

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes  
December 18, 2013 Meeting**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Lamar Brendemuehl, guest Jason Peters

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting at 8:00 pm/ continuing a 'path' to meetings of 1 ½ hours.

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Nov 17 meeting by Rick, second by Jerry; motion passed.

Budget Report:

Al presented that the actual spending for 2013 was unchanged, except for an in-process purchase of DVDs to start a Coach's Library. The Registration Document for 2014 includes the Budget-related concept of "Uniforms Continuity" as discussed last meeting. Final 2013 Actual \$ should be available for the January meeting, as they should be made available at the early January Sports Boosters meeting.

Old Uniforms Disposals:

Al did a preliminary inventory of the Boosters Softball storage area in the Community Center and reported "extra": Some Visors, Hats, Current Slowpitch & Fastpitch Jerseys, Some Black 'baseball'-type pants, two boxes of blue shorts (some unused), and a box of old uniforms, which appear to be Baseball uniforms – blue sleeveless tops and grey/blue baseball pants. After discussion:

- Visors & Hats, Current Slowpitch & Fastpitch Jerseys & Black 'baseball'-type pants will be kept for future use
- Jerry moved, Rick seconded, to donate other items. Lamar offered an amendment to the motion to attempt to first sell the blue shorts at HS Softball registration, Jerry seconded. Amendment passed. Motion passed. Old grey/blue baseball-type pants will be donated to HS Softball, Old blue sleeveless tops will be donated to Patriots Garage Sale. Blue shorts will be given to Lamar to attempt to sell for HS players indoor practices.

Clinics Scheduling Progress:

Al announced progress in scheduling the Skills clinics (at SAVHS) for the January – February time frame. Dates are January 11, February 1, 8, 15. Spring Lake Park & Irondale are interested in any unfilled spots at these clinics. "Walk-up" registrations will be allowed if we reach the 15 player minimum MFA needs to hold the clinics.

HDC authorized up to \$1500 for sponsorship of free clinics for all St. Anthony players for Slapping, Catching, & Bunting Clinics. Al will pursue with MFA and other options.

### Coaching Clinics:

Jerry and Al discussed their attendance at the first of the series of four Coaching Clinics being offered by the MMFL. Dan Paulson also attended the Clinic session, which included two break-out sessions – one largely on attitude, one more technical. Feedback was positive.

### Coaches Library:

Al presented the DVDs and Coaches “Cards” purchased through Championship Productions’ recent Sale. Items will be listed in the Coaches’ Corner of the website and available for checkout. There was mention of the availability of other materials, both online and at the Hennepin Co. Library.

### Bylaws Revision:

The Bylaws revisions discussions were tabled to the January meeting. Draft copies with changes, including suggestions since the last meeting, will be shared via email before the meeting so the Board can review and prepare comments ahead of the meeting.

### Open Gym Times:

Open Gyms are scheduled for 10-12 am on Sundays at Wilshire Park – January 26, February 2, 9, & 23. Volunteer Coaches will be needed to Proctor.

### Registration:

Online Registration Document (rough draft) was presented. Many thanks to Jason Peters for his invaluable assistance in getting us this far – ready to go to NGIN for loading/final editing.

### Slowpitch Softball:

There was discussion about the history of the ‘Slowpitch’ offering (now in-between Instructional and 10U Fastpitch – how the age disparities used to be greater, and the pitching varied. The appropriateness of offering Slowpitch at all was discussed, as was the potential for the development of 8U League (Fastpitch) in our area. The ‘decision’ for players/parents – of Coaches Pitch Baseball vs. Instructional or Slowpitch Softball was discussed, as was the relative attractiveness of the Softball offerings. Al will make some preliminary contacts, to see where Fridley (Slowpitch host) and other neighboring communities are on this issue.

### Field Coordinator:

The idea of a joint Baseball/Softball Field Scheduling Coordinator was discussed – Jason and Rick spoke about the concept. The Board expressed interest in pursuing this, along with one (joint) online calendar, so coaches could check the schedule.

### Pitching Evaluations:

The purpose of the Pitching Evaluations was discussed. Currently, Pitching Evals are primarily used to help determine the league level (A/B/C) each team should play. Secondary use is to provide Coaches initial information about coaching talent on their teams. There was interest in working in some Pitching Language into the Key Positions document, also possibly elsewhere – that Players who intend

to pursue pitching should need to show attendance at Pitching Evaluations/Clinics/Working with a Pitching Coach to be considered to pitch for their team. Draft Language to be developed (AI).

St. Anthony Hosting a 4-Team Tournament:

Would it be possible to host a 1-day 4-team tournament in the summer? There is interest. To be continued...

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, January 15 at 6:30 pm at the Community Center (Room CS9 ).

The plan is for this meeting to be primarily: Budget, Bylaws Changes, and Equipment Inventory.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Bates, President