of participating in one tournament per month was discussed. Members emphasized the importance of balancing competitive opportunities with responsible use of team funds and avoiding player burnout. Final decisions regarding tournament participation will be made closer to event dates.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM.