



Meeting Minutes

SASA BOD Meeting

March 23, 2026 6:00 PM

NCSS – Mable Room

Attendees – *In-person* – Kevin Smith, Danielle Snelling, Andrew Norris, David Blatchly, Mike Irwin, Colin Branon, Adam Routhier, Tom Waltz, Emily Norris, Chris Heald, Melissa Viens, Nate Liese, Dan Ellis. Virtually: Chelsea Forsyth, Joe Montagne.

Absent – None

Guests – *In-person* Jeremy Glerum, Chris Brosseau, Amy Brosseau, Brian LaPlume, Nick Norris, Luke Cioffi, Matt Robtoy, Corey Cushing, JP Routhier, Tasha Dickinson, Tuney Chicoine, Mark Deso, Brenna Schnieder, Dana Boomhower, Katie Messier, Liz (?), Jason (?). Virtually: Sarah Redfield, Marnie Carlton, Katie Leclerc, Ashley Ovitt, Jon Boutin, Heather Gonyeau.

Meeting called to order 6:02 PM.

1. Shoutout for State Tournament – Emily Norris and her team.
 - a. Adam and Fundraising team – 3 fundraisers – Sound system, Friday Night Lights, TX raffle.
 - b. Tommy Waltz – head coaches and behind the scenes – great job with evaluations, etc.
2. Meeting minutes – Motion to approve February minutes by Emily, 2nd by Andy. Unanimous – motion carries.
3. Public Comment – Brian LaPlume – huge thank you to the Board and the community being able to help fund a trip that is a once in a lifetime opportunity. Heartfelt thank you from Brian, the team and the families.

Special Hockey – gratitude from Luke and the special hockey folks. Sunday time slot is very much appreciated. SASA teams playing the Leaf's was a huge win and great experience.

Shoutout for the Friday Night Lights and providing that to the high school teams.

Katie LeClerc – last year the Board took a lot of feedback and took that and made positive changes including more home games, which was so very much appreciated. Also appreciated the tournaments being planned earlier. Special Hockey was a powerful experience for all – we need to do more of those. State tournament weekend was very well done. Pre-eval skates were done for boys and not done for girls. Frustrating that had to reach out twice to get an answer and it seemed to be an inequity. Did ultimately get a skate with a tournament.

Brenna Schnieder - Do we know if there will be a 16U Youth option? Will this be announced ahead of tryouts? 16U was done 2-years ago. Communication is forthcoming regarding this and the subsequent plan moving forward. Hearing that the 18U T2 team has been decided and that there are some 2011 and 2012's that may be put on this team. What would this mean for the 16U T2 team? Try outs for this group are coming 4/3 & 4/4. Numbers have been improving and we've been able to field 2 teams. No teams have been chosen. What are we trying to achieve with the 18U group? Having a mission statement for this program would be beneficial to kids and families looking to participate.

4. Nominations – Candidates names were received up until 03/14. 9 open positions, 13 candidates. Bio request and interview scheduling requests have been sent. Nominating committee is chaired by Dave Blatchly and members include, Joe Montagne, Jason Booth, Dana Boomhower and Marie Carlton. Plan is to come to the Board at the April Meeting with the slate of candidates and subsequently the ballot which will then go out to membership.
5. Head Coach – 10U & 12U evals occurred this past weekend. Big shout out to everyone who helped with this. Team effort that went well. Need to set rates, head coach selections, etc. Rosters to be finalized thereafter.
6. State Rep – not much new business. Met earlier this month. 1616 project was somewhat of a success. There was one team (maybe 2) completed within SASA (14U T2). 12 teams in VT accomplished the 100% club. VSAHA looking to run this again. Policy updates – standardized discipline policy being updated. Fighting will

have no tolerance. Consequences for late season games will be dealt with and punishments will follow the player to the following season regardless of where that athlete plays. State is going to require GameSheet but is going to cover the fee for non-tournament play. Currently \$7/game.

7. State Tournament Recap – tournament went very well. It was a heavy lift and everyone showed up which was awesome! Thank you to everyone for helping out. Feedback all around was very positive.
8. Complex & Head Ref – state tournament was a huge success. Great job everyone and all the help was spectacular. Complex and reffing went very well all year. Very happy with how things went this year and looking forward to next year. Refing was strong and they did very well. 42 officials within our network.
9. Girls Hockey – group met to discuss split season team for 19U as well as a full season. General sense of what it will look like. Not a tournament bound team. Communication is forth coming this coming week. Chelsea, Shayne, Toby and Dani Roberts helping to coach. What do we do with the kids that don't make the BFA team? Have some work to do here. Luke – in terms of games there are some potential high school teams who may be able to play via a scrimmage. Going to do some digging on the insurance, VPA, USA Hockey, etc. with a full season team. Adam has offered to help fill the schedule. 21 players and 1 goalie so far.
10. Tournaments – be in touch on dates, getting tournaments sanctioned, etc. If we can spread them out, we'll have less interruption for the Young Blades.
11. Communications – working on final newsletter. Big recap going out in about a week and a half. Spread the positivity of the season and year. Facebook engagement is up 120% which is positive. During the summer months we're looking to lean more on Alron regarding more scheduled posting. Streamline our own internal processes.
12. Fundraising – not much happening now. Thank you cards are going out now. One batch has gone out to the larger donors. Working on the smaller donations now. Maple Fest parade will include the Zamboni and the CCR truck and trailer and maybe include the Comets, etc. Could add a QR code for folks to learn more about SASA and registration. Working on ideas for next year. Moving the Calcutta to spring time next year and include an award ceremony in with the Calcutta. Are we resurrecting the golf tournament? This needs to be discussed at the April meeting.

13. New Business – Policy committee – Emily and Joe are working on rough drafts of discipline, attendance and social media policies. These drafts are being edited and will be provided to the Board for approval.

14. Old Business – None

15. Executive Session – motion to go into Executive Session at 6:59PM by Kevin, 2nd by Chris. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of Executive Session at 9:07PM by Dave, 2nd by Nate. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Motion to approve 26/27 registration fees at:

- Young Blades - \$175
- Mites - \$750
- 10U – 14U - \$1,300
- Split season 16 & 18U - \$650
- Goalies free
- Level setting tiers – equal ice for all levels
- Jersey's, socks, and shell free
- 1 home, 1 away and 1 Jay

Motion by Emily, 2nd by Andy. 11 yay, 1 nay, 1 abstention. Motion carries.

16. Adjourn - motion to adjourn at 9:12PM by Emily, 2nd by Dave. Unanimous. Motion carried.