

Halfmoon Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: May 6, 2026

Time: 6:30–7:45 PM

Location: Zoom

Attendance

Zoom: Jacqueline Congdon (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); Malia Haskovec (Co-Captain & Social Media Director)

Absent: Alex Morris (Vice President)

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 April 1, 2026 leadership meeting were reviewed. No corrections were raised.

Shout Outs

Adrianna Damato received a shoutout for being a fundraising wizard. Malia Haskovec was acknowledged for publishing a wonderful Give NOLA Day social media post. Jacqueline Congdon received recognition for organizing the officer nominations. All the officers were celebrated for being great and making it through the year!

Officer and Committee Reports

President – Jacqueline Congdon

Jacqueline reported that the team still needs candidates for Match Secretary and potentially Fundraising Director positions and plans to follow up with individuals who have not yet responded. Jacqueline also noted that she intends to discuss the upcoming season with Coach G and plans to recommend remaining in Division III unless there are objections from team leadership.

Vice President – Alex Morris

Vice President Alex Morris was absent but updates were provided on outstanding projects. Work remains to be completed on the alumni questionnaire, while merchandise and flag design materials have already been uploaded to the team's Google Drive. Additional responsibilities, including assessing the condition of the goal uprights and leading tax preparation efforts were completed.

Treasurer – Sylvie Reydam

Sylvie reported that the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 season is currently in development. She continues to reconcile Mardi Gras Tournament finances. Reimbursement for MGT and socials are completed. Tackle pads were purchased. Sylvie also shared that both she and Malia plan to attend a Level 1 coaching certification course, with Malia requesting funds to cover the registration cost for this course. This request was approved by Sylvie and the rest of the board. Sylvie suggested establishing an annual budget allocation for coaching development and certification opportunities.

Secretary – EJ Morris

EJ reported ongoing work to organize the team Google Drive and maintain the team website. She asked for clarification on Summer 7s practice times and locations to ensure the team's website had accurate information. She also asked about whether she should prepare a slideshow for the end-of-season social.

Match Secretary – Stefanie Borger

Stefanie reported progress on planning for the Summer 7s season. Discussions continue regarding whether the team should set the schedule for the entire summer or month-by-month. Practice scheduling changes and communication procedures in such instances were also discussed with consensus being at least 24 hours notice is necessary.

Fundraising Director – Adrianna Damato

Adrianna reported successful completion of a team outing at Pals and noted that sponsor information and Mardi Gras Tournament fundraising updates will be finalized before the end-of-year social. The team's GiveNOLA Day campaign was highlighted as a major success.

Recruiting Director – Natalie Antonelli

Natalie reported continued work on recruitment and onboarding initiatives. The "Welcome to the Halfmoons" document has been completed and is awaiting peer review, while additional resources for Summer 7s are being developed. Natalie is seeking a volunteer to assume responsibility for rookie coaching next season. Plans are underway to distribute flyers in Uptown and Metairie to promote Summer 7s participation. Work also continues on recruitment stickers.

Co-Captains – Malia Haskovec & Sabine Marlowe

Captain Sabine and Malia discussed preparations for the end-of- season social, including the creation of paper plate awards.

Social Media – Malia Haskovec

Malia reported ongoing efforts to promote Summer 7s practices through social media and plans to develop season statistics and wrap-up content for the team's annual "season wrapped" posts.

Social Director – Olivia Sastry

Planning for the end-of-year social was finalized, with the event scheduled for May 23 at 6:00 PM. Leadership reviewed the agenda, which will include a president's address, season recap slideshow, elections, awards, rookie skits, and the traditional court session. Event logistics, including RSVP tracking, potluck coordination, and judging procedures, were discussed.

Mardi Gras Tournament Director -

Leadership discussed preliminary planning for the next Mardi Gras Tournament. Fields have been tentatively reserved, though alternative locations are still being considered. A future meeting will be scheduled to conduct a comprehensive review of this year's tournament.

Special Topics

The group discussed establishing dedicated funding for coaching and referee training, with an initial allocation of \$400 proposed. Additional discussion focused on funding support for development camps and IGR tournaments, including consideration of a funding cap of \$1,000 and the development of a formal funding request process. Members also discussed participation in the upcoming Pride Parade and volunteer opportunities at Longue Vue Gardens.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.