

B.O.D. MINUTES, JUNE 12, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00. Attending: Catherine Coogan, Nika Mone, Trina Brown, Laurie Koster, Angie Francis, Richard Bennett, John Walsh, Layla Stedman.

Treasurer's Report: Laurie suggested we post photos of the two scholarship recipients on our website, and reminded us that we need to post a letter to them that specifies the requirements for receiving their scholarship once they've successfully completed their first semester.

Travel: Nika reported that we have three boys teams in the SCSL semifinals on Saturday, all of whom would qualify for the MTOC if they win their matches. SCSL rules require that any Saturday tournament matches must be played on Sunday, and that each team send an adult representative to help with the managing of the tournament. The SCSL President will speak with all the teams who qualify for the MTOC about tournament protocols and expectations, and he also noted that the SCSL pays for the SCSL tournament refs, including a \$10 bonus for each match they refereed. Nika also noted that concern was raised at the last league meeting about sportsmanship and teams running up scores. For MV United teams that qualify for the MTOC, it was moved and approved that effective starting this year, all 11v11 teams will receive \$2000 and all 9v9 teams will receive \$1500. It was also moved and approved that we offer bonuses to Chris Decker, Casey Decker and Ben Startzell at the rate of \$15 per game refereed.

Recreation: Richard asked for advice on a rain date should there be bad weather for the end of season tournament. The consensus was that Sunday would be the better option, as school will have ended by the following weekend and many families will be in summer mode.

Island League: Angie asked for advice on field and goal size should the fall matches be 7v7 or 5v5. It was suggested that the fields be appropriate for 7v7 games, and that no GKs would be used in 5v5 games.

Registrar's Report: Catherine informed us that registration for Spring 2026 Travel, Fall 2025 Island League and Fall 2025 Rec is now open.

Equipment: Catherine wondered if we should use the credit we have from [soccer.com](https://www.soccer.com) to purchase a tent for off-island use and for selling swag at home games. John suggested that we could also use it for shooter rebound nets, slalom stakes and new and distinctive game balls as our current models frequently disappear in visiting team's bags. Sam reported that he found little interest in video equipment from other coaches, and suggested that we revisit the idea at a later date.

Coaching Development: After discussion, it was decided not to pursue contracting with the Revs for another season as the players didn't seem to like the sessions and the coaches generally didn't take advantage of what the Revs had to offer. It was suggested that we inquire about periodic clinics aimed at training GKs or developing coaches. Nika noted that both Carlos

Trindade and Ben Startzell have offered to present GK clinics, either over the summer or in the fall.

New Business: Catherine noted that we need to update our list of board members on our website, and she will contact Mary Korba to see if she can do that. She also found an article on athletic injuries that noted an increase in ACL injuries among both males and females and which offered specific neuromuscular training and warm regimens for players 6-13 and 13+ years old.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Bennett, Sec'y