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- NSC will bring in porta potties and there is a new shower block being built, which will be finished before the event.
  - NSC would need another mark boat for triangle course. Phil said he can bring one from CYC. Youth championships are in Victoria, BC until the Friday of the Provincials so there are some logistical issues to figure out with athletes; it is the qualifier for ILCA and 29er Worlds. Manitoba and Saskatchewan are probably in the same boat. Isaac will post in WhatsApp that the Provincials will be held at NSC.
  - Due to the long weekend and youth championships it may be difficult to find a judge, Stacey will keep trying. SC is developing a rule 42 presentation for youth and athletes. Stacey can keep putting it in the NOR for now. Mike Turner will make a presentation at CYC for the Icebreaker Regatta.

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#### **President's report:**

- **Safe Sport Alberta:** Stacey read through all of the documents and sent them to Kate at WSC. She would like to wait for her to comment and will reach out to her again. ASA will need to make the motion to adopt at the next meeting as the next onboarding opportunity is April 27th, 2026.

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#### **Admin report:**

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#### **Secretary's report:**

- GSC changed date of Driftwood Regatta to May 23 & 24, 2026 due to a conflict with WSC Founders Regatta dates.

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#### **Treasurer's report:**

- **Masters coaching:** Canadian Masters will be held at WSC, and Phil has been researching coaches that might be available. He presented a few options, finally recommended Al Clark.
  - **Motion:** Award the Masters Group the CPP grant of \$750.00 to hire a coach for the ILCA Canadian Masters. **Phil/Paula Carried**
  - ASA is a good position financially. We have money in the bank. Need to clarify about spending money. Kathy had a prompt from our Provincial Representative about spending grant monies.
  - **Tracking equipment**—Stacey looked into tracking equipment. There are providers who rent them for events and some who sell them. Most of them are cell based and would require a cell phone. There are also subscription costs. Stacey will ask for some formal quotes for 30 units which could be tested at the Provincials.
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## Communications report:

- **Newsletter schedule:** Sophie is planning for the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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## Head Coach report:

- **Instructor fees:** (contractor wage scale) Sophie suggested more hours for events as they tend to run longer. Agree to eight hours, then adjust for more hours if day goes longer. Hourly or flat rates for half and full day - Sophie thinks it's easier with a day rate, based on an eight-hour day. Sophie tries to hire contractors from the area they are needed in to reduce travel time. Instructors need to be certified, not just trained. Sophie will put together a wage scale for certified instructors and send it out. This will support Sophie through the season. LF wage will stay the same as last year. **Mobile Sailing School:** Sophie sent out a proposed programming budget for 2026 aligned with the ASA strategic plan. The desire is for grassroots programming and growth. She explained the importance of a mobile sailing school. ASA tried it previously (MOSS) and eventually sold the equipment. Sophie feels it would expand access to sailing across Alberta.

The history of MOSS is frustrating, it was only used about two weeks in the summer; Pigeon lake, some small Calgary lakes, and John took everything to Stafford Lake in Montana a few times. To do it again ASA would need a truck, trailer, two staff, and a driver. Sophie would be the person pushing it forward. Following the BC model, start with four optis, then sell them to a community at the end of the season to help them build. One of the goals would be sailing in the Alberta Summer Games. ASA needs to be present in more regions and help develop more opti sailors. Wind foiling and the opti pathway would be the core to build growth, and to attract new people of all ages. John asked what Sophie would be doing with the present sailors. She feels we should be doing something different and focus on getting more optis. She can adequately coach all the fleets but can also hire people to help and cover more things. She will need a budget to work within.

Glenmore Sailing Club is speaking with EYC and Argenticia about travelling to them. Sophie will talk to GSC and may make an arrangement with them to try to visit more lakes this year. It would be better to have access to ASA's own equipment based on Tina's program that's been successful for almost 30 years. Sophie is looking for clarification of priorities since she can't do it all. She is unsure what she should prioritize between high performance, development, etc. Phil suggested that Sophie put together a business plan with clear goals and costs before the next meeting so that the board can make decisions for 2027. Wing Foiling would be a big draw for all ages, and

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that equipment doesn't take up much room. Sophie is qualified to teach and could teach other instructors.

- **Training Camps:** Sophie has been tasked with arranging the training camps this spring. She'll need preregistrations so that she knows how many coaches will be needed. ASA doesn't charge club members for these camps.
- ASA should develop a high-performance program including a budget, and featuring fitness, talks, and guest coaches.

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**Equipment Report:**

- Things are ready to go.
- Still looking at trailers but each boat is on a trailer right now
- GSS bought the old 5 boat trailer
- Kathy has been speaking with Piper at Argentia who told her that they need a coach boat. John has been trying to come up with a fair price for Rolly should ASA decide to sell it.

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**Youth report:**

- **Pinnies:** Stephen has made some pinnies based on his daughter's from CSG. He found some yellow high stretch material that will work. He is going to test adding a logo with his silkscreen. The board suggested the ASA logo and 2026 for the pinnies. Sophie provided some logo files for him to try.

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**Other Business**

- **In Camera if needed.**

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**Next Meeting date: Tuesday, March 31, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

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