



St. Alban Roe
Athletic Association

Date: February 4th, 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Mikesch Hall

Athletic Association Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Present Board Members:	Not Present Board Members:	Guests:
• Sally Tschopp • Eileen Sokolowski • Mike Barger • Bill Rowe • Jenny Rodgers • Dan Amiri • Butch Kenney • Vicki Helfrey • Meg Lhamon • Katie Spedale • Meghan Higgs • Jaime Brennan • Maddy Menke • Patrick Sokolowski	• Fr. Philipp • Mike Krieger • Drew Williams • Brad Stemler • Kris Drake	•

Meeting Notes

- Opening Prayer
- Review Last Meeting
 - Star Sponsorship Level of Parish Auction: A Night to Shine (3/7/26)
 - It comes with two tickets, who gets the tickets? An idea is we want to give it to Jim Griffith or Liz Kraemer as a thank you for volunteering for decades
 - Auction sponsorship has Eileen's name on it, not AA; if not changed Eileen will Venmo everyone's money back to them
- New Business
 - President's Report
 - Main takeaways from the annual CYC Meeting that occurred on 2/1 that Eileen attended
 - Possibly going to regional fields for soccer, and how that will impact ref sourcing and scheduling
 - Parishes mentioned that they stopped having concession stands because they do not have enough games at their particular parishes to support it(because you have to also hire/pay a concession stand manager to deal with the money aspect of it).
 - Faith Initiatives:
 - Service projects as a team
 - Attend mass together...what if we did a mass dedicated to each sport and then they meet afterwards for donuts like what we do for each grade for the school? So soccer, volleyball, basketball, golf, track each have their own Sunday?
 - Coaches:
 - They did a full review of coach compliance for all of CYC. There are 400 coaches that are not compliant. Compliance is Prevent & Protect, Protecting God's Children, and Coaching to Make a Positive Difference. CYC is contacting the coaches and sports directors but we have asked for them to copy the AA Presidents as well. It was discussed that moving forward CYC would lock these coaches out of TeamSideline all together if they do not meet the requirements.
 - Jason at the CYC office is going to be focused on player and coach development. The group asked for more in person coaching clinics for all sports and then also have them recorded for anyone that can not make those dates.
 - Registration:

- They are going to hold parishes to Registration Deadline dates more. They mentioned that they will start telling Parish's they can't compete in a sport that season if they do not have everything turned in by the due date. When parishes extend registration dates, it holds up the whole area's scheduling because they can't schedule games until all registration has been completed.
- Health and Safety Initiatives:
 - Parishes are having CPR classes with either the school nurse or a local Firefighter group for the coaches
 - CYC is insinuating we need to have AEDs on campus and have people trained to use them at all times. St. Gerald Majella has 7 of them on campus at all times.
 - Sally mentioned we have 1 in the connector and 1 in the church
 - Parish's have increased the use of gym and field monitors. This is due to coach and parent behavior while many of the refs are underage.
- Sports Update:
 - Chess has really grown, 5 more parishes were added this year, all meets have exceeded expectations. Chess has become very successful for other parishes and we need to think of adding it to our winter sports lineup for next winter. I have already talked to Mrs. Smith and this school year they did not have chess club through the school due to the lack of volunteers. If we run it through CYC, it might be handled better with a streamlined process, then the kids will be able to compete in the CYC matches, we can charge a small fee to cover competitions and raise money, but we will touch base on this closer to the fall. We would be able to catch a larger audience with the parish community if it is being on CYC website
 - Groups of local parishes are starting to use Assignr to work together to share and schedule refs. They think it is \$100 a year to use the platform.
- Vice President's Report
- Treasurer's Report (read off by Eileen)
 - Bill has received all of the budget information he needs from Laura to prepare a draft budget for each sport and then review them with each of

the respective heads of sports and then with the rest of the executive board and then Fr. Philipp

- Secretary's Report
- Registration's Report
 - Chesterfield Elementary is split between Ascension and SAR, they alternate by grade on where kids get to play?
- Website Administrator's Report
 - analytics: golf and track site hit very well. Butch presented the large amount of influx of visitors and views the AA's website received in January. We assume it is because Track and Golf registration went live during this time period as well
 - Eileen mentioned that sports directors should start sending Butch their training documents to upload to the website
- Equipment Report
 - Basketball and Track & Field
- Uniform Report
 - Basketball, Track & Field, and Golf
- Winter Sports Report: Basketball
 - Thinking of doing 4 practice slots at a time, practice 2x a week; so the teams will practice with ½ courts rather than full courts
 - reschedule weekend of games due to snow
- Spring Sports Report: Golf
 - Little League is at 24, which is 15 more than last year
 - Big League is at 13, which is 2 more than last year
- Spring Sports Report: Track & Field
 - Patrick asked if the late fees could be waived/credited to the St. Clare kids registrations due to St. Clare's Track and Field program folding as of this year, so the kids registered late...it would be a nice gesture of SAR
 - Thinks they have enough coach's to have at least 4 at each practice
 - 95 registered (goal was 30 for the 1st year back)
 - 16 out of 40 are SCA kids
 - good variety of ages
 - need coaches for 1st and 2nd grade
 - practice: Wednesday at Crestview @ 5:30pm, Sundays at Lafayette
 - Had coaches meeting 2/26
- Fall Sports Report: Soccer
 - CYC meeting: move forward with 9v9 for 3-5 grade, would add an additional field size

- Concerns that some schools won't have space for new field
- Babler has 1 broken goal and both goals are the wrong size, it needs new goals they are \$2k-\$3k each
- Would like to come up with a way to retain the younger soccer teams
- Registration is coming up soon
- uniforms and fees are still up in the air
- St. Clare is using SAR's goals at Crestview
- Dan will need help on someone lining and checking field conditions, team formation, and coach recruitment
- Fall Sports Report: Volleyball
 - Season is 8/21-11/1, tournaments run Nov 11-22nd
 - post season will not conflict with club volleyball
 - CYC encouraging programs to get an "adult" gym monitor to help eliminate house rules
 - coaching max is two teams per family name
 - no spouse coaching duos allowed
 - possible Friday night games; premium pay for hosting?
 - 15 points on 3rd set, traveling to keep games competitive, skills assessment, zero tolerance for "un-Catholic" behavior
 - Sally to submit blackout dates
 - Have received some pointers, like using shower curtain rings, 5 on a ref stands to show how many serves a player does
 - make sure final scores are entered by coaches on TSL
- Notes:
 - How do we incorporate, "monitoring" adult into sports to keep an eye out for issues that is neutral?
 - We have games in the gym (where food and drink are not allowed), so the concessions would have to be outside the gym doors...in which whoever is working concessions would not be able to even see what is going on within the gym) and on fields, CYC is thinking of going to regional fields (aka no home games at SAR for at least CYC level), plus we have 3 other schools that support our "home" soccer fields-how would we be able to manage that? A gym and field monitor could be a paid position, which we do not have money in the budget for. If we promise there is always going to be a monitor, who covers for people that don't show up? If there is no monitor and there is an actual issue, who is responsible? We need to treat all the sports the same and provide the same support across the board.

- Eileen brought up that Queen of All Saints couldn't get enough people to even sign up for concessions and/or monitors so they thought about hiring a staffing company. Concessions you have to hire someone because of dealing with money.
- Meghan Higgs, who is on school board, brought up that school board has discussed possibly rolling out a mandatory volunteering at the school that will include concessions and other opportunities at Parish Athletic Association games and events.
 - Eileen got clarification after the meeting from parish leadership that it is not part of that discussion and that whole topic has been tabled.
- Next Meeting is Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30pm
- Closing Prayer and Adjourn