

Halfmoon Leadership Meeting Minutes

Date: August 5, 2026

Time: 7:04–8:11 PM

Location: Zoom only

Attendance

Zoom: D Glover (President); Victoria DeBarbieris (Secretary); Stefanie Borger (Match Secretary); Alex Morris (Mardi Gras Tournament Director); Ren Maheu (Recruiting Director); Brooke Kelly (Social Director); Keiliana Rodriguez (Social Media Director); Kasey Lynch

Absent: Kelsie Lewis (Vice President); Aaliyah Stewart (Treasurer); Adrianna Damato (Fundraising Director); Co-Captains.

Call to Order

President D Glover called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Roll call was conducted and quorum confirmed.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the July 1st, 2026 leadership meeting were reviewed. No corrections were raised.

Shout Outs

None were noted.

Officer and Committee Reports

President – D Glover

D reported that Paladin can produce team bags and other kit items through either a bulk order or preorder store. The goal is to open the store before the end of the 7s season so merchandise can arrive before 15s games begin. The board also discussed replacing the deteriorating 7s jerseys, which would cost approximately \$55 each. The 15s season is expected to begin in late August, with a Halfmoon clinic tentatively planned for early September. The PCB clinic is August 29, followed by team bonding on August 30. The team will be asked for input on possible clinic dates due to conflicts with Labor Day weekend and Southern Decadence. The board also discussed the Let Them Play inclusivity pledge. Stefanie motioned to approve the pledge, Victoria seconded, and the officers voted unanimously in favor. D will share additional information with the team.

Vice President – Kelsie Lewis

Kelsie provided a tentative community service schedule with a goal of approximately one opportunity per month beginning in September. Upcoming events include Crown Community Garden on September 12, the Light the Night Walk on October 26, a Soul NOLA tree planting in November, and a holiday toy/food drive from November 20 through December 15. Additional tentative activities include Mardi Gras throw assembly and bead collection/recycling, a blood drive, and recycling or environmental service projects. The club may also participate in Longue Vue Family Equality Day in May or June.

Treasurer – Aaliyah Stewart

The 2026–2027 budget is still awaiting finalization. Kelsie created a reimbursement/request form and sent it to Aaliyah for approval. The board also continued discussing coach compensation but agreed that a finalized budget and clearer eligibility requirements are needed before moving forward.

Secretary – Victoria DeBarbieris

Victoria continues to compile historical team information, organize the Google Drive, and update season spreadsheets with known games and events. The 15s spreadsheet is nearly ready to be distributed to the team. Website updates are also ongoing, including individual officer sections and the new team crest. Pricing for a team Zoom account was reviewed. After comparing the free, Pro, and Business plans, the board agreed that the free option is sufficient for now and that purchasing a plan can be reconsidered in the future.

Match Secretary – Stefanie Borger

The 2026–2027 15s schedule currently includes PCB at NOLA on October 10, NOLA at Mobile on December 12, NOLA at PCB on February 13, and Mobile at NOLA on February 27. April 3 is reserved as a backup date. A potential friendly with Tulane has not yet been scheduled. Stefanie also discussed NORAM over Memorial Day weekend 2027, with estimated registration costs of \$3,000–\$3,600 based on previous years. The PCB Clinic is August 29, and the True South Player Development Camp is planned for late September. Potential reimbursement and fundraising for these opportunities will need further discussion.

Fundraising Director – Adrianna Damato

Following Adrianna's resignation, Madison Thompson was nominated to fill the Fundraising Director position. D motioned to vote and Ren seconded, with no opposition to Madison assuming the role. Adrianna may assist with transitioning outstanding fundraising responsibilities. Outstanding fundraising items include the MGT Guide, donor follow-up, GiveNOLA thank-yous, the Pals outing, DoubleGood fundraiser, and MGT sponsorship letter. FYZICAL Therapy has also expressed interest in becoming a sponsor, and a meeting will need to be arranged in August.

Recruiting Director –Ren Maheu

Recruitment T-shirts were priced at approximately \$4 each through Michael's, with Tori able to assist with the Cricut once a headcount is determined. Alex will also check for existing recruitment signs and flyers to provide to Ren. The board agreed not to create a separate IGR board position at this time, with Jacqui continuing as the team's representative. Southern Decadence preparations are also underway, with plans to make jello shots before the event. Stefanie and Ruby offered to host preparation.

Co-Captains –

No update. New captains will be voted on at the end of the summer season. A new Ethics Committee will also be selected when captain elections occur.

Social Media – Keiliana Rodriguez

The Canva handover from Malia has been completed. Social media priorities include the 2025 season "Wrapped," 7s practice content, tournament information, and keeping practice times updated on Instagram. Members are encouraged to take and submit more practice photos, and professional game photography may be considered in the future.

Social Director – Brooke Kelly

No updates until the 2026-2027 social budget is finalized.

Mardi Gras Tournament Director - Alex Morris

Borgenmouth will be used for the Mardi Gras Tournament. Insurance options are still being explored, with USA Rugby currently appearing to be the most practical option. The board discussed ways to maintain an inclusive tournament while meeting insurance and sanctioning requirements, including potentially having participating teams agree to the tournament's inclusivity rules. Potential tournament Krews include Food, Merch, Field Prep, and Social. Save-the-Dates have been sent to more than 200 clubs, and Alex is working on the sponsorship letter and reviewing logo options with the T-shirt company. A Zeffy payment link is also being established, and wooden uprights are being considered as an alternative to PVC.

Special Topics

The board revisited coach compensation and agreed that the available budget and eligibility requirements need to be established before a final decision is made. Questions remain regarding which coaching roles would qualify and whether certification should be required. Alex indicated that she would abstain from decisions involving potential personal benefit. The discussion was tabled until additional budget information is available.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:11 PM.