

## **SASA Board Meeting Minutes**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**7:00pm at CPSC Classroom**

**Present:** Dustin Degree, Dan Ellis, Danielle Snelling, Mike Irwin, Chelsea Forsyth, Courtney Couture, Tommy Waltz, Melissa Viens, Logan Lamothe, Joe Montange, Nate Liese, David Blatchly, Danielle Luneau, Shane Lamos

**Missing:** Aaron Whittemore

**Guests:** Pam Ellis, JP Routhier, Ryan Ovitt, Ashley Ovitt, Katie Driver, Jenna Tatro, Mike Tatro, Katie Leclerc, Mike Tuttle, Heather Gonyeau, Sarah Redfield, Dana Boomhower, Heather Blackburn, Jason Booth.

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm.

1. Meeting Minutes – Minutes were approved earlier in the month.
2. Guests -
  1. Katie Leclerc – Wants to give Tommy a shoutout for calling parents after evals. Mistakes on U10 rostering, people are upset by it. Needed to be more transparent about the mistake.
  2. Ryan Ovitt – Comments about communication, Tommy was able to communicate well. Need to do better at communicating to parents before try outs about the plan.
  3. Dana Boomhower – Did do the project board that was discussed at the last meeting. Also created an exit survey for families that are leaving. Discussion on scheduling ice, have we ever used Square. Mark D. suggested having open ice be assigned to teams.
  4. Jenna Tatro – Question about the benefits of having try outs 6 months before the season starts. Dustin explained that it allows us to plan for the season a head. We have always been committed to making sure kids are on the correct team. Wants to know how parents are picked and wants to know if SASA would be open to getting parents perspective on coaching from the previous season.
  5. JP Routhier – Discussion on what the rule book says about kids moving up after evals.
3. Head Ref. – N/A
4. Registrar – Setting a commitment fee date, how far out do we want to be. Need to post rosters and coaches and then we can set up a date for commitment fee. Melissa made a motion to set commitment fees for May 1<sup>st</sup>, seconded by Logan, all in favor. Melissa made a motion to set commitment fees at \$50 which will come off registration fees Logan second, all in favor. Discussion on designation for the girl's teams, need to be transparent with parents about what it will be set at and why. The VSAHA tournament committee had discussion on having the girls wait to declare to see where they were at. Katie Driver asked if we could give the girls team T2 benefits without the T2 price in order to grow the program. Chelsea discussed the benefits of the girl's summer program through Comet Hockey.

5. Fundraising – Discussion on the Maple Festival Parade, Danielle will be sending out the email to families tomorrow. Need to get together for soon to discuss this year's fundraising efforts. How do we get kids involved in the fundraising efforts. Discussion on what we do for fundraisers. Discussion on the golf tournament, getting online payment set up before the tournament. We could set up a GR code with our venmo account, or our SASA account. BFA uses a program called vertical rise, send out messages to people and they donate to the page.
6. Snack Bar – N/A
7. Master Scheduler – N/A
8. Tournaments – Need to discuss the Robert Ashton Tournament. Will be 18U, possibly two teams. We will be doing T3 with two levels. All of the other tournaments are out and actively trying to recruit teams. We will need to discuss the Tiers for the girls teams so we can get the tournament information out.
9. Head Coaches – Currently have 3 12U teams and 1 goalie. We are actively working on recruiting goalies; we can work on this over the next couple of months. Could add some additional goalie training to try and get goalies on board. We do have some other options to explore if we have to, but we will need to explore those more after we exhaust our other options. Potentially put a Facebook post to generate interest. Is the board going to be flexible with parents committing to the 12U team without a goalie – Yes, but we will need to know if there is a team in order to get a goalie to commit. Question about coaches being announced. Evals are complete for 10U-14U teams, a lot of people helped. Chelsea did a lot of clinics for the girls. We are planning on doing a U18 team this next season. We may not have a split season team, it would be a fall team for those who are not playing fall sports, and then figure out our U18 team after kids land after winter sport try outs. Discussion about cost for kids who do both the fall team and the full season team after. Tommy shared that we have candidates for all of the teams. We will discuss the coaches in the executive session. Then phone conversations will be made to coaches to inform them on decisions. Once that is done then it will be announced to the members.
10. Equipment – Got most of the jerseys back, waiting on the weighted pucks to arrive. We also purchased weighed cones.
11. State Rep – May 4th Symposium, looking to get board members to attend. State Championship dates are out for all ages for next season. VSAHA will be picking up the charges for game sheets next season but will not cover after that. SASA will need to figure out how to budget for that in the future.
12. Treasurer - Reaching out to the messenger to get adds in the paper about the last season teams to celebrate the 24-25 season. Discussion on partnering with the BFA paper. Girls' hockey clinics are good, would like to see if we could do something similar on the youth side.

13. New Business – Tommy made a motion to pay for the ice for the girl's program summer camp, seconded by Chelsea, all in favor.
14. Old Business – Melissa discussed the executive board voting on the new board members. Dustin discussed how we have done things in the past and the interpretation on the rules. Discussion on the difference between directors and executive board. Discussion on how we got to the new nominating committee. Chelsea made a motion for executive board members are allowed to stay for voting, seconded by Danielle Snelling, in favor – 7 – 6- no, motion passes. Motion to go into deliberative session at 20:44 with JP Routhier and Jason Booth. Motion to come out of deliberative session at 23:29 by Logan, seconded by Courtney.

Votes for newly elected board members as follows, based on majority vote by the SASA BOD.

President – Dustin Degree  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice president – Dan Ellis  
2<sup>nd</sup> vice president - Chris Heald  
Secretary – Colin Branon  
Treasurer – Logan Lamothe  
Director – Emily Norris

Motion to Adjourn by Courtney seconded by Logan at 23:30