

**St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes  
April 13, 2014 Meeting**

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 6:41 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Jerry Welch, Rick Ballot, Dirk DeWester, Lamar Brendemuehl

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 8:00

Approval of the Prior Meeting's Minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes of Mar 20 meeting by Rick, second by Jerry; motion passed.

Clinics Updates:

Tuesday Nights in April (TNiA) Warm Up Clinics continue April 15; we have two sessions per night this year due to strong response – about 24 Registrants in total.

Coordinators:

Fields Scheduling Coordinator Rick Ballot – 10U & 12U have used the gym last two weekends. 10U Home games are being scheduled at Wilshire Park. 12U Home games are being scheduled on C1; 12U will use Wilshire Park for practices. Coaches Suburban League Scheduling Meeting is at Hopkins VFW tomorrow, Monday April 14, at 6pm for 10U & 12U. 14U & HDC 16U & 18U teams meeting is a week from Monday.

The city puts out bases at Wilshire Park & Emerald Park; should be out 4/14. Lamar has an extra double-first-base we can have, need to secure a 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> base for C1. Need to cut lock off C1 base box to see what's in there.

14U wants to practice at 3:30 on C1 in June & will help groom field after practice and before game if a game follows.

Umpires Coordinator Dirk DeWester – we are going to coordinate Umpires through Tim Klein (who provided us Umps last year. Need to hear back from Fridley Slowpitch about scheduling/Umpire needs.

Umpires want to get checks at the field on game days. Al to follow-up with Hal Gray to see how this could happen.

Uniforms Coordinator (Al Bates) – Uniforms have been ordered and should be here before the end of April. Coach Shirts will be ordered soon; Jerry would like T-shirts instead of the Polo.

Registrations Update:

Intro Registration closes tonight.

Coach Selection Update:

Dave Bollaert will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Slowpitch/8U Coach.

### Rosters Update:

Rosters have been sent to Fastpitch Coaches; Slowpitch/8U Roster selection meeting is this coming Wednesday, with Al and Coaches Rossi Cannon & Dave Bollaert.

### Equipment Update:

- First Aid kits have been enhanced with more and different kinds of bandages, and plastic ziplock bags which can serve to hold ice.
- There are now 3 Defensive Rip-It masks and a bag to hold them in each team bag.
- We received a nice donation of Catcher Gear from Bill Broneak. Thanks, Bill!
- We are purchasing some additional Catcher Gear, Rolling team bags and travel hitting Tees for Fastpitch.
- Slowpitch needs 2 Hitting Tees.

### Defensive Mask Policy Update:

We have been requiring Fastpitch pitchers to wear defensive masks, and also have been asking the Slowpitch Coaches to require Slowpitch pitchers to wear defensive masks. Our document does not currently require masks of Slowpitch pitchers.

Al moved, Rick seconded, to revise the SABSA Defensive Mask Policy to require all Pitchers to wear a defensive mask. Motion passed.

### In-Season Tournament Updates:

- 10U will play at Coon Rapids – weekend of June 7
- 12U is looking into St. Francis tournament; awaiting answer
- 14U – no report yet

### Slowpitch/8U Leagues options:

We are in the Fridley Slowpitch league, and Al will be pursuing potential additional games with the Anoka-Ramsey-Irondale group.

### Bylaws Revision:

Bylaws revisions discussion stayed tabled to a future meeting. This may have to be a special, one-issue meeting.

### Fastpitch League Play Levels:

Based largely on the relative strength of the Pitching:

- 10U will play B.
- 12U will play C.
- 14U will play B.

### Other Business:

- Al will be asking the Huskies Diamond Club to consider reimbursing Coaches for the Coaching Clinics.
- Lamar will install the new combo lock on the Softball Batting Cage.

- Rick will try to get into the Bases Box on C1.
- Booster Softball Night at SAVHS Varsity Game is scheduled for May 5.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be SUNDAY, May 18 at 7:30 pm at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm!

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Bates, President