St. Albans Skating Association

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2026 6:00 PM

Mable Room - NCSS

Attendees – *In-person* – Dave Blatchly, Jason Brace, Danielle Snelling, Kelsey Rouleau, Kevin Smith, Chris Heald, Andy Norris, Emily Norris, Colin Branon, Mike Irwin, Adam Routhier, JP Routhier, Joe Montagne.

Virtually: Nate Liese, Joe Montagne, Ryan Ovitt

Absent – None

Guests – *In- person* Jeremy Glerum, Mark Deso.

Virtually: Tom Waltz, Marnie Carlton, Sarah Redfield, Katie LeClerc, Ashley (?), Toby Alexander

Meeting called to order 6:03 PM.

1. **Minutes Approval** – Minutes presented from the August 10th Board meeting moved for approval by Emily Norris, 2nd by Andy Norris. Unanimous – motion carries.

2. **Public Comment** – Katie LeClerc mentioned photography as she has been working with Adam Routhier on this. They attempted to find a holding place for photos last year. Katie has a possible option - $504/year, each team would have its own link. This link could be presented at the SASA kick off event. People who take photos throughout the year could upload photos to this site that the social media person could access for posting.

3. **Head Coaches report** – player safety meeting happened a couple weeks ago. Tom Houle is new player safety person for VSAHA. New rules for 26/27 season include that neck guards need to be certified, no clear mouth guards, helmets must be certified and cage hang is strongly discouraged. Stop the bleed kit will be provided to SASA and available for demonstration at the SASA kickoff. Split season coaches need to get certifications, etc. done by 10/31. 1616 is coming back this year. SASA coaches meeting happening 09/20/2026 at 6:00 at Nelly's. Face off meeting went very well this year. Changes are forthcoming regarding 10 games completed by 12/13 with 5 vs. a tier up or tier down. Many teams do not start until November so this makes this new rule and scheduling thereto challenging. Some split season games have begun with the expected hiccups in GameSheets. I-pads need to be ready to go. Colin went through the 3 I-pads and got the latest IOS downloaded. SASA is required to put all of our home games into GameSheets which will be the responsibility of the head coaches as it has in the past and discussed at upcoming coaches meeting.

4. **Schedulers** – game schedule availability came just a few days before schedulers meeting. Scheduling team scrambled and got home ice slots to schedulers ahead of schedulers meeting. Would be ideal to have the master CPSC schedule much more in advance of schedulers meeting to better plan. CPSC is limited by VPA schedule.

5. **Season Kickoff** – Season kick off is ready to roll. Looking for volunteer from the Board – spouses/significant others, kids, etc. to assist as to not burden membership this early on. The schedule has been finalized however we continue to have push back on conflicting schedules for fall sports. With that, there are many moving parts. We may have to have a makeup day for photos.

6. **Guidebook** – Ryan provided a draft of the guidebook with logos, formatting, table of contents, etc. The guidebook is a working document that will take time to create and put into place. The idea is to update the existing 2005 version to a more recent version.

7. **By Laws** – voting process via last years By Laws changes remained at 3 week turn time on the voting. Change 3 weeks to minimum of 5 days – can go longer. 3 weeks is much longer than is needed. Dave Blatchly will draft a change for Board approval and notify membership as required by the 30-day requirement.

8. **Marketing / Social Media** – started off with a couple different options last year and it doesn't seem prudent to pay someone to handle our social media posting. Discussion ensued around Huddle. Are there parents within our membership who could handle the social media postings? Emily, Chris and Colin are handling this somewhat randomly. Coordination of those efforts will take place. We are in a much better place than we were.

9. **Policy** – Colin Branon made a motion to approve the slate of policies presented via email by Emily earlier today which include Locker Room, Attendance, Social Media & Electronic Device Policy, 2nd by Chris Heald. Unanimous – motion carries.

10. **New Business** – Tier 2 playing a tier 3 team as a jamboree and as a first game. Mike doesn't see anything good coming from this. Intention of the State was not to just get it out of the way and rather gather teams and monitor puck touches, etc. Other countries are facilitating half-ice games for 10U level to increase puck touches and grow the skill of the game. VSAHA is curious to explore this and has software to analyze the data on puck touches, etc. via these planned play-up and play down requirements. There are many unanswered questions surrounding this topic which is creating confusion. JP suggested creating a document that folks can share their feedback in that we can present to VSAHA.

    Mark Deso commented that the Comets & Bobwhites could be a potential resource for volunteers for SASA Kickoff. There should be 4 locker rooms available. 2 hours per team. Registrar is Trish Lanfear – calls are coming into the Complex regarding YB registration. SASA website, Facebook link are great resources for these inquiries. Mark would like to attend the coaches meeting on the 20th. Kevin will make sure that Mark is included in the agenda for the coaches meeting. New Referee In Chief – Jason Lagrow – great assets to the State.

11. **Old Business** – none

12. **Enter Executive Session** - Motion to adjourn and go into Executive Session with Tommy Waltz as a guest at 7:33PM by Emily Norris, 2nd by Jason Brace – Unanimous – motion carries.

13. **Exit Executive Session** – Motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:44PM by Jason Brace, 2nd by Joe Montagne. Unanimous – motion carries.

14. **Tournaments** – motion to remove the Connor Roberts tournament and find a different way to celebrate Connor Roberts in the 26/27 season by JP Routhier, 2nd by Emily Norris. Aye – 13, Nay – 0, Abstention – 1.

    Motion to remove Bob Ashton from the 26/27 season by Chris Heald, 2nd by Jason Brace. Danielle is requesting an additional 2-weeks to find 2 additional teams to round out the tournament. Chris amended the motion to remove the 14UT2 team from Bob Ashton and allow 2-weeks for the 18U T4 team source teams. Unanimous – motion carries.

    Motion to remove the Rail City Tournament from the 26/27 season by Emily Norris, 2nd by JP Routhier. Unanimous – motion carries.

15. **Play up Requests** – motion to request play up for all 2012 birth year girls to the 19U girls team, as well as all 2011 & 2010 birth year 16U T2 and 18U T4 team members to be double rostered on each team by Chris Heald, 2nd by JP Routhier. Unanimous – motion carries.

16. Jason Brace, JP Routhier and Tommy Waltz will work together on some guidelines around tournaments.

17. Motion to adjourn at 9:02 by Dave Blatchly, 2nd by Joe Montagne. Unanimous – motion carries.