

St. Anthony sports Boosters Softball Association (SABSA) Minutes

2015, July 27

St. Anthony Village Pub – 7:30 PM

Call to Order:

President Al Bates called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm.

Attendees:

Al Bates, Dirk DeWester, Jerry Welch, Kirsten Stendahl, Rossi Cannon, Scott McCleary, Danielle Bogucki.

Meeting Ending Goal:

Al shared a goal of ending the meeting around 9:00 pm.

Approval of the Prior Meetings' Minutes:

Dirk moved, Jerry seconded, to approve the minutes from last regular meeting (6/14/15).

Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Al will update the 2015 Budget (R2 – with YTD actuals) when more recent statements have been received from the Sports Boosters Treasurer. We still need to:

- Pay Irondale for Fields and Umpires (need invoice from IGFA)
- Pay Dirk for St. A. Umpires
- Collect from Irondale for the 8U Jamboree
- Collect from 5 of the 8 All-Star Players

Coordinators Updates:

- Uniforms – Al – Online Store w/Taho Sports: No report or rebate yet. We will need to order some uniforms for Fall (HDC team) Players, assuming the St.A. Players will become Summer SABSA Players in 2016. Consensus was to only purchase uniforms for New Players – that a mix of “8U and Fastpitch uniform tops on 10U teams was acceptable for Fall Ball, and we’ll purchase Fastpitch Uniforms in the Spring for those who don’t yet have them.
- Equipment – Al –
 - Need to get all Equipment checked back in (even if it will be rented to a Fall Ball team with the same coach).
 - We received some Hitting Sticks, Bats, & Player Bags donated. Thanks to Dave Wiggins and Dave & Donna Osteraas!
 - Needs to be addressed that were mentioned were: Coach’s Bags... Target has an inexpensive “Collapsible Wagon Bag”. We could use more Defensive Masks, too.

- We briefly discussed the idea of further Strong Encouragement of Defensive Masks for more positions, or increasing the number of positions we mandate to wear them. This was tabled for future discussion.
- Field Scheduling - Rick – unable to attend but Rick is done scheduling fields, with the Booster Summer Seasons ending. Community Services will schedule fields in the Fall.
- Umpires – Dirk –
 - Reported no complaints about the Umpires; it was a good year.
 - But, it was hard getting 8U Umpires. We discussed a bonus for attending training sessions. Jerry Moved, Rossi Seconded to give 8U Umpires that do our training and umpire two games, a \$10 after the second game. Motion carried.
- Facebook – Rossi – We have over 70 “likes” now. This is a good tool for ‘marketing’, posting reminders, and communication.
- Villagefest Parade – Al –
 - We sent out a reminder email this morning.
 - HDC is sponsoring a whiffleball game Saturday afternoon on C1.
- 8U Season’s End Jamboree – Rossi –
 - Went really well! Lots of compliments from visitors.
 - Sportsmanship awards were really well received.
 - For the “Olympics” we need to train coaches to prep for next time. Relay race went too long. Need more volunteers to run these ‘olympic events’ next time.
 - Pool Play and Playoffs format was good.
 - Rossi has notes, and will write them up for our future reference.
 - Concessions and team charges netted us appx. \$300 (not counting \$150 in St. A. team ‘budgetary charges’).

Player & Coach Development Update (Al):

- Several Coaches have checked out DVDs and the Card Deck. Those not already returned, please return them asap.
- Pitching Clinics for 8Us & 10Us – What to do?
 - Need to provide off-season Pitching & Catching clinics – in August, and early next year.
 - Let’s approach both MFA and Alumna and HS Pitchers & Catchers.
 - Catcher’s Clinic in Feb/March would be good.
 - Should we have a MFA train-the-coaches Catcher Clinic? Discussion tabled.

Coaches Reports:

- Intro/6U: Al – Great Season with 13 players.
- 8U: Kirsten/Danielle – Great Season. Discussion regarding a combined (sponsored & budgeted) \$300 max 8U hardball tournament. Discussion tabled for a future date.
- 10U: Scott: 10 Players is a VERY THIN roster. Posed issues. Thanks to 8U Players who “played up on team request” to fill spots, especially at C, where the players are less committed! Suggestion that we may want to ask the question of key Pitcher/Players: “Do you want to Pitch at C or Play at B”.
- 12U: Jerry – the season worked out well. Had to occasionally ask 10Us to “play up on team request to fill spots”.
- 14U: Jim – tough season (3W-19L), but won 2 at Qualifier & 1 at State. The girls had fun.

President’s Update (Al):

- Thanks to all for good 2015 Seasons!
- First ever All-Star Series. 8 Players have registered – we owe Minnesota ASA \$480, and need to collect from all the players.
- The SABSA Protocol Document regarding Players missing Evaluations remained tabled to a future meeting.

8U Season Development:

- Al --
 - The 8U Northern League decided to make no mid-season changes in format.
 - We will be doing a post-season analysis and rules tweaking for 2016. To be scheduled, perhaps mid-September.
 - Our input will include:
 - Do not make pitching a part of this league.
 - Need to educate Coaches how to use the machine.
 - 8Us are passionate!
 - Should we shorten the season 1-2 weeks?

Fundraising:

- Jersey Mike’s –Kirsten talked with Jamie Larson, and will follow up with Jersey Mike’s to see if we can again do their fundraiser weekend deal, which was very successful last year.
- Chipotle – Lamar – no report.

HDC Liaison (Dirk):

- Dirk suggested that we should send 3 dates to choose from, and that the desired joint gathering with the HDC would be best held somewhere without noise, like the Community Center.

Next meeting:

The next meeting will be TUESDAY, August 18 at 8:00 at the Village Pub.

Meeting adjourned:

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Al Bates, President