



St. Alban Roe
Athletic Association

Date: March 4th, 2026

Time: 6:30pm

Location: Mikesch Hall

Athletic Association Meeting Minutes

Attendees

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

Meeting Notes

- Opening Prayer
- Introductions
 - Everyone went around and introduced themselves and stated position within SAR AA because we had a guest
- Review Last Meeting
 - Main takeaways from the annual CYC meetings (President, Soccer and Volleyball)
 - With the idea of having a Field/Gym Monitor solution, Eileen reached out to Matt Tabash (head of CYC) on what he recommends for parish's that do not have work duty. He stated that "there is no set way that seems to be the best solution. Some parishes have a designated group of 4 to 5 volunteers that manage it. Others ask the coaches to put up a shift after a scheduled game or coordinate with the parents on the team to pick up a shift or a day. Others make it part of their mandatory volunteer requirement. The ways he saw it work the best are when you have the set 4 to 5 volunteers that manage it or when you have a team be responsible for a day. For example. Let's say you have 14 teams in a certain sport, and you host 14 days. Each team works out a volunteer sheet to make sure the gym or field is covered. Soccer does get a little trickier when you are spread out. Typically, if you have adult referees on the games, you are more than fine but for the fields that you know will have inexperienced officials on the games, it is a good idea to have an adult there"....so the take is we are going to make it a priority to have an adult referee/official managing each game for soccer, volleyball, and basketball. We already have adult refs/officials in the mix for soccer and basketball but volleyball is a priority to work on. Do we really want parents managing other parents?
- Home Soccer games are located on multiple different locations outside of SAR, using adult refs to be the area monitor is how Incarnate Word and Holy Infant run their sports, plus the officials/refs know the rules, etc.
- Field/Gym Monitor solution is we are going to make it a priority to have an adult referee/official managing each game for soccer, volleyball, and basketball.
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- Concern with volleyball; current refs are high school and younger
 - Maddy reaching out to refs to see if they want to come back
 - Maybe reach out to local colleges for college athletes to help ref games
 - In cases of disagreement, Board prefers not to have coaches intervene
- Classes and Medical Training
 - AED(map where located) & CPR....working on maybe having a class once every 2 years? There is already one in the sacristy and the connector but we probably need one outside located at the pavilion
 - Look into grant program
 - CPR: Metro West (by Crestview) does CPR training, \$30 per person; Mary Ernest has info too
 - There is a TeamSideLine training offered for those who need it- by show of hands, the board agrees there is no need for this at this time
- Other Notes:
 - The AED is located in the sacrifice and the connector. There was discussion if we need to have one in the pavilion, will the weather elements effect it?
 - AED's are about \$2k each, they are portable, there might be a grant program for them
 - CPR, someone will reach out to Mary Ernest, the school nurse, who will have more information on how to move forward with this
 - There was a consensus that as of now there is no need for TeamSideline training for the AA
- New Business
 - President's Report
 - We will present the work that was done in the past 9 months and will be presented with the Bylaws that we did with Fr. Philipp and the parish office next month.
 - Reminder: Take notes throughout the season for transition folders-give to Butch
 - Vice President's Report
 - Bylaws will be brought to next month's meeting
 - Voting: you'll be given them 2 weeks to a month a head of time of next meeting so you have plenty of time to review
 - Team formations: Father is reviewing how to move forward; director/coach can currently pick teams; not always a good idea. The VP

role is to be the neutral party to help form teams

- Look at CYC mission statement; teams aren't exclusive (SAR team and non-SAR team); mixing schools builds community throughout parish
- Younger kids might not care about playing with "friends" as much
- Current teams will be grandfathered in
- Treasurer's Report
 - Budgets have been sent to Father; he's still reviewing
- Secretary's Report
- Registration's Report
- Website Administrator's Report
 - Traffic down from January
 - Directors: give notes from sports to Butch so he can upload to secure site (within SAR Athletics website)
- Equipment Report
 - Track items purchased
 - Volleyball and basketball closet cleaned out
 - missing soccer coolers
 - will organize closet once basketball is done
 - Father suggests we don't store anything in the gym due to adult volleyball, etc.
 - maybe put in basement closet?
 - Vicki to account for everything after all seasons are over; will start shared spreadsheet so everyone is aware of all items across all sports
 - 2 Basketball nets are broken; west court and by volleyball closet
 - Signs have been purchased for the gym (designating West Gym and East Gym)
- Uniform Report
 - Track and golf have been ordered; scheduled to be delivered next week
 - Patrick will distribute track uniforms during practice
 - need to work on designs for volleyball and soccer
 - Father is OK with having parents order uniform, then exchange/re-buy in later years
- Winter Sports Report: Basketball
 - 7th grade boys are in a tournament now
 - Meagan is going to send out survey to participants asking how season went, their thoughts on what fees should be, etc.
- Spring Sports Report: Golf
 - We have a total of 43 participants

- Spring Sports Report: Track & Field
 - Registration is closed, 103 participants (20 are from St. Clare)
 - There are 51 teams, and SAR has the 8th largest track and field team in CYC
 - Had coaches meeting last week with member of exec board there; excited to have a very qualified coaching staff
 - first practice delayed
 - Happy with prelim draw
 - Everyone ordered their new fisher's uniforms on time, developed staggered deadlines for ordering
 - informal meet scheduled for March 28
- Fall Sports Report: Soccer
 - Adult Referee/Official Status
 - Needs (equipment and help/positions?)
 - Registration opens April 14th, closes May 31st, with \$25 late fee afterwards
- Fall Sports Report: Volleyball
 - Adult Referee/Official Status- Maddie has reached out for college refs, Maryville and their OT program
 - Needs (equipment and help/positions?)
 - Registration opens April 14th, closes May 31st, with \$25 late fee afterwards
- Notes:
 - There was a lively discussion about issues addressed during meeting
 - high registration costs + having to purchase uniform will drive away current families
 - Eileen did research for the past 9 months for over 50 different parishes, other community sports leagues (Park/Rock, YMCA) to compare registration fees, uniform costs, etc. All of this will be presented to the board in April
 - It was brought up that the YMCA just changed their format that the parents buy the uniform outside of registration for spring sports registration probably for similar reasons
 - Neighboring parishes like Holy Infant do check deposits when picking up the uniform, money gets returned when uniform is returned
 - it was brought up that seems like an outdated, time consuming, and labor intensive process
 - Meaghan Higgs proposed temporarily reducing basketball registration

fees to \$125 for one year, followed by incremental increases in subsequent years.

- Discussion followed regarding the importance of transparency in registration fees. While acknowledging the financial challenges facing the Athletic Association, members expressed a preference for clearly communicating any future fee adjustments to families to maintain openness and trust.
 - It was discussed that a budget report that shows all angles will be shown
 - Go over the data that was collected since around July of last year, this has been a long process. We have fellow parish data that was given to us by CYC president, emails and phone calls to public schools. We want to make sure that nothing we do is a kneejerk reaction that we have clear data that enables us to make the right decision in a proactive sense than reactive.
 - Bylaws are built from Queen of All Saints as a baseline. That is where Fr. Philipp was a priest prior. They have given us a lot of insight on what has worked and hasn't worked in the past.
 - Want to apply the same logic across all sports. Not one sport is treated differently than the next.
 - It was brought up to have an option of some sports have the "re-usable uniforms" and some have to return them- parish leadership made it clear that we need to have a clear standards across the sports
 - Fr. Philipp intervened and stated let's table this discussion, and it will be voted on another time
- Next Meeting is Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30pm
 - Closing Prayer and Adjourn
 - Opening Prayer